



The Presbyterian Church of Portersville

1297 Perry Highway – PO Box 126 Portersville, PA
16051

Sunday School 9:45am - Worship 11:00am

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An Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Church of Portersville Sixth Sunday in Lent ~ March 24, 2024

Our Vision

Christ's Church; Driven to Serve
Through Grace and Truth; Toward Shalom

Pastor: Dana L. Opp

Breakfast: The Hertzog Family

Organist: Amy Nichols

Pianist: Joan Courtney

Preparing for God's Word

Welcome & Announcements

Dana Opp

Call to Worship

Psalm 92:1-4

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to
your name, O Most High;

Congregation: *to declare your steadfast love in the morning and
your faithfulness by night,*

Leader: to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the
lyre.

Congregation: *For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your
work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.*

"Hosanna"

No. 5BB[^]

"We Will Glorify"

No. 8BB[^]

Lenten Reading

-The Breakfast Guys

Proclaiming God's Word

Special Music-SS Children "Little Grey Donkey" -Sleeth

~Soloists: Crosby Nichols, Annabelle Miller, Eden Phillips,

August Nichols, Maisy Phillips, Clara Plunkard

Scripture

John 12:12-19

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Sermon

"Real, Real Gone"

-Mr. Dana Opp

Responding to God's Word

Joys, Concerns and Morning Prayer

Offertory

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

-Wirtemberg

*Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

* Hymn of Joy

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

No. 131GH⁺

* Benediction

"Gloria Patri"

No. 575GH⁺

*Stand (as able) BB[^]=Burgundy Bk GH⁺=Green Hymnal WB⁻=White Book

March 24, 2024
John 12:12-19
Real, Real Gone

INTRODUCTION: The crowd **was** infatuated with Jesus. Though within the week most of the crowd would turn on him, at the urging of the Pharisees, who were not real, real gone about him, this passage does show us that there are some things about Jesus for which we should genuinely give thanks, things about which he **is** real for us.

I. Jesus is the real _____, (12-14).

- A. There were really two crowds that day in Jerusalem:
- B. Small crowd- Bethany. Huge crowd- Passover holiday.
- C. "Could he be the one? The new King David?"
- D. But they wanted a military Messiah, a slat-kicking king.
- E. Jesus was a Zechariah 9:9 King- Humble, on a donkey.

II. Jesus was the real _____, (14-16)

- A. Uses donkey's colt to show that he comes in peace.
- B. But he also uses it to show he is fulfillment of prophecy.
- C. Zechariah was not scolding horse kings.
- D. It was to prophesy THE KING.
- E. Disciples only understood after crucifixion and resurrection.

III. Jesus is the _____ (17-19).

- A. Whoa, what in the world does "propitiation" mean?
- B. We can't propitiate. We need a substitute. Jesus.
- C. The crowd, knew there was something about Jesus...
- D. Both have mostly understood him—even to this day.
- E. What we need to do is see him as he really is.

CONCLUSION: Every fellowship should understand that it is only as we give ourselves to Jesus in gratitude that we become far, far more than just another little church on another little corner wondering if there is anything great or fine we will ever be asked to do for the Lord. If Jesus has really gone this route for us, then if we are to be true to our calling, you and me, then we must be real gone for him as well.

Prayer Requests ~ March 24th

Individuals with long-term needs: Marcia Opp, Rachel Opp, Patty Kern Weston Foster, Clarence Rossi, Rebecca Richards, Ray Miller, Melissa Short, Karen Permuko Doug Thompson, Doug M, Clint, Ken Overly, Nancy Holstad, Tami Clyde Reichart Beachem Family, Ann Hoover, David Bloom, Cheryl Yavorsky, Don Rood, Antoinette & Darius Carter, Joy Johnson, Wanita Smith, Betty Kirkwood, Marguerite Custer Max Muse Johnson, Nancy Brenneman

Shut-ins: Brenda B., Helen H., Wanda M., Dawn S

Pray for wisdom for government leaders /safety for our country & troops.

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| Zackery Bryan: Army | Dan Marcyjanik: USMC | Jared Nogee: USMC |
| Andrew Reichert: Army | Josh Marcyjanik: USMC | Logan Aydelott: ARNG |
| Josh Keener: USN | Nick Mulford: Army | Freddie Scungio: USN |
| Evan Lee Laderer: USMC | Rese Saunders: USMC | Kellie Grabe USAF |
| Will Baldwin: Army | Ethan Mawhinney: USMC | Dalee Smith: USAF |
| Logan Teodoro: ARNG-PA | Michael Petrie: Army | |

Praise:

Jim Daumit: Had corneal transplant. Went well. (Phillips)

Tom Meteja: Improving and discharges to home.(Bauder)

Margie Opp: Skin cancer surgery went well.

Concerns:

PRAY for the peace of Jerusalem. Psalm 122:6

Confirmation Classes: Students – Caleb Nichols and Max Phillips

Wayne Sallade Family: Pray for comfort following death of Mr. Sallade. (Wendy)

Lynette Weinmann: Benign aggressive brain tumor, 80% vision loss, surgery scheduled March 21st, possible radiation prior to surgery. (Anrea)

Bill Catlett: Suffered third stroke, returning to Good Shepherd Nsg. Home.

Becky Shirey: Possible auto immune issues, muscle spasms, severe insomnia.

Bob Updegraph: Prayers for him on the return of cancer.

Unspoken: Please pray for healing and wholeness.

Suzanne Liekar: Pre-seizure issues.

Daryll Dailey: Pulmonary fibrosis, breathing issues, prayers appreciated.

Sue Bowser: In cardiac rehab, heart is gaining strength. (Phillips)

Kari Rickard: Cancer reoccurrence in her peritoneum.

Alexa Wilsey: Having immunotherapy side-effects.

Terry Shea: Serious heart problems, possible surgery upcoming.(Mindyanne)

Grant Striegel: Now has leg sores from prosthesis. Pray for healing.

Jason Porter: One small abscess still healing, Ralph & Leona doing well.

Erica Muse Johnson: Entered clinical trial for her thyroid cancer. (Moore)

Marshall & Valorie Smith: M: finished chemo, PET scan on 3/12.

Roberta Shirey: Struggling with side effects from chemo, pray for strength. (MA.)

Cancer Patients: Alice Short: Breast (Liz), Chris Green, Erin, Riley, Dave Zajac

Mary Lord-colon (Opp), Bev Wolfe: Lung, Annie Koontz: Aggressive cancer (S. Hayden)

Joyce Bower (Marcyjanik), Jenny Collins-Breast

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Sunday March 24th

Youth: 6:00PM

Tuesday March 26th

Adult Bible Study: 10:30AM

Wednesday March 27th

Keenagers: 12:00PM **Ladies Bible Study:** 6:30PM

Choir Practice: 7:30PM **Cantata Practice:** 8:30PM

Good Friday March 28th

Good Friday Service: 7:00PM

Saturday March 30th

Men's Breakfast: 7:00AM



Keenagers: Will be held on Wednesday March 27th at noon. The menu is Ham loaf, Scalloped potatoes, Cole slaw and Brownies. The program is Dee Ruckert, artist, Pastel Presentations. All are welcome.

Window Decorations: Thanks to everyone who volunteered to decorate windowsills for Easter. They are a beautiful display.

Nursery Volunteers: Are needed for April 21st. One nursery volunteer **must** be 18 or older.



Opportunities for Ministry During the Week

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| Mon. | 03/25 | | Office Closed |
| Tues | 03/26 | 10:30AM | Adult Bible Study |
| Wed. | 03/27 | 12:00PM | Keenagers |
| | | 6:30PM | Ladies' Bible Study |
| | | 7:30PM | Choir Practice |
| | | 8:30PM | Cantata Practice |
| Fri. | 03/29 | 7:00PM | Good Friday Service |
| Sat. | 03/30 | 7:00AM | Men's Breakfast |

Sunday, March 31st

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| 9:30 | Sunday School Breakfast |
| 10:00 | Sunday School Egg Hunt |
| 10:45 | Elders' Prayer Time |
| 11:00 | Worship Service |

Those assisting in worship March 31st

Breakfast: Ralph & Sandy Phillips

Nursery: Dustin Hertzog

Acolyte: Clara Plunkard

Kids Church 31st: **Need Volunteer**

Church Office: portpres@zoominternet.net

Dana: danaopp@zoominternet.net

Phillips: rsphillips49@hotmail.com

Nichols: amynichols38@gmail.com

Lowery: lydialowery10@gmail.com



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03/25 Brian Striegel

03/29 Jerry Kern



2024 HOLY WEEK



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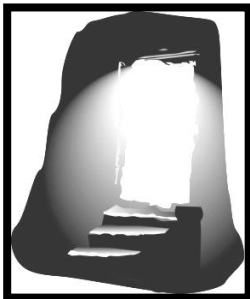
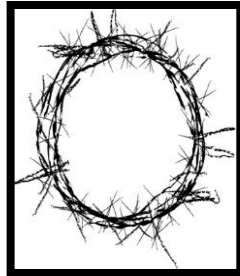
Palm Sunday
March 24 at 7 PM

Mountville Presbyterian Church
2795 Mountville Road
Portersville, PA 16051
Rev. Tom Metz, Preaching
Special Music by Mountville Church



Maundy Thursday
March 28 at 7 PM
Zion Baptist Church
148 Currie Road
Slippery Rock, PA 16057
Rev. Dana Opp preaching,
Special Music by Zion Church
The Lord's Supper will be Observed

Good Friday
March 29 at 7 PM
Portersville Presbyterian Church
1297 Perry Highway
Portersville, PA 16051
Rev. Bob Frye preaching,
Special Music by Portersville EPC



Easter Sunday Sunrise
March 31 at 7 AM
Portersville Christian/Missionary Alliance Church
363 E. Portersville Road
Portersville, PA 16051
Mr. Shawn Hill, preaching
Special Music by CMA Church
Continental Breakfast to Follow

A collection will be taken each night for the following:
Portersville Food Pantry * Child Evangelism Fellowship
Promise-of-Life Network * City Rescue Mission

Invite a Friend to Easter Service

Try These Five Tips for Inviting a Friend to Church:

1. Pray before inviting someone. Ask the Holy Spirit to prompt you if you should invite someone. While you could go and ask everyone you know, it's not as effective as intentional invitations.
2. Ask them if they would like to go WITH you. Don't throw an open invite, but instead offer to meet them:
 - o Outside the main entrance of the church
 - o In the lobby of your church
 - o At your home, so you can carpool together.
 - o Offer to meet in the parking lot and walk in together.
 - o Offer to meet before or after for a shared meal.
3. Explain what it will look like.
 - o Is there a "dress code"? (Casual is fine)
 - o Should they bring a Bible, or will there be extras?
 - o Will they have to introduce themselves? (No)
 - o Which door should they enter if you aren't meeting?
 - o How long will the service be? (50-65 Minutes long)
 - o Are they expected to tithe? (No, but make it clear).
 - o Take away as much of the unknown as possible.
4. Be by their side as they fearfully step into the unknown. Your presence will comfort them and give them the strength to see for themselves what church is about.
5. Follow up. If they attended church, follow up and ask what they thought? Are they interested in attending again? Did they have questions or concerns? Do they know where to start next? Getting them to church is a huge victory, but there is still work to be done. Our goal is to bring people to Christ, not just the Church.

Once you've invited your friend, and they've attended church, help them uncover the next steps. Remember, our purpose is to bring people to Christ, not just church.

Adapted from: <https://www.afaithfulstep.com/blog/how-one-question-got-me-to-go-to-church-tips-for-inviting-your-friends>

Easter Egg Hunt

March 31st

10:00AM

Birth-6th grade
Fellowship Hall- All
are welcome to Easter
Party



JUNE 10th - 14th

9:00am - 12:30pm

Portersville Presbyterian Church

Ages Pre-k - 6th

Register Today!



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