



GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

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SUNDAY

February 7, 2021

9:30 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Communion

300th Anniversary Speaker

Rev. Dr. Martha Moore-Keish
J.B. Green Professor of Theology
Columbia Theological Seminary

**In-Person and
Virtual Worship Service**

10:30 A.M.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAY

February 14, 2021

9:30 A.M.

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2¢-A MEAL DONATIONS will be collected during the month of February. If attending church, please bring your coins in and drop them in the soup pot. We are not participating in Souper Bowl this year, but if you'd like to make a donation, we will make sure it gets to the Food Bank. You can also mail your donations to the church.



From the Pastor...

The Session has decided that in the best interest and health of the community ALL Holy Week Services will be VIRTUAL via the church's Facebook Live page. This decision was not made lightly or without wrestling with the significance of this week in the life of the church. We were hoping that COVID-19 Vaccinations would be more available, but this is not the case, so out of an abundance of caution, we are inviting the church family to worship during this sacred season with their immediate family and those in their bubble as we move from Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and finally, EASTER!

Holy Week

Sunday, March 28 - 9:30am

Palm/Passion Sunday begins Holy Week, a time in the church year when we remember how Christ gave his life in love for the world. As this service opens, the crowd waves palm branches, wanting to crown Jesus as king. But as the story of the passion unfolds, their shouts of praise turn to demands for his crucifixion; he receives a crown of thorns as he is handed over to be mocked and killed.



Thursday, April 1 - 7:00pm

Maundy Thursday begins the Three Days (or Triduum), remembering the new commandment that Christ gave us in word and deed as he taught us how to love one another, washing our feet as a servant. We also celebrate the Lord's Supper, remembering the meal Christ shared with his disciples before his death. Historically, this was the traditional day in which those who had undergone a period of public penance under church discipline would be restored to full communion. We will celebrate communion virtually.



Friday, April 2 - 7:00pm

Good Friday is the day we remember Jesus' crucifixion. The hours of noon to 3 p.m. are particularly significant as these commemorate the time Jesus hung on the cross. It is an especially important time to pray for the church and the world for whom Christ gave his life. We will have a traditional Tenebrae service that evening.



Sunday, April 4 - 9:30am

The festival of the **Resurrection of the Lord** is the center of the Christian year. On this occasion the church joyfully proclaims the good news that is at the very heart of the gospel: that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Easter Sunday is the Lord's Day writ large: a great annual celebration of Christ's resurrection on the first day of the week. As such, the service should be centered around the typical and fundamental elements of Christian worship on the Lord's Day: the proclamation of the Word and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. We will celebrate Communion and have Rev. Dr. Debby Brincivalli our Executive Presbyter participate in worship, as we continue to celebrate the Tricentennial.



ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY:

How would you like to have a practical way to keep your New Year's Resolutions? Join us on Sunday for our new series "Developing Christian Character" a 12-week study featuring teaching by Dr. RC Sproul and discussion led by David Platt. Topics covered will include: the struggle for Christian growth, righteousness, the practice of love, joy, peace, long suffering, kindness, goodness, faith, meekness, and self-control. If you would like to grow in these areas in 2021 please join us on Sundays at 10:30 in the sanctuary.

APPORTIONMENT: The first offering envelope in the box is for the Per Capita offering. This offering of \$37.00 per person (\$74.00 per couple) helps offset the Per Capita Apportionment. If each member donates their share, over \$9,500 would be freed up for church programs and Mission use.

 **STAR GIFTS:** As we enter our Tricentennial celebration, "star gifts" were available at church and also mailed out to each church family. A star gift is simply a star-shaped piece of brightly colored paper with a word printed on it. You are asked to reflect on that word for the coming year. You are invited to ponder what significance this word might have in your life, and how God might be speaking to you through this simple message. Often the words seem very timely, as if they were indeed designated for the recipient. It is this sense of providence and wondering how God might be working through this simple process that reminds us of God's presence throughout the year. If you have not received your star, please contact the church office and let us know.



EMAIL: Two Sundays ago, we enjoyed "reconnecting" with Pastor Cindy Karis with a video from her during worship. If you'd like to drop her a line, her email is: ckaris@knoxpres.org

2021 Lenten Bible Study via Zoom

"The Hope of Glory"

7:00pm-8:00pm



February 17	Ash Wednesday Service
February 24	In the Beginning "Father, forgive them..."
March 3	"...today you will be with Me in Paradise" "Woman, behold thy son!"
March 10	Why hast thou forsaken me? "I thirst"
March 17	"It is finished:" "...I commend my spirit"
March 24	Even Unto the End of the World
April 1 - 7pm	Maundy Thursday Service via Facebook Live
April 2 - 7pm	Good Friday Service via Facebook Live
April 4 - 9:30 am	EASTER via Facebook Live

For Jon Meacham, as for believers worldwide, the events of Good Friday and Easter reveal essential truths about Christianity. Meacham delves into that intersection of faith and history in this meditation on the seven phrases Jesus spoke from the cross.

Beginning with "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do"; and ending with "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit," Meacham captures for the reader how these words epitomize Jesus's message of love, not hate; grace, not rage; and, rather than vengeance, extraordinary mercy. Jon Meacham returns us to the moment that transformed Jesus from a historical figure into the Son of God. Please join us on Wednesdays via Zoom during Lent for a time of study and prayer as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

Please email the pastor (Phil.Oehler@pcwoobury.com) for the Zoom link, and to reserve a copy of Jon Meacham's book by February 1st.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Wendy Kunz in Shady Lane Rehab, Larry Diehlman, Chuck Dahmer, Al Edwards, Geri Petri, Meg Orem, Charlotte Nelson, Janet Muhm, Judy Fetty, Emma Mustard, Alex Jenei, and Marie Batten. A reminder to keep our military personnel in your prayers, including Jonathan Gabler, Nathan Wadding, Cameron Wadding, Jarrod Fetty, and Wesley Tatham.