



The Portage Presbyterian Church

April 2022

"The Church is a people - and we are the Church!"



Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and peace!

"Holy Week" Worship Schedule



Palm Sunday

The worship service will begin @ 10:05 a.m.
*You can join us 'In person" - by Facebook video -
on "90.5 FM" - or inside.*

We will have a "Donkey Walk" this Sunday -
with "Sandy" the donkey joining us for worship.

Maundy Thursday

The worship service will begin @ 7:00 p.m.
*You can join us 'In person" - by Facebook video -
on "90.5 FM" - or inside.*

We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper as a part of this
service.

You may prepare your own "bread" and "cup"
or "prepackaged" elements will be available.



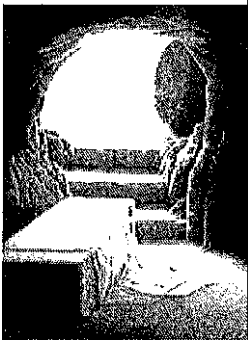
Good Friday

The worship service will begin @ 7:00 p.m.
*You can join us 'In person" - by Facebook video -
on "90.5 FM" - or inside.*

This will be a "Tenebrae" service - in which the
sanctuary will move into total darkness - as we
make our journey to the foot of the cross.

Easter Sunday - "Son-Rise Service"

The worship service will begin @ 7:00 a.m.
You can join us 'In person" - by Facebook video -
or 'outside" in the Prayer Garden area behind
Westminster Center - or 'tlrive in."



Easter Sunday - "Easter Morning Celebration"

The "Easter Morning Celebration" worship service will begin @
10:05 a.m.
You can join us 'In person" - by Facebook video -
on "90.5 FM" - or inside.

Guidelines for Worship - Update!

At their March 10th meeting, the Session made the following "updates" to our guidelines for worship and gatherings

- ▶ **Hymnals and Bibles** have been returned to the pews to be used.
- ▶ **The wearing of masks in worship** or at other times of meetings or gatherings- *will be continue to be left to each person's individual preference and comfort level*
- ▶ The wearing of masks **during singing** will be *left to each person's individual's preference and comfort level*
- ▶ **Seating in the sanctuary** will not be "marked off" - one's seating preference and distancing will be left for each one to determine - according to their own comfort level.
- ▶ **The Celebration of the Lord's Supper - Beginning Sunday, May 1** - Communion will once again be served by the Elders - there will be no "passing of the elements" however - the Elders will serve both the "bread" and the "cup" from trays - if you are more comfortable providing your own elements, you may continue to do this - also we will have a "very limited number" of pre-packaged elements available when Communion is celebrated

"Thank You!"

As you engage with Presbyterian Mission, you too get a glimpse of God - a vision of what God is doing around the world.

And so, on behalf of Presbyterian Mission, please allow me to express our appreciation to you, your pastor, session and congregation for your gracious and faithful support.

Your church's support changes people's lives and helps others receive a glimpse of God around the world - we received \$180.00 for the Christmas Joy Offering.

Thank you once again for your support, dedication, and partnership in futhering God's mission around the world. You are a valued partner.

Yours in Christ

Mission Engagement Advisor

Office of Mission Engagement and Support - PCUSA

PPC's "Women's Association" Meeting

The next meeting of PPC's Women's Association will be **Saturday, April 2 - 9:00 a.m. @ Dino's.**

Come and enjoy breakfast and fellowship with others.

We will be taking SCRIP orders by May 13th. Order forms are on the table in Parry Hall. Please give your order to Elaine Crammond or Donna Mohr. Thanks!

Freshly-baked Cookies, Anyone?

You don't want to miss this!

The Women's Association will be selling freshly baked cookies in Parry Hall on Sunday, May 15th following the service.

More details to follow in the next newsletter.

"Readers" for "Holy Week" Worship

We are seeking "readers" for **Palm Sunday - Maundy Thursday - Good Friday - Easter Sunday** (*both services*).

Please indicate if you are interested on the "sign up sheet" in Parry Hall - or contact Pastor Dave about available Sundays or for more information.

Donations To Ukraine Relief - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is responding to the refugee crisis happening in Ukraine. Over one million Ukrainian people have already been displaced since the invasion began. As the violence continues, the number of people becoming homeless due to fighting or fleeing to neighboring countries increases by the day.

If you would like to make a donation to support PDA's humanitarian response, [please send your donation to the John Knox Presbytery.](#)

You can include it with any other remittances to the Presbytery on the same remittance form and the same check. Please be sure to identify the PDA project in section C - Directed Mission Support on the Presbytery Treasury Service form (attached). The project number is DR000156 (Disaster Relief-International Refugee Programs).

We will forward your donations to the PDA and your donation will also appear on your quarterly statement we send to each church. For more information on the PDA's assistance to Ukraine, please click the following link <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/ukraiu/>.

Flowers and Lillies for Easter Sunday

We look forward to being together on Easter Sunday for a glorious celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As a part of this worship, we would invite anyone who would like to donate either "Spring Flowers" or "Easter Lillies" to have them at the church no later than Saturday, April 16 - if possible.

Also, please contact the Church Office and indicate what you would like to do with your Flowers or Lillies after Easter Sunday.

Upcoming Worship Services

Sunday - April 3, 2022 - "Traditional" Worship - *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

John 12:1-8

"We will share the "Lord's Supper" during the service.

Please prepare your own bread and "cup" to use-during worship.

Sunday - April 10 - "Traditional" Worship - *Palm Sunday*

We will have our traditional "Donkey Walk" this Sunday!

Thursday, April 14, 2022 - "Maundy Thursday Worship"

@7:00 p.m. - join us "in person" by "video" - on "90.5" FM - or inside

"We will share the "Lord's Supper" during the service.

You may provide your own "Bread" and "Cup" - or prepackaged will be available

Friday, April 15, 2022 - "Good Friday Tenebrae Worship"

@7:00 p.m. - join us "in person" by "video" - on "90.5" FM - or inside

Sunday, April 17 - Son-Rise Easter Worship

@7:00 a.m. - in the Prayer Garden area behind Westminster Center

Sunday, April 17 - "Easter Morning" Worship

@10:05 a.m. - join us "in person" by "video" - on "90.5 FM" - or inside

Sunday - April 24 - "Traditional" Worship - *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

Rev. Dr. Carol Hermann leads worship

Portage Summer Lunch "Planning Group" - *needs YOU!*

Would you like to be involved in the "**Planning Group**" that organizes and plans for these vitally important meals for young people during the Summer?

If so, the "**Portage Summer Lunch Planning Group**" would like to have you be a participant in the group - for we are looking for additional members for the Planning Group.

If you would like to be a part of this important summer program - or if you have questions about this, **please contact Pastor Dave as soon as possible.**

"Spiritual Disciplines" Study Continues in April

"Practicing Spiritual Disciplines" - our study during Lent - continues on Monday, April 4 and Monday, April 11. This is an opportunity to learn more about particular disciplines which are intended to enable us to "*take a step back- and make room*" for us to connect with God.

We are meeting "in person" for the "Practicing Spiritual Disciplines" study on Monday evenings @6:30 p.m. - in the Fellowship Hall in the church and via Facebook video. All class videos are also accessible on PPC's Facebook page.

Sharing Your "Gifts - Abilities - Talents - Hobbies"

The "EdMin Work Group" is working on some exciting ideas for revitalizing PPC's Education Ministry.

We are looking for members of the PPC community who would be willing to share their "gifts - abilities - talents - hobbies" with young people (and even adults).

For example, *Pastor Dave plays guitar and would be willing to lead music and teach guitar.*

There will be "sign-up sheets" out in Parry Hall. Or you may contact any member of the "EdMin Work Group" (Peggy Alf-Sechtig, Liz Bellmore, Nancy Schaper, Lee Roundy, Pastor Dave) to share information. Or you may contact the Church Office.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact any member of the "EdMin Work Group." Thanks!

"Video" People for Sunday Morning Worship

One of the "new" opportunities that has come out of our "wilderness journey" over these past 2 years, is our "**Sunday Morning Worship Video**" option.

It has been great to have so many "sharing together" in worship - even from a distance.

We are seeking those who may be interested in helping to provide these videos on Sunday morning.

All equipment and "training" are provided - we just need YOU!

If you would be interested in participating in this ministry - or have questions - contact Pastor Dave.

Next Worship @ Tivoli - May 16, 2022

Provided that all is well, we will again provide worship for the residents at Tivoli on

Monday, May 16 @ 10:00 a.m.

Anyone coming to be a part of the worship community will be asked to "check in" at the entrance and to "wear a mask" during the service (*per Aspirus-Divine Savior Healthcare guidelines*) - as will the Tivoli residents

YOU Can "Sign" On ... To Help Share The Good News "On" the Sign

Yes, our "Church Sign" provides *not only information, but inspiration* to many people.

Would you be interested in being a part of a team that helps to keep the "Church Sign" up to date - inspirational - entertaining?

Contact Pastor Dave to "sign on" - or for more information. Thanks!

"It Won't Be Long Now ..."

Mark your calendars/or *our first Brat Sale of the season* **on May 7th** at *Festival Foods*. More info to come in the May newsletter.

"Kwik Trip" Car Wash Cards

"Kwik Trip" Car Wash Cards are still available!

For \$36.00 / card, you will receive 5 -
yes, that's right - 5 "Ultimate" car washes (normally a cost of \$50.00)

If you would like to purchase a "Kwik Trip Car Wash Card" - contact Pastor Dave.

It is "easy" **to make a "financial" offering**
for the work and ministry here @ Portage Presbyterian Church

You may choose to

Mail it to the Church Office or Drop it in the "mail slot"

or

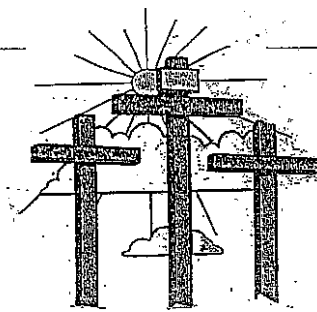
Use the "online giving" option on "PPC's Website"

Or

On "Amazon Smiles" - Select "PPC" as your preferred "CHARITY"

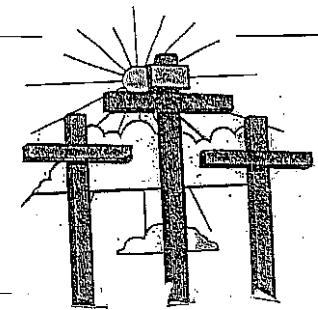
Your financial support for the work, and ministry through the Portage Presbyterian Church is greatly appreciated!

Together# we continue to share God's "GoodNews" in so many ways!



April

2022



SUNDAY

MONDAY-

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p>FH - Fellowship Hall PH - Parry Hall SA - Sanctuary WC - Westminster Center FB - Facebook</p>					<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00am Women's Association Meeting at Dino's</p>
<p>3 <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i></p> <p>10:05am Traditional Worship with Lord's Supper, SA</p>	<p>4</p> <p>4:00pm ACA, WC 6:00pm "Story Time" (Facebook) 6:30pm Spiritual Discipline FH & FB</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:30pm Confirmation Online</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10 <i>Palm Sunday</i></p> <p>10:05am Palm Sunday Worship, SA Donkey Walk after Worship</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:00pm "Story Time" (Facebook) 6:30pm Lenten Study, FH&FB</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30pm Sessioo Meeting, FH</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:30pm Confirmation, On Line</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service with Lord's Supper, SA</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:00pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service, SA and video</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 <i>Easter Sunday</i></p> <p>7:00 a.m. Easter "Son-Rise" Service - Outside weather permitting 10:05am Easter Worship, SA</p>	<p>18</p> <p><i>Pastor Dave</i> on vacation thru Sunday, April 24</p> <p>No Worship Service at Tivoli Today</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:00pm Packing boxes at Food Pantry</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 <i>2^d Sunday of Easter</i></p> <p>10:05am Traditional Worship, SA Rev. Dr. Carol Hermann Worship Leader Deacons meet <i>after worshin today</i></p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:30pm Confirmation, On Line</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>

