

# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

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## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019**

### **Mission Statement of PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH:**

Our task is to proclaim the Living Word of God, which empowers us to care for and share with our community and the world.

### **Vision Statement of PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH:**

Serving the glorious God, claimed by Jesus, and inspired by scripture, honoring our history, with renewed commitment we will reach out to our community and the world through worship, spirit enriching programs, and outreaching mission.

### **Chimes**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Prayer**

### **Prelude**

### **Senior Bell Choir**

Great Day!

arr. Dennis Robert

Great day, the righteous marching  
Great day  
God's going to build up Zion's walls

Chariot rode on the mountain top  
God's going to build up Zion's walls  
My God spoke and the chariot stop  
God's going to build up Zion's walls

This is the day of jubilee  
God's going to build up Zion's walls  
The Lord has set His people free  
God's going to build up Zion's walls

We want no cowards in our band  
God's going to build up Zion's walls  
We call for valiant hearted men  
God's going to build up Zion's walls

Going to take my breast-plate, sword and shield  
God's going to build up Zion's walls  
And march boldly in the field  
God's going to build up Zion's walls

## **\*Call to Worship**

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

**The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is sure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**Let the words of my mouth and meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

Let us worship God!

## **\*Hymn #130**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

## **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Sometimes, God, we do not know what to confess. We seek to keep your law, but the right course is not always clear. We want to follow your directions, but it is hard to discern what is true. Sometimes it is difficult to care about people whose values are different from ours. How can we be one with those who do not share our beliefs? At times, our own faith is shaken – our faith in ourselves and our faith in you. We need your help, God, so our sins will not have dominion over us. Amen.**

## **Time of Personal Confession**

### **Senior Choir Anthem**

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

arr. R. Kevin Boesinger  
and Mary McDonald

## **Assurance of Pardon**

### **Scripture**

Luke 4:14 – 21 (NRSV p. 835; LP p. 1606)

## **Children’s Sermon**

### **Children’s Church**

Rosemary Heffner

## **\*Hymn #695**

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

## **Sermon**

“Today”

## **Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil:**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **Call to Offering**

### **Offertory**

#### **\*Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye Heavenly Host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

#### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**In the spirit of Christ, we give our best for the world. Your rule among us, O God, is more to be desired than riches. Therefore, we share what you have allowed us to use, giving thanks for the joy of helping others and entering into partnership with them. This is only the beginning of our offering, for we dedicate here our varied gifts as apostles, prophets, teachers, healers, helpers, administrators, speakers, workers. In all we do, we will seek to serve you by sharing your love. Amen.**

#### **\*Hymn #710**

**“We Are Called to Be God’s People”**

#### **\*Benediction**

### **Postlude**

**\*All who are able, please stand.**

### **Thank You**

The congregation of Palm Schwenkfelder Church would like to thank our two musicians for sharing their musical talents today; Susan Royer for recording the organ music for our worship service today, and Dottie Heebner for accompanying our Senior Choir on piano.

## *...Things of Interest to Our Palm Schwenkfelder Family...*

### **This week, please keep in your daily prayers:**

Ed Smith, Leon Wohlbach, Justin Gloria, Lynette Ware, Mary, Annabelle, and Brad Snow, Judy Bair, Peggy Weaver, Chandler Williams, Pauline Kloenne, Eric G., Grace Kuhns, Roger Steele, Bob Croll, Sr., Evelyn and Jack Bold, Mae Gerhart, Jill Schubert, Donna Weller, Jeremy Master, Autumn Reyburn, Ray Lepley, Dakota Laudenslager, Merle Leh, Keith Miller, Anna Schloder, Cody Belmont, Liz Snook, Liem Zbyszinski, Barry Slemmer, Jean Boreman, Bryan Schwoyer, Judy Yerger, Jacki Hensler, Rochelle Ginder Manuel, Deena Updegrove, Rebecca Himmelwright, Ernie Guldin, Meg Lester, Willard Long, Lucile Jones, Sheryl Tomlin, Goldie Graber, Kylene Bertoia Hart, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Martha Wolford, Devon Hawkins, Kerm Goda, Vern Weller, Mary Hartman, Jen Fries, Mary Jane Burianek, Dave Jaeger. Please also keep in your prayers the men and women serving in the United States Military. This month from our Schwenkfelder Prayer List we uplift Olivet-Schwenkfelder UCC.

### **January Youth Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to...

Lily Hoffman (1/4), Ian Ross (1/5), LJ Morasco (1/14), Dillon Reinert (1/15)

### **Children's Church**

Children's Church is looking for volunteers. Please consider signing up for a Sunday this winter or spring. You can read a Bible story, create a short lesson, or just spend time sharing God's Word with our youngest church members. There is a sign-up sheet outside of the church office, and if you have any questions please reach out to anyone on the Board of Christian Education. Thank you in advance for your support.

### **Souper Bowl Sunday**

Wear your favorite sports team apparel **next Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>** and bring in a can of SOUP to donate to The Open Link Food Bank. The Youth will have a table in the narthex for the soup collection and they will be selling baked goods. All money from the bake sale will go to The Open Link.

### **Youth Group Nights**

There will be youth group nights for ages 5<sup>th</sup> grade – 12<sup>th</sup> grade from 6:00pm-8:30pm on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Join us for Bible discussion, games and snacks.

### **Youth Lent Dinners**

Dinner with an activity will be offered for all ages of Palm Youth on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> (Ash Wednesday) and Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> (Maundy Thursday) at 5:30pm, before the 7:00pm church services. Please sign up if you plan to attend. Adults, please see Barb Master if you are interested in helping out with the dinners.

## **First Monday Community Meal**

Sign up to help at the community meal on March 4<sup>th</sup> at Pennsburg UCC. Kitchen help and dining room help is needed. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

## **Souper Bowl Sunday**

**Next Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**, the Ladies' Aid will be selling soup after the worship service. So whether you're a football fan or not, please plan on purchasing some delicious soup for lunch!

## **Men of Palm**

**Today** there will be a short meeting of the Men of Palm. We will meet in the back of the sanctuary after the worship service.

## **Altar Flowers and Bulletins**

The Deacons would like to thank everyone who sponsored bulletins and flowers throughout 2018! Please note that the new 2019 charts are in the hallway outside of the office, so please sign up for your special dates. The cost for sponsoring bulletins is \$15. Again this year, you have the opportunity to sponsor one flower arrangement for \$25 or two flower arrangements for \$50 each week. If you wish to sponsor both arrangements, please be sure to sign up on both flower charts. If you have any questions, please speak to one of the Deacons. Thank you for your support!

## **Organist Wanted**

Palm Schwenkfelder Church, 833 Gravel Pike, Palm PA 18070 is seeking a Part-Time Organist/Accompanist for Sunday Services at 10:15 a.m., occasional holidays and special services, and adult choir rehearsals generally held Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. A completed [job application](#) (which can be found at [www.palmschwenkfelderchurch.com](http://www.palmschwenkfelderchurch.com)) and résumé can be mailed to the church at P.O. Box 66, Palm PA 18070, or email them to [palmadministrator@comcast.net](mailto:palmadministrator@comcast.net). If you know of anyone who may be interested, please have them go to our website or email any questions they may have. This position is open starting February 1, 2019.

## **Thank You**

Dear Congregation, Tom and I wish to extend our heartfelt thanks for the gift cards received upon our retirements from the Board of Trustees, December 31, 2018. It has been a privilege to serve. Thank you all!

Tom & Diane Dunn

## **Did You Know...?**

This is where we list items of interest to members and visitors. If you have any items to add, please call or email Dan Ferry in the church office. Thank you.

### *Did You Know...?*

- **CCTV** – We broadcast the Sunday worship service on closed circuit televisions in both the Nursery and the Adult Sunday School Room.

- LARGE PRINT bulletins are available from an usher. LARGE PRINT Bibles are also available for use during worship services, located on the table to the left between the front and back sections of pews.
- Listening devices are available for those who would like them. Please see an usher to assist you.
- A fully accessible restroom is located in the hallway, across from the office. A baby changing table is there, also.
- There are greeting cards on the podium as you enter the sanctuary. Anyone is invited to sign – you don't need to be a member of the congregation to add your name to the well wishes. Donations of greeting cards to this project are welcomed and needed, especially Get Well and Sympathy cards. Please see Nancy Hoffman with your donations, or place them on the podium shelf.



## *Valentine's Day Wishes*

Please prepare valentine cards or treats for the church members listed below. You may make your own cards, or use store bought cards. Place the cards in the Valentines box in the Narthex by **next Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**. The Valentines will be delivered (in some cases mailed) in time for Valentine's Day, February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Grace Beard

Lucille Berky

Kylene Bertoia Hart

Jack & Evelyn Bold

Perma Bower

Ray Davis

Edward Fegely

Mae Gerhart

Alyssa Guldin

Heinz & Mary Jane Herrmann

Gladys Hoffman

Lucile Jones

Payton Keyser

Pauline Kloenne

Grace Kuhns

Meg Lester

Helen Pannepacker

Beverly Phifer

Bryan Schwoyer

Margaret Schultz

Bill Shermer

Dorothy Trumbauer

Adam Walter



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## Great Job PSEC Churches!

I am incredibly proud and deeply grateful for the news I am about to share. With the impending close of our Conference financial books for 2018, our OCWM receipts from local churches and individuals were within \$1,500 of our 2018 OCWM budget of \$848,682. Since coming to our Conference five years ago, our OCWM shortfall has been in the \$20,000-\$30,000 range. In one year we cut that shortfall by more than ninety-four percent!

Furthermore, in the last week of the year, we received an anonymous, individual contribution to our Conference for \$2500. So dear friends, we can say, faithfully and legitimately, that we ended 2018 over our OCWM contribution budget by \$1,000!!! We will also close out the expense side of our financials underbudget.

This could not have happened without the generous hearts and souls of brothers and sisters in every local church making a difference on every Sunday with every offering. It could not have happened without the hard work of the lay and ordained leaders of our Conference who facilitate programs and events with a mindful eye on the faithful stewardship of our resources. And it could not have happened without the support of a dedicated Conference staff who push us every day in a "collaborative direction to effect for God and for good the lives of all people living in Southeast Pennsylvania and beyond."

I am beyond proud of what we have accomplished. It's hard NOT to wonder, what great thing can (and will) we do next?

Whatever it is, by the grace of God, it will be so!

Thanks be to God and to you!

Bill (*Rev. William P. Worley, Conference Minister*)



May 24th—26th  
@ Greenville Bible Camp  
Denver, PA

**Open to post-high school and young-adults  
of the PSEC**

**Cost: \$75.00 (scholarships available)**

Looking for fun, relaxation and excitement all in one weekend? Well, look no farther! The After-Youth Event is the place for you to be! This won't be the typical youth event you know and love...plan on experiencing something new and deeply meaningful.

The weekend will focus on:

- Deepening your relationship with God and Jesus
- Reconnecting with old friends & meeting new ones
- Experiencing different kinds of worship
- Just having a good time and a chance to recharge!

So, if you're a young adult and are looking for a quality weekend, spend some time at A.Y.E.!

**Register at: <https://psecafteryouth.eventbrite.com>**

Contact John Folk (folkjw@gmail.com) or  
Ben MocarSKI (renkheb@hotmail.com) for more information!

## **This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

### **Sunday, January 27**

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are  
Exodus 16–18; Matthew 18:1–20

### **Monday, January 28**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are  
Exodus 19–20; Matthew 18:21–35

### **Tuesday, January 29**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are  
Exodus 21–22; Matthew 19

7:00pm Cub Scout Pack 79 Meeting

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting

### **Wednesday, January 30**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are  
Exodus 23–24; Matthew 20:1–16

6:00pm Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:30pm Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, January 31**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are  
Exodus 25–26; Matthew 20:17–34

### **Friday, February 1**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are  
Exodus 27–28; Matthew 21:1–22

### **Saturday, February 2**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are  
Exodus 29–30; Matthew 21:23–46

### **Sunday, February 3**

*Souper Bowl Sunday*

9:00am Combined Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are  
Exodus 31–33; Matthew 22:1–22

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## **Serving You at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

Ministers: All Church Members

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Pence

Director of Music: Ed Bieler

Junior Bells: Beth Croll

Senior Bells: Joanne and David Luz

Church Administrator: J. Daniel Ferry

Youth Director: Barbara Master

Sexton: Kevin Master 484 – 358 – 1684

Greeter:

Ushers: Robert Brown, Tim Hoffman, Andrew Pence, Leon Wohlbach

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman

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