

# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

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# PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

## SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019

### EASTER SUNDAY

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "The Day of Resurrection" arr. M. Helman

Prayer of Invocation

Senior Choir Anthem "Mercy Tree"  
Michael Neale and Krissy Nordhoff, arr. Mary McDonald

\*Call to Worship  
Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen, indeed!**  
This is the day the Lord has made!  
**We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

\*Hymn #251 "Thine Is the Glory"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession  
**We cannot truly worship you, loving God, until we recognize how unloving we have been. We cannot truly live until we admit the many ways we have been dwelling in death. We cannot know forgiveness until we honestly face the wrong we have done and the good we have neglected. We admit before you now the anger and spite we have carried in our hearts, the doubts and fears we have allowed to paralyze us, the misplaced priorities that have led us away from your will and way. Help us break down the barriers we have erected so we can experience new life today. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture: John 20:1 – 18 (NRSV p. 882 – 883; LP p. 1697)

Children's Sermon

Children's Church No Children's Church Today

**\*Hymn #247**

“The Day of Resurrection”

**Sermon**

**\*Hymn #254**

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

**Pastoral Prayer**

**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**

“Thine Is the Glory”

R. Hobby

**\*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**

**By your hand, O God, we have been blessed with life, with food,  
with refreshment, with hope. Day by day you are saving us,  
healing our brokenness, calling forth our gifts, granting us  
strength to serve with Christ as a part of your revelation to the  
world. Thank you, God, for times of resurrection. Thank you  
for this day of celebration. We dedicate ourselves anew with  
our offering. Amen.**

**Service of Communion**

Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week  
Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on  
that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to  
them in the breaking of the bread.

**This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women,  
young and old, come from the east and the west, from the  
north and the south, and gather about Christ’s table.**

## **Communion Prayer and Consecration**

### **Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine**

#### **Sharing the Elements**

##### **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to feast at the table of Jesus Christ.**

**We thank you for Christ's presence and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.**

**Senior Choir Anthem** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" arr. Hal Hopson  
*Congregation Joining to Sing Hymn #234*  
*(All Those Who Are Able Please Rise for Verse 4)*

##### **\*Benediction**

**Postlude** "Easter People, Raise Your Song" arr. J. Biery

\*All those who are able, please stand.

##### **Thank You**

The congregation of Palm Schwenkfelder Church would like to thank the following musicians for sharing their musical talents today: Karen Fallows, organ; Dottie Heebner, piano; and brass instrumentalists Philip Badman, Joel Bieler, Terry Bieler, Gregg Hoffman, Owen Hoffman, Richard Karschner, Pastor Nick, Nicholas Pence, Kimberly Ross, Robert Warner.

### **Communion Note**

The Lord's Table is open to all who confess Jesus as the Christ and seek to follow Christ's way. The Deacons will serve the congregation in the pews. Trays should be passed halfway through the pew and then returned to the same deacon, take the bread or grape juice while the person next to you holds the tray. Please hold the bread and the cup until the Pastor invites everyone to eat or drink. Then quietly place the cup in the holder on the back of the pew.

**Note: Gluten-free Communion Wafers (individually wrapped) are provided on the bread trays for people with wheat sensitivity.**

“Concerning the Communion Service of Palm Schwenkfelder Church, children of our congregation take communion after confirmation. If you choose to have your children partake in Communion please explain the sacred meanings behind the ritual. If you would like to speak with someone on the meanings of Communion please speak with Pastor Nick or any Deacon.”

Deacons of Palm Schwenkfelder Church

### **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.

## *Easter Flowers*

### Presented By

The Badman Family  
Ed & Kathy Bieler  
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Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hoffman  
Alex & Joanne Jalowy  
Alex & Joanne Jalowy  
Alex & Joanne Jalowy  
Richard & Kay Kleppinger  
Andrew & Sandra Kriebel  
Grace Kuhns  
Tom & Tammy Long  
Kevin & Barbara Master  
Lil & Walt Master  
Lil & Walt Master  
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Ty McNeal  
Kenny & Shirley Miller  
Marianne Miller  
Marianne Miller  
Marianne Miller  
Mr. & Mrs. Bart Moser  
Mr. & Mrs. Bart Moser  
Greg, Sally, Hans, Sabine & Anja Muse  
Charlotte Puff  
Marilyn Roznowski  
Marilyn Roznowski  
Lisa Sensinger  
Francis & Ethel Soffa  
Francis & Ethel Soffa  
Carol & Dave Woodward  
Carol & Dave Woodward

### In Memory Of

Roland Shupp  
Our Parents  
Peg Jacob  
Our Parents  
Marie Hartman  
Donald Hartman  
Alexander Jalowy Sr.  
Our Parents  
Our Parents  
Loved Ones  
Carol McQuiggan  
Loved Ones  
Linda Keiser  
Robert & Helen Schleicher  
Howard Master Sr.  
Howard Master Jr. & Carol  
Esther Tyson  
Neil Gery  
Helen & Floyd Kleckner  
Alta & James Miller  
Mabel & Benjamin Boyer  
Richard Moser  
Marion Moser Bleile  
Opa (Del) Muse  
Parents & Grandparents  
Austin Fox  
Andrew Roznowski  
Frank Davidock  
Our Parents  
Peg Jacob  
Ernest & Suzanne Carlin  
Allan & Marguerite  
Woodward

**Presented By**

**Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hoffman  
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**Alex & Joanne Jalowy  
Grace Kuhns  
Ken & Maria Kuhns  
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Tom & Tammy Long  
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**Kevin & Barbara Master  
Lil & Walt Master  
Lil & Walt Master  
Lil & Walt Master  
Charlotte Puff  
Christopher & Kimberly Ross  
Christopher & Kimberly Ross  
Francis & Ethel Soffa**

**In Honor Of**

**Our Children  
Our Grandchildren & Our Great  
Granddaughters  
Dorothy Gaugler  
The Kuhns Family  
Grace Kuhns  
Marie Szczesniak  
Our Parents  
Eric, Kristina, Adrienne & Rick  
Our Grandchildren – Harper,  
Teagan & Carter  
Our Parents  
Our Children  
Our Grandchildren  
Ardelle Master  
Granddaughter Sophie  
Jean & Greg Ross  
Grace & Richard Karschner  
Our Children & Grandchildren**

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

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

Ray Hausman, Tom Brown, Kenny Miller, Devon Hawkins, Ed Smith, Leon Wohlbach, Justin Gloria, Lynette Ware, Mary, Annabelle, and Brad Snow, Peggy Weaver, Chandler Williams, Pauline Kloenne, Eric G., Grace Kuhns, Roger Steele, Evelyn and Jack Bold, Mae Gerhart, Jill Schubert, Donna Weller, Jeremy Master, 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, Deena Updegrove, Rebecca Himmelwright, Ernie Guldin, Meg Lester, Willard Long, Lucile Jones, Goldie Graber, Kylene Bertoia Hart, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Kerm Goda, Vern Weller, Mary Hartman, Jen Fries, Mary Jane Buriemek, 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 the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center.

### **April Youth Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to...

Parker Morasco (4/5), Aubrey Reinert (4/12)

### **Ladies' Aid Knotting Party**

Can you tie a knot? Come help make blankets for the Migrant Ministry Project on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 AM. Hosted by the Ladies' Aid. Come and go as you can, or bring a bag lunch and enjoy a fun filled day.

### **Stewardship Report**

Yearly Giving through <b>March</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Offering Envelopes	\$42,105.00	\$60,000.00	(\$17,895.00)
Faith Budget	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,589.99</u>	<u>(\$8,589.99)</u>
<b>Totals</b>	\$42,105.00	\$68,589.99	(\$26,484.99)

### **Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting**

The Committee's focus is to ensure optimum communication between the congregation and Pastor Nick, and to that end encourages questions or comments. Please feel free to contact any member of the committee: Jeff Stauffer, Dave Woodward, Gail Ferry, Lil Master, Ray Hausman, Doug Wallinger, Jean Ross, or David Luz. The next meeting of the Pastoral Relations Committee will be held Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, after the worship service, in the Contemporary Issues Classroom.

### **One Great Hour of Sharing**

People who have been helped by the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering frequently comment that "you were here" after the flood, the earthquake, or the fire, or "I can't believe the church showed up for me during my time of need." Some even say, "I have given to this offering, but never thought it would help me." Our gifts through the offering allow the church to show up and be here when people need it most. What's more, OGHS works with congregations and organizations locally, those vested in the affected communities, so we can be



present quickly, and help the people living in those communities rebuild their lives. Please consider participating in this year's Offering; simply write 'OGHS' in the "Other" portion of your Offering Envelope or use one of the Envelopes from the Mission Bulletin Board. The Mission Board requests your prayerful consideration in continued support of this far reaching Mission again this year. As the Apostle Paul writes, "by the power at work within us," God is able to "accomplish abundantly more than we can ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20).

### **Mission Trip to Puerto Rico**

The Mission team is pleased to announce that Palm Schwenkfelder Church will be represented in the following mission project: this Spring, from May 12<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup>, Dan Ferry will be joining the PSEC/PNEC trip to aid Puerto Rico in its recovery from Hurricanes Irma and Maria. As part of the UCC National Disaster Ministries and Volunteer Ministries, Dan will be joining members of other area UCC churches to provide safe housing for people who have been dramatically affected by this disaster, and assist people as they reclaim their lives and communities and recover their identities. This cost for each person is expected to be \$800 – \$1,000. The Palm Schwenkfelder Church Missions Board has pledged to contribute \$300. Please prayerfully consider contributing what you can to help Dan defray the cost of this trip. We extend our gratitude to Dan for his willingness to participate in this very important mission. Let's help him make it happen!! If contributing by check, please make the check payable to Palm Schwenkfelder Church, and indicate "Puerto Rico" or "Mission Trip" on your donation. Thank you.

### **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 [palmsadministrator@comcast.net](mailto:palmsadministrator@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.

### **Positions at Central**

Looking for a part-time job? Central Schwenkfelder Church in Lansdale is searching for TWO Part-Time Sextons!! The positions are 3 nights a week and alternate weeks Thursday nights/Saturday mornings. Does this sound like something you might be interested in? Does this sound like something a friend or family member may be interested in? For more information you can contact Leslie Reyburn-Shisler at the church office at 610 – 584 – 4480, or check out the website [www.cscfamily.org](http://www.cscfamily.org) or Facebook page for an application.

### **Altar Flowers and Bulletins**

Sponsorship opportunities for April and May include the following dates:

**Flowers:** May 12<sup>th</sup>; June 16<sup>th</sup> (one bouquet)  
June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, & 30<sup>th</sup> (two bouquets)

**Bulletins:** April 18<sup>th</sup>& 21<sup>st</sup>

Please note that the flower and bulletin charts are posted in the hallway outside of the office. The cost for sponsoring bulletins is \$15 per week, and the cost for each flower arrangement is \$25 or two arrangements for \$50. If you wish to

sponsor both arrangements on one date, please sign up on both flower charts for your chosen date.

### **Frederick Living Car Show**

The Annual Frederick Living Car Show to benefit the Alzheimer's Association will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019, from 10:00am to 2:00pm, at Frederick Living, 2849 Big Road (Route 73), Frederick. The event will feature over 100 cars and trucks, crafters, a raffle, bake sale and other food sales. This family-friendly event enables us to come together as neighbors and build new friendships while contributing to the greater good of the community in which we live and serve. Last year, we raised \$3,059.50 for Alzheimer's research! If you would like more information on showing your car, being a featured crafter, volunteering, or attending the event, please contact Trina Johnson-Brady, Volunteer and Community engagement Manager at Frederick Living, by calling 610 – 754 – 5150, ext. 353, or emailing [tbrady@frederickliving.org](mailto:tbrady@frederickliving.org)

### **Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society President's Reception**

On Saturday, May 11, 2019, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society (ERHS) will be hosting a President's Reception at Falkner Swamp United Church of Christ, 2077 Swamp Pike, Gilbertsville, PA 19525. You are cordially invited to join ERHS President Richard Berg for an inspiring afternoon of history at America's oldest German Reformed church. There will be a keynote address by The Rev. Dr. Lee C. Barrett of Lancaster Theological Seminary, a presentation by The Rev. Dr. Martha Bean Kriebel on her new book, *Promise Kept with a Paintbrush*, and remarks by The Rev. Frances Chester, Pastor of Falkner Swamp UCC. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free; donations to ERHS are greatly appreciated. Kindly RSVP to ERHS by email [erhs@lancasterseminary.edu](mailto:erhs@lancasterseminary.edu) or by phone 717.290.8734.

### **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.

- The Ladies' Aid Society collects "Save-A-Tape" from Redner's Market and receives a rebate based on how much is spent. You need to get a "Save-A-Tape Card" from Redner's to participate in the program. There is a wooden box in the Narthex for this purpose – please put your receipts in the slot. Thanks!
- There are two yellow and green bins at the back of the parking lot for recycling your office paper and newspaper. The church benefits from these collections, along with helping the environment.
- In case of an emergency, there is an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) located in the rear of the sanctuary, in the alcove where the mailboxes are and where the sound system is kept.
- The password for our guest Wi-Fi is: Caspar11

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April 21, 2019

## Who is the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference? What do they do for us?

The Pennsylvania Southeast Conference is the link that connects our church's various and diverse ministries both locally and globally. Together, we provide our churches, pastors and congregations with the training and inspiration they need to carry out our church's wider mission. We are stronger together; therefore, we embrace diversity, and above all, we spread God's love!

Training comes via the many training sessions: secretary training, treasurer and bookkeeper training, stewardship training, ALICE training, pastor and lay boundary training, church development training and even church closure training to name some of the many training sessions that are available.

Inspiration can be found in the training sessions as well as the Annual and Fall meetings and the numerous retreats offered through-out the year.

Mark your calendars for the following events coming in the next few months:

May 1—Secretary Training,

<https://psecsecretary19.eventbrite.com>

May 24-26—Post High School Event,

<https://psecafteryouth.eventbrite.com>

May 31—June 1—PSEC Annual Meeting,

<https://psecannual19.eventbrite.com>

June 21-25—General Synod in Milwaukee WI,

<https://www.synod2019.org>

## Mary and the Egg

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre, in Jerusalem, is built on the site of both the crucifixion and the tomb of Jesus. Above one of the church's many altars is an ancient painting of Mary Magdalene holding an egg. Somehow, in my UCC journey, I made it from confirmation to Conference Ministry without learning the story of Mary and the egg. According to church tradition, Mary brought white boiled eggs to the tomb of Jesus on that first Easter morning. Why eggs? Perhaps as a fast food on the way to waiting for the tomb stone to be rolled aside. When she arrived at the site of the Resurrection, finding the stone already moved, she also found that the eggs in her basket had turned bright red.

After Jesus' Ascension, Mary found herself in front of Emperor Tiberius Caesar in Rome – yep, carrying an egg. Holding the egg out to him, she declared, as many of us will this Sunday, “Christ is risen!” The emperor, mocking her, said that Jesus had no more risen from the grave than would a chicken come from the egg in her hand. Immediately, the egg turned red. The Emperor, at Mary's request, removed Pilate from his post in Jerusalem. Ever since, we have been hunting the egg that would set us free from tyranny, terror and even terra firma.

Two-thousand years of Christian tradition have given us amazing stories and myths. Some, like transformed red eggs, strain the capacity for sense or reason. Others have clearly co-opted stories of earlier faith traditions. And I am okay with that. There are fundamental truths about the nature of God that flow across time and space binding us with all people who seek the Holy and Divine. The entirety of the gospel strains our capacity for sense and reason. As, of course, it should. It's not about us or what we did in the world. It's about who God is and what God is doing in the world. Fortunately, God's capacity for creativity, transformation, miracles and resurrection is infinite.

So, for this Holy Triduum I've decided to carry a white, hard boiled with me. It may or may not spontaneously change colors. But it will be a helpful reminder of the resurrected spirit God has instilled in me and in you-- the one constantly trying to break out into the world.

May it be so.

Pastor Bill

*Rev. William P. Worley, Conference Minister*



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

### **Sunday, April 21**

- 7:00am Easter Dawn Worship Service
- 7:45am Covered Dish Breakfast Following Worship Service
- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am Easter Sunday Worship Service
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are  
2 Samuel 12–13; Luke 16

### **Monday, April 22**

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are  
2 Samuel 14–15; Luke 17:1–19

### **Tuesday, April 23**

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are  
2 Samuel 16–18; Luke 17:20–37
- 7:00pm Cub Scout Pack 79 Meeting
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting

### **Wednesday, April 24**

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are  
2 Samuel 19–20; Luke 18:1–23
- 6:00pm Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30pm Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, April 25**

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are  
2 Samuel 21–22; Luke 18:24–43
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Board of Review

### **Friday, April 26**

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are  
2 Samuel 23–24; Luke 19:1–27

### **Saturday, April 27**

- 9:00am Ladies' Aid Knotting Party
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are  
1 Kings 1–2; Luke 19:28–48

**Sunday, April 28**

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are  
1 Kings 3–5; Luke 20:1–26

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**Sunday School 9:00 a.m.**

**Worship Service 10:15 a.m.**

## Church Office Hours

Tuesday through Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm  
Friday 8:00am – 3:00pm

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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

Greeter: Blake Master

Ushers: Joanne Jalowy, Alex Jalowy, Barbara Master, Kevin Master

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