

Sunday, April 13, 2025
Liturgical Color – Purple

Palm/Passion Sunday

Luke 19:28-44

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They said, “The Lord needs it.” Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.” As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, “If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.”

Slackwood Presbyterian Church
2020 Brunswick Avenue
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Embracing God. Extending Welcome. Celebrating All.



Sunday, April 13, 2025

10:30 a.m.

---Order of Worship---

Bell of Invitation

Welcome & Announcements

The Lighting of the Peace Candle and Centering Prayer

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Call to Worship

Leader: On this day of palms and celebration, Jesus continues his journey with God.

People: We will go with him, for a while, until he turns towards Calvary.

Leader: From the top of Olive Mountain, Jesus prepares to travel through the valley of heartache and loss.

People: We will follow Jesus, for a while, cradling hope in our hearts.

Leader: In the streets of Jerusalem, Jesus hears the cries of those who adore him.

People: We will shout for Jesus, Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! (*Wave your palm branches*) **Hosanna in the Highest!**

*Hymn #197 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" ELLACOMBE
(*As the hymn begins, we invite you to place palms along the steps leading up to the front of the sanctuary, signifying Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem.*)

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*In Unison*)

Triumphant God, we join the crowds of the ages in shouting your praises. While our lips give you glory, our lives seldom reflect your purposes. We sing easily of your greatness, but living faithfully is often beyond us. We hear of your salvation, yet sin is still close and real, daily leading us away from you. Have mercy on us. Ride into our hearts with healing grace. Forgive what we have done and direct who we shall be. Lord, save us. Hosanna!

Kyrie #577

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

(*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*)

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

(*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*)

(*Moment of silent prayer*). **Amen**

*Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri (#618)

All glory to our Lord and God,
for love so deep, so high, so broad:
the Trinity whom we adore
forever and forever more.

(*Following the time of confession, young people ages 3 to 10 may leave for church school.*)

HEARING OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading – Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem "Festive Hosanna" James Barnard

Second Scripture Reading – Luke 19:28-44

The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "The Tearful Entry" Rev. David Bowman

*Affirmation of Faith (*from the Confession of 1967*)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

*Hymn #196

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People & 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 for Offering

Offertory

*Doxology (#606)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #198

ST. DROSTANE

“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”

*Charge and Benediction

DEPART TO SERVE

**Those who are able may stand.*

Christ's Ministers in the World: All members of the church

Pastor: The Rev. David Bowman

Director of Music: Dr. Shelley Sanders Zuckerman

Thank you to this morning's volunteers:

Liturgist: Walter DeGunya

Ushers: Shirley Hafford & Maureen Rickman

Fellowship Hour: Beth Clark & Sandra Thomas

Teaching Sunday School: Tina Morrell

The Peace Candle in the Chancel is lit to remind us of the gift of Christ's peace and our call to be peacemakers.

Pastor Bowman's contact information:

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Announcements

Welcome to all who are worshiping this morning. If you are visiting, we hope you feel very welcome and will stay following the service for refreshments and conversation. Please fill out one of the visitor cards found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

The **choir** rehearses each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

The **Property & Finance Committee** will meet following worship this morning.

The **Session** will meet on Wednesday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m.

A **Maundy Thursday Service** of Worship for the four Lawrence Township Presbyterian Churches will be held at Slackwood on Thursday, April 17. A soup and bread supper will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the service will be at 7:00 p.m.

There will be **two services on Easter Sunday**, April 20. The 8:30 a.m. service will be held in the garden behind the church parking lot. A continental breakfast will be in fellowship hall starting at nine followed by an Easter egg hunt for children. The 10:30 a.m. service of worship will be held in the sanctuary.

A sign-up sheet for **providing after worship refreshments** for the next several months is in fellowship hall.

On Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday Presbyterian churches will receive the **One Great Hour of Sharing offering**. Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education and opportunity. OGHS assists individuals and communities in need. A OGHS offering envelope is in your box of offering envelopes as well as in your worship bulletin. You may also write a check to Slackwood Presbyterian Church and put OGHS on the memo line.

Those people and places remembered in the morning prayer last Sunday are: Sharon, Carrie, Mary, Carol, Mikey, Samantha, Tina, NG, Scott, Joshua, Mavis, Jack, Levi, the Ann Klein Forensic Center, those without housing, John, Liz, Sandy, Jill, Marilyn, Mylan, Jean, Pat, Fran, Doris, Lana & Joshia, Jim, Jaq & Kim, Joan & Dennis, Francine, Tracey, MJ & Richard, Amanda, Martina, Lori, Johnny and Chuck.

Slackwood's Mission Statement

Slackwood Presbyterian Church is a diverse, caring Christian community guided by scripture, committed to loving God, loving our neighbors as we love ourselves and sharing Christ's love with all people.

Slackwood's Vision Statement

We envision glorifying and serving God by being an example to each other, the community, and the world through:

- vibrant worship,
- faithful prayer,
- relevant study,
- joyful fellowship,
- compassionate service.

We strive to build a safe community that embraces

- all ages,
- people of color,
- the LGBTQIA+ community,
- people with disabilities,
- other marginalized people.