

April 6, 2025

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Entrance

Gathering *(As we gather to worship please greet those persons sitting around you.)*

Prelude *(Please use this time to prepare yourself for worship.)*

Orison - arr. D. Wagner

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling - arr. L. Shackley

Chiming of the Hour

Greetings and Welcome *(During this time please pass the pew pads.)*

Time of Centering Susan Brosnan & Jennifer Williams, flute

More Precious Than Silver

with *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* - arr. S. Pethel

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*Call to Worship *(read responsively)*

Psalm 51

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love.

All: According to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

All: And put a new and right spirit within me.

*Extinguishing of a Lenten Candle John 3:19

...the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light...

*Invocation

*Opening Hymn No. 185

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Proclamation

Gospel Lesson Matthew 16:13-17

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Young Disciples Time *(Children age 4 - 1st grade may leave for children's church.)*

Old Testament Lesson Daniel 7:13-14

Meditation Rev. Jay Minnick

Response

Joys and Thanksgivings/Prayer Concerns

Silent Prayers

Congregational Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

Loving and gracious God, you know the chaos of our lives. You know our hope for more centered times--times to deepen our life and faith. Forgive us when we fail to act on this moving of our spirits, and we pray that during these closing days of the Lenten season you will lead us to this place of respite. Uphold our hearts as you guide our feet.

We offer this prayer in the name of the one who taught us to pray...

The Lord's Prayer *(please pray in unison)*

...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 trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the

glory, forever. Amen.

Offering of Our Gifts

Offertory

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling - arr. J. Raney

(8:30 a.m. - Coffee Chorus)

When We Are Living - R. Escamilla

(11:00 a.m. - The Chancel Choir, Challie Guerra and Richard Cassidy, duet)

*Doxology *(sung in unison)*

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.

Thanksgiving and Communion

Sacrament of Communion

All who worship with us today are invited to participate with us in the celebration of the sacrament of the Eucharist or Holy Communion. This is a celebratory act of our community in which we give thanks for the ever-abiding presence of God's spirit and the all-inclusive reach of God's grace. The Sacrament is a mystical reality in which the presence of Christ is made real to us, and by God's grace it forges us into one body so that together we can extend the merciful touch of Christ into the world. Welcome to the table.

In an effort to meet the needs of the gathered community we offer a gluten free option for Communion. Please notify your server when you come forward to receive the Sacrament.

The Great Thanksgiving

Clergy: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Clergy: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Clergy: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Clergy: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God.

People: **For you are the creator and sustainer of our lives.**

[The rehearsing of the tradition]

Clergy: Let us pray. Loving and gracious God, in remembrance of these your grace-filled acts, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Clergy: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Giving the Bread and Cup

Closing Prayer

Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn No. 399

Take My Life, and Let It Be

*Pastoral Benediction

*Postlude

Be Unto Your Name - arr. J. Cumberland

*please rise in body or in spirit

If you are looking for a church home in the Raleigh area we would love for you to become part of our church family here at Pleasant Grove. Please contact the church office for more information about church membership.

Holy Week at Pleasant Grove

Palm Sunday:

Sunday, April 13

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae service with communion:

Thursday, April 17, 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross:

Friday, April 18, 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday:

Worship Service followed by a light breakfast: 8:00 a.m.

Worship Service & Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.

Weekly Announcements

Today we are participating in a special offering for UMCOR Sunday. This special offering supports the work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and helps ensure UMCOR's swift response to disasters in the U.S. and around the world. Please make checks payable to PGUMC and specify *UMCOR Sunday* on the memo line. Special offering envelopes for cash donations are located in the pew notebooks.

On Easter Sunday we will decorate our worship spaces with arrangements of lilies and include a listing of gifts made in honor/memory of loved ones in the worship bulletins. To make a gift, please complete an Easter lily sponsorship form located in the pew notebooks. Please place completed forms with payment in the offering plate today.

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for this coming Saturday, April 12, from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Children through 5th grade are invited to join us for a light breakfast and crafts following the Easter egg hunt. **For safety reasons, children are asked to wear sneakers or closed-toe shoes.** For more information, or if you'd like to help with the hunt, please contact Challie Guerra at challie.e.sullivan@gmail.com or Lucinda Sullivan at dannyandlucinda@gmail.com.

Please join us for our next installment of the PGUMC Concert Series, "Musical Storytellers": A Piano Concert, next Sunday, April 13, at 6:30 p.m. Presented by Dr. Leonidas Lagrimas, piano faculty member at Western Carolina University, the concert will explore the visual, narrative, and emotional possibilities found in classical music. The program features a wide range of classical works for solo and piano duet, including works by J.S. Bach, Scarlatti, Mozart, Debussy, John Adams, and more. Whether you are new to classical music or a lifelong fan, this program has something for everyone to enjoy.

Join us for Creation Day on the Farm at Dinner Bell Farm in Snow Camp, NC on Saturday, May 10! We will depart the church at 8:30 a.m. Upon arrival, we will gather in the big red barn and then enjoy garden activities and farm animal visits (baby goats!) before eating lunch together and heading back to Raleigh, arriving home around 2:00 p.m. This activity is for all, but we especially encourage families to participate! The cost is \$18/participant with lunch included. RSVP to Ashley Yohman by April 30 at ashley.yohman@pgumc.org.

During the month of April we are collecting cleaning supplies for Family Promise of the Triangle, a local agency that helps families at risk of homelessness. Please drop off donated cleaning supplies in the donation bins in the Welcome Center.



Financials (July 2024 - June 2025)

Giving Received Last Week: \$8,746.00

Giving Received YTD: \$522,618.90

Giving Needed Each Week: \$13,181.38

Giving Needed YTD: \$514,073.82

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