



Wycliffe

April 6, 2025 ~ Lent V

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Do you have a “time out” chair in your home? If you have young children, it might get plenty of use, but we all, regardless of our age, need time to reconnect with God. During this Lenten season, perhaps YOU will benefit from some time in your own “time-out” chair.

Welcome & Announcements A PRAYER TO BEGIN WORSHIP

The Wycliffe Ringers

“T’VE GOT PEACE LIKE A RIVER”

arr. K. McChesney

LET US WORSHIP

PSALM 107 (all read the bold)

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good and his mercy endures forever.
Let all whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim their redemption.

He gathered them from the east and the west; from the north and the south.
**Some wandered in desert wastes and found no way
to a city where they might live.**

They were hungry and thirsty and their spirits suffered within them.
**They cried to the Lord in their trouble and he delivered them
from their distress and put them on a straight path.**

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy.
**He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.
Consider well the mercies of the Lord.**

*HYMN 687 “OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST” (stand in body or spirit & sing)

~ Share the Peace of Christ ~
Children’s Time with the Pastors

Hear these words from Paul's letter to the Philippians (4:8-9, 12-13, NIV)



Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty.

In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need, for I can do all things through Christ Jesus who strengthens me.

“A Time for All Good Things” (D. Wagner)

*To everything there is a season, there is a time for all good things.
A time to plant and a time to reap; a time to weep and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn and a time to dance ~*

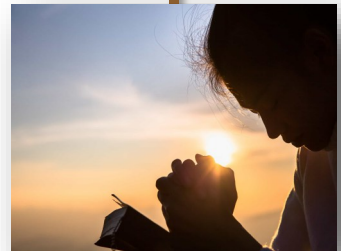
A Time of Confession *(all read the bold)*

*I am always rushing, passing my life on the street,
breathless and ceaseless, skimming through life,
distracted and fractured, hollow.*

*God, be the lead in my life, the molasses,
the waist-deep snow,
the dark room with re-arranged furniture
that forces me to slow down; to pay attention.*

*Help me celebrate the ebb and flow of life
and stay connected with all creation.*

**Be my Sabbath, my stopping point, the Enough.
Here, among your people, in your holy place,
I put my life in your hands.**



All sing ~ Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall
be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me. (repeat)

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE & PARDON . . . and all say Thanks be to God.

*Join in this passage from Ecclesiastes (3:1-13; right reads **bold**, left-regular, leader-italics)*

For everything, there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven;



a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silent, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

What gain have the workers from their toil? I've seen the business God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time, and has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live. It is God's gift that all should eat, drink and take pleasure in all their toil.



“Time”

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HYMN 250 **“IN THE BULB, THERE IS A FLOWER”** (*remain seated & sing*)

A TIME FOR PRAYER *followed by The Lord’s Prayer* (screen)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

A follower of Jesus once wrote:

*‘Think what kind of people you are
whom God has called:*

not many wise by human standards,

not many powerful or of noble birth.

Yet to shame the wise,

God has chosen what the world counts foolish;

and to shame the strong,

God has chosen what the world counts weak.’

It is not for our virtue that we are here.

It is not for who we are that we are called to this table.

It is only for one reason - that God wants us.

*So come, leaving behind the baggage
of self-importance or the burden of self-loathing.*

*How you feel, what you’ve done,
at this moment does not matter.*

There is a greater cause, a stronger voice.

It belongs to Jesus who, in bread and wine, says,

“I am here ~ for you.”



THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The Lord be with you ~ and also with you.
Lift up your hearts ~ we lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God ~*

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

*It is right to praise you,
for you are the One from whom we came
and the One to whom we will return.*

*You conceived the universe and hold all life in your hand.
You watch us waking or sleeping, you keep every tear we shed,
and hear every prayer we make, and you will not let us go.*

*So with rain, wind, and sunshine; with all that moves in time with its Maker,
we join with angels and archangels, with saints from long ago,
and with our loved ones who are gathered round your heavenly table, and sing ~*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning, our song shall rise to thee.
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

*Blessed is he who was born among us unknown,
who grew up without privilege or status,
who walked the way to heaven through the back streets of this world,
and who told the deepest truths in ordinary language,
who touched and healed, blessed and disturbed without fear or favor,
who showed inclusive love;
and who, for all this, was crucified, died and was buried,
and for all of us, rose again, and is present with us here and now.*

(all sing) **Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great Thou art! How great thou art!**

THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED

(The usher will direct you to receive the bread & cup. If you prefer to receive the elements in your pew, let the usher know. (Gluten-free bread is available.) Please discard the empty cup in the receptacles on outer ends of the first pew as you return to your seat.)

Join in singing the refrain on the next page at the direction of the soloist.

Refrain

All

A E A D E

All sing ~ "And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

A D Esus E7 A

and I will raise you up on the last day."

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ (all read the bold)

People of God, in whom do you believe?

We believe in God the Maker,
who created heaven and earth.

We believe in Jesus the Storyteller,
*who walked the roads of Galilee; befriender, questioner,
healer, and source of truth.*

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
*who is as close to us as our heartbeat; challenger, comforter,
source of joy and creativity.*

We look for the light of God to shine on us and in us,
through all the seasons of our life.

***ALL SING ~** *Repeat the refrain above*

***THE BENEDICTION**



***All are invited to the fellowship hall for coffee & conversation
(to the left as you leave the sanctuary)***



*Giving is a natural overflow of a heart that is grateful for Jesus, who gave everything for us.
A basket is available on the table as you leave the sanctuary for contributions of checks
or cash. A secure link for electronic giving is available on the church's website at
www.wycliffepresbyterian.org*



The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God

by Jim & Donna Basnight in celebration of the birth of their grandson, Avery Roy Jennette
on 4/2/25. Proud parents are Lori & Chris Jennette and proud big brother is Miles.

Upcoming Week: April 6-12

TODAY: PCUSA OFFERING ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

TODAY: BEACH BAG COLLECTION CONTINUES

TODAY: ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9 am (Zoom/room 209)

TODAY: CHOIR PRACTICE at 9:30 am (music room)

TODAY: CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL at 10:10 am (education wing)

TODAY: MUSIC MAKERS at 11 am (music room)

TODAY: MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL at 11 am (room 108)

WEDNESDAY: ADULT SMALL GROUP at 9:30 am (sanctuary)

THURSDAY: WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY at 7 pm (Amelia Moore's home)

SATURDAY: MEN'S BREAKFAST & STUDY at 7:30 am (Sunrise Cafe)



On the Horizon

April 13: Palm Processional - kids gather at 9:45a in the Education Wing to participate in the palm parade

April 13: Palm Sunday Brunch & Coffee after worship (fellowship hall)

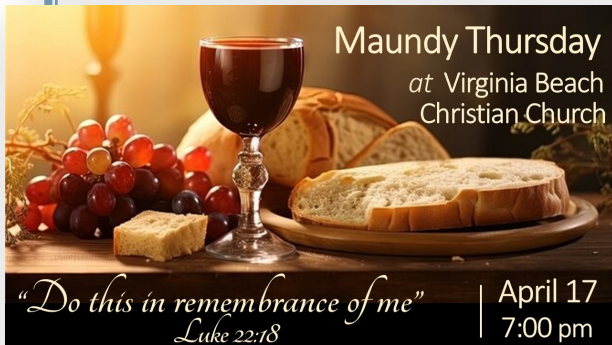
April 15: Ladies Lunch Out at 12 pm (Victoria's Pizzeria)

April 17: Maundy Thursday Service at 7 pm (Virginia Beach Christian Church)

April 18: Good Friday Service at 7 pm (sanctuary)

April 20: EASTER SUNDAY (WPC)

Holy Week at Wycliffe

A still life image featuring a glass of red wine, a loaf of bread, and a bunch of grapes on a wooden surface.

Maundy Thursday
at Virginia Beach
Christian Church

"Do this in remembrance of me"
Luke 22:18

April 17
7:00 pm

An artwork showing three rusty nails crossed in an 'X' shape on a light-colored surface.

"Nailed"

A Good Friday
meditation featuring
the artwork of
Michael O'Brien
& scripture read by
Wycliffe members -

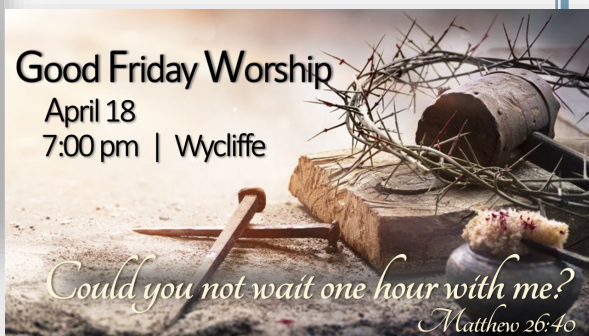
8:00pm - Apr 18
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A close-up image of a donkey's head looking through green palm fronds.

Palm Sunday
April 13
Children gather
at 9:45 to
process with palms
10:00am Worship
Brunch follows

An image of a wooden cross on a sandy surface, with a crown of thorns and a nail placed next to it.

Good Friday Worship
April 18
7:00 pm | Wycliffe

Could you not wait one hour with me?
Matthew 26:40

A collection of colorful Easter eggs (pink, yellow, blue) and a branch with white blossoms.

You're invited to celebrate
EASTER@Wycliffe

Keller Brass - 9:40a
Festival Worship- 10a
Easter Egg Hunt- 11a