

The Presbyterian Church of
Llanerch

Doing Justly • Loving Mercy • Walking Humbly with God



Service for the Lord's Day

March 31, 2024 • Resurrection of the Lord • 11:00 AM

Welcome to Llanerch!!

Dear Friends,

On this Easter morning, we welcome you to the Presbyterian Church of Llanerch.

Through the Spirit of Christ, we are brought together and joined as one community in the worship of God. Whoever you are, from wherever you have come, you are welcome here.

Our Mission

The Presbyterian Church of Llanerch is an inclusive Christian community whose members have been saved by God's grace, united by God in Jesus Christ, and given by God as a light to the nations. Our mission is patterned after the example of Jesus Christ, who came "not to be served but to serve."

To that end, we seek to think with the mind of Christ, to love with the heart of Christ, and to act as the Lord requires, doing justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our God.

If You Are New Here

You make our hearts soar by visiting with us this morning. We invite you to join us in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service, where there are coffee and snacks served alongside friendly conversation.

Children in Worship

Children (and their wiggles) are always welcome in worship. To suit those children with extra energy, the Wiggle Room is available in the Chapel—to the left of the pulpit. We also provide childcare in the Nursery.

Prepare for Worship

As we begin worship, you are invited to take a few moments in reflection to open your heart to the Spirit of God. Please also put all electronic devices in silent or Do Not Disturb mode.

The * indicates parts of the service where the congregation is invited to stand; *italicized portions* are spoken by a worship leader, **bolded portions** indicate congregational responses.

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Session

Donna Helms, *clerk*
Paul Gibson
Katherine Hiebert
Gabrielle Vivanco
Craig Kane
Joan Sheppard

Gathered as a Community

Welcome

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Voluntary

Easter Victory

setting of G.P. Palestrina's hymn tune VICTORY by Charles Callahan

* Litany for Easter

*This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

*This is the good news we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:*

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

*That Christ died for our sins, and was buried,
and rose again on the third day.*

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

*He appeared to Peter, and to the twelve,
and to many faithful witnesses.*

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

*At last he came to us, that we might come to believe
and proclaim this good news to the world.*

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

* Prayer of the Day

* Hymn 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

All-loving God,

on this glorious day, we arrive at the tomb
and find it empty.

Jesus Christ is alive!

Yet, we confess that we remain trapped in fear and doubt,
unable to see how you have set us free.

We overlook the poor and the hungry,
and pass by those who mourn.

We deafen ourselves to the cries of the oppressed,
and become indifferent to calls for peace.

(Silence for private confession.)

Forgive us, God of mercy.

Help us to trust in your power
that makes our lives new.

May we learn the joy of life, abundant and endless,
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

Promise of Restoration

Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

* Sung Response 226 verse 6

SHADES MOUNTAIN

♪ All heav'n is singing,
“Thanks to Christ whose passion
offers in mercy
healing, strength, and pardon.
Peoples and nations,
take it; take it freely!”
Amen! My Master! ♪

* Sharing in Peace

The peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

Life of the Community

Anthem

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

G.F. Handel, arranged by Susan E. Geschke
Handbell Choir

Responding in Faith

* Hymn 249

Because You Live, O Christ

VRUECHTEN

* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Gathering of Intercessions and Thanksgivings

All who have gathered for worship are welcome to share in the collection of prayers. If you have a prayer request you would like to share, please offer it when called upon by the Worship Leader.

Call to Offering

As those who have been claimed and set free by the grace of Jesus Christ, we respond with gratitude, offering him our lives, our spiritual gifts, and our material goods.

Plates are passed during the Offering for those who wish to give monetary donations by check or cash. You can give online at llanerchpres.org/giving

Offertory

Love Is Come Again

Edward Kerr

based on the French carol *Noël Nouvelet*
Andrea Broido, soprano

Invited to the Lord's Table

Invitation to the Table

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 our thanks and praise.

{The prayer continues.}

Therefore we praise you,

joining our voices with the celestial choirs

and with all the faithful of every time and place,

who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The number '54' is in the top right corner of the system. The music concludes with a double bar line.

{The prayer continues.}

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music concludes with a double bar line.

{The prayer continues.}

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Meditation

Exsultet

Colin Mawby

Prayer After Communion

*Gracious God, we give you thanks
that by the witness of your Word
and the sharing of this meal
you have opened our hearts and eyes
to the living Christ among us,
around us, and within us.
Now send us from this place
in the power of your Spirit
to tell this good news to the world:
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Amen.*

Sent into the World

* Hymn 233

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

* Charge and Blessing

The Lord is risen! Do not be afraid!

Go and tell the good news to all the world.

*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,*

*and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you,
this day and forevermore.*

Alleluia! Amen!

* Response

Hallelujah from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel

Music is available on the front pews
for those who would like to participate in singing the Hallelujah.

* Voluntary

Festive on Crown Him with Many Crowns

Noble Cain

Worship Notes

This Morning's Worship Leaders

Rev. William Searight

Handbell Choir

Georgia Marshall Schrom

Andrea Broido, soprano

Cover image this morning is *Mourning Light* by Lisle Gwynn Garrity | A Sanctified Art | sanctifiedart.org

Announcements

Bible for Beginners – Every Sunday after Worship

Our weekly Bible discussion returns April 14, when we will start a new series of discussions: *The Letters of Paul, One At a Time*.

April 14 – First Thessalonians.

April 21 – Second Thessalonians.

April 28 – Galatians.

Pastor Bill's Book Club

Let's talk about hope next month. Everyone is invited to a discussion of *The Book of Hope*, by Jane Goodall, Douglas Abrams, and Gail Hudson. Sunday, April 28 at 9:30am.

Get in Touch

If you need to connect with us, here are the best ways.

Pastor's email: pastor@llanerchpres.org

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The office is open Tuesday - Thursday from 12 noon – 5 PM.

There will be no Office Hours at Panera this week.

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This Week's Activities

Today, 03/31

- 9:30 AM Handbell Choir rehearsal
11:00 AM **Service for the Lord's Day**
Resurrection of the Lord
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Rev. William Searight will be preaching
12:00 PM Friendship Hour, Fellowship Room

Tuesday, 04/02

- 7:30 PM Boy Scouts, Social Hall

Thursday, 04/04

- 7:30 PM Boy Scouts, Social Hall

Friday, 04/05

- 8:00 PM AA Meeting, Social Hall

Next Sunday, 04/07

- 11:00 AM **Service for the Lord's Day**
Second Sunday of Easter
Rev. Casey Bien-Aime will be preaching
12:00 PM Friendship Hour, Fellowship Room