

The Presbyterian Church of
Llanerch

Doing Justly • Loving Mercy • Walking Humbly with God



Service for the Lord's Day

April 14, 2024 • Third Sunday of Easter • 11:00 AM

Welcome 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

We are especially glad to welcome you if you are visiting with us this morning. We invite you to 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. A Wiggle Room is available in the Chapel—to the left of the pulpit.

Prepare for Worship

As you come to worship, you are invited to take a few moments to bring yourself before God, to prepare yourself in heart, mind, soul and strength. Please be considerate and silence all electronic devices.

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

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

O FILII ET FILIAE

setting by Peter Pindar Stearns

* 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!

* Gathering Prayer

* Hymn 255

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

O FILII ET FILIAE

Prayer of Confession

You have shown yourself to us, O God, by your Word and Spirit,
with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood.
yet we still struggle to live and to believe the good news of Jesus Christ.
Fearful, we lock the doors of our hearts.
Anxious, we hide away our imperfections.
Ashamed, we keep silent when faced with injustice.
Forgive us, O God.

(Please offer in silence your personal confession.)

Have mercy on us, we pray.
Enter into our lives and cast out all our fear
that we may come to trust fully in you.
For it is in Jesus' name that we find life. 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

Listening to the Word

The children of the congregation are invited to the chancel to help lead the Prayer for Illumination and share the story of the day.

Prayer for Illumination

Children's Moment

The Beginner's Bible – Jesus Returns [pages 459-461]

Scripture Reading

John 20:19-31

[NT page 115]

Holy wisdom, holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. William H. Searight

Responding in Faith

* Hymn 257

The Risen Christ

WOODLAND

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.

Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

During the prayer: *God of mercy,*
hear our prayer.

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.

Invitation 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

Méditation sur O Filii et filiae

Denis Bédard

Dedication of Offering

*Heaven and earth are yours, O Lord,
and of your own we give to you.*

* Dedicatory Response 232 verse 4

EASTER HYMN

♪ Sing we to our God above,

Alleluia!

Praise eternal as God's love.

Alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heavenly host,

Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! ♪

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sent into the World

* Hymn 254

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

PUER NOBIS NACITUR

* Charge and Blessing

*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!

Voluntary

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

PUER NOBIS NACITUR

setting by John Leavitt

Worship Notes

This Morning's Worship Leaders

Rev. William Searight

Georgia Marshall Schrom

Announcements

Bible for Beginners – Every Sunday after Worship

Our weekly Bible discussion returns today following the Friendship Hour. Everyone is invited to join the discussion.

Current Series: *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 this 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, Wednesday, Thursday from 12 noon – 5 PM.

Visit Pastor Bill at Panera Wednesday from 11:00am – 1:00pm.

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This Week's Activities

Today, 04/14

- 9:30 AM Handbell Choir rehearsal
11:00 AM **Service for the Lord's Day**
Third Sunday of Easter
Rev. William Searight will be preaching
12:00 PM Friendship Hour, Fellowship Room
12:15 PM Children's Choir rehearsal
1:00 PM Bible for Beginners, Social Hall

Monday, 04/15

- 7:30 PM Stated Session Meeting, Fellowship Room
Boy Scouts, Social Hall

Tuesday, 04/16

- 7:00 PM National Alliance on Mental Illness, Fellowship Room

Wednesday, 04/17

- 6:30 PM Girl Scouts, Fellowship Room

Thursday, 04/18

- 7:30 PM Cub Scouts, Social Hall

Friday, 03/22

- 8:00 PM AA Meeting, Social Hall

Saturday, 04/20

- 11:00 AM Memorial Service for Tom Coleman

Next Sunday, 04/21

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