

## *From the Pastor ...Rev. Dr. Darryl Goldman*

### WHAT IS THE LITURGICAL YEAR?

The liturgical year began as a celebration of a series of religious feasts and seasons. This provided a predictable cycle (of seasons) in the annual Church calendar. The word “liturgy” means “form of worship,” or, putting all the components of a worship service together, we have the “liturgy.” That’s why the person assisting in leading worship is called a “liturgist.”

Originally, Christians celebrated the Resurrection in conjunction with Jewish Passover. That was complicated because the Jewish calendar got out of sync, so Rabbis sometimes just made a decision as to when Passover was to be held.

However, Christians didn’t like being dependent on the pronouncements of rabbis for how to celebrate Christian feasts. So, in 325, the Council of Nicaea (the one that wrote the first Nicaean Creed) decided that Easter would be held on the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the vernal equinox. To find Palm Sunday, they simply backed up one Sunday. For Ash Wednesday we back up six weeks to the first Sunday of Lent, and then the Wednesday before is Ash Wednesday.

Over the years, other holidays were established. Eventually, in the 11th and 12th centuries, when colored cloth became more available, the Church adopted colors to mark the Church year. They established colors for paraments (colored cloth on the pulpit, Bible, sometimes communion table, and the minister’s stole) which reminded worshippers where they were in the liturgical calendar.

By the Twelfth Century the following was standard:

Advent = Purple

First Day of Advent is the first day of the church calendar.

Purple represents suffering, repentance, and royalty.

Christmas Eve = Blue

A modern change from purple is a nod to our culture’s celebrating it.

Christmas and Christmastide = White, 12-days until Epiphany

Epiphany = White or Gold

Ordinary Time = Green

Ash Wednesday = Purple or Black

Lent = Purple

Maundy/Thursday = Purple or Black

Eastertide = White

Easter and fifty days to Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday = Red

Ordinary Time = Green

Of course, we do not need a Church calendar to worship, any more than we must have musical instruments or bulletins or other things we use to enrich our services. In Bible times, color was so expensive that it was almost always symbolic, whereas today, it is so abundant that we hardly notice. This wonderful gift—color—is a blessed gift to heighten our worship experience and connect us to our Christian ancestry.

Many Christians even wear the colors of the Church year. It’s a good way to “live the rhythm” of the Church cycle. Let’s see who gives it a try. God bless you in all that you do.

Darryl



Betty Matthews	March 2
Jan Foster	March 10
John Jordan	March 10
Harold Moore	March 14
Marilyn Hinkle	March 17
Don Breeding	March 21

No anniversaries this month.

### New Organ Fund

A new fund has been set up to purchase a new organ for the sanctuary. We are sure you have noticed that it is not being played.

Our organ has been “sick” for some time. After having an expert “doctor” come in, the bad news is: “It is sick and inoperable.” A “transplant” of parts will not revive it to a long-term working order.

Therefore we need to save for the purchase of a new organ. You may designate memorial gifts or offerings (beyond tithe) to our organ fund by making a note on the memo line of your check.

Linda Webster & The Worship Committee

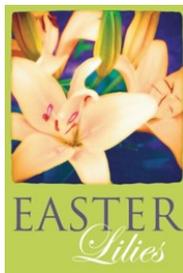
### Opportunity to Help with St. Andrew Grounds Expenses

At the Stated Session meeting, the Session agreed to set up a special fund for contributions to help with extraordinary expenses related to the upkeep and maintenance of our property. A couple of examples was the need to replace our 30-year-old mower and the \$1565 bill we had to pay recently to repair the main water line to the church. Any contributions are strictly voluntary and should be in addition to any pledged funds. If you would like to participate, you can donate a check at any time – just put “Grounds Fund” in the memo line so we know how to account for it.

If you have any questions, see Stu Strong.

### It's time to order your Easter Lilies

There is a sign-up sheet in the church office for you to buy a lily for \$15 to be placed in the sanctuary Easter Sunday. You may place the lily in honor or memory of someone and a list will be placed in the bulletin Easter Sunday. Please leave a check in the envelope provided. If you have any questions, call the church office during office hours.



### MISSION OPPORTUNITY FEED THE NEED SCHOOL BACKPACKS

Thank you for continuing to **Help Children at Risk**. This is for the children who eat at school free during the week, but may not have enough to eat over the weekend. The school puts these bags in their backpack each Friday. We will gladly accept monetary donations. Leave your check in the envelope provided or bring cash to the office during the week. **Please place your items in the shopping cart in the donation location.**

**Everything must be non-perishable. Packing date March 14 at 5:30p.**



Tom and Mr. Crow testing the new lawn mower.

“NICE!” said Mr. Crow. Tom agreed.



## Easter Baskets of Blessings

We are collecting canned and boxed food for 30 Easter dinners to give to the CCC for distribution. Food may be placed on the Donation Table by the Fellowship Hall. Please bring 1 large can or 2 small cans of food per dinner. Potatoes and dessert should be boxed items, one per dinner. Items needed:

Canned Corn  
Canned Fruit  
Canned Yams

Canned Beans  
Boxed Potatoes  
Dessert Mix (cake/frosting)

Donations for hams may be left in the church office or put in the offering, marked "Ham." We will pack dinners Wednesday, March 21, after church.

### MARANATHA CAMP



Summer Camp registration is open! Family Camp is the return of a popular camp from days gone by, and is a chance for the whole family to share in the beauty of Maranatha together. Family Camp will be held the week of July 4th so it will also be the perfect way to celebrate our country's birthday and watch the fireworks from Goose Pond.

Additional information is available on the bulletin board and in the Narthex. Make plans now, grab some friends and enjoy camp together! What is there to do at camp? Fishing, hiking, canoeing, kayaking and much more! [Visit http://maranatha.camp/](http://maranatha.camp/)

### Carefree Adult Traveling Society (CATS)

CATS provides an opportunity for members and friends of St. Andrew to come together to share and grow in Christian fellowship while taking day trips to visit scenic and historic sites. And, of course, we always include enough time to eat! Travel is usually by car pool, but there are times we rent a bus. Details of each trip will be published in plenty of time for you to put it on your calendar and plan to join us for a day of fun. Any questions may be directed to the church office or Faye Anderson, Chair, CATS Planning Committee.

Watch for the new 2018 CATS brochure, coming soon!



Huntsville Botanical Gardens  
Tuesday, March 27

Meet at the church at 9:00 AM

Cost: \$9 for entrance fee to gardens and

Lunch at Rosie's Cantina

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## Presbyterian Women's Circle



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women of St. Andrew will meet on Tuesday, March 6, at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Our Lesson is "In Community with the Reality of the Present" led by B.J. Breeding. Mavis Stephens will be our hostess. All ladies are invited to join us. We will plan our Bake Sale scheduled for March 25.

The original Presbyterian Women's symbol, designed by Sarah Abbotts in 1988, was updated in 1999 to carry the organization into the 21st century. The cleaner lines and sharper images strengthen the original design while retaining its ability to visually express the Presbyterian purpose. Some meanings found in the PW symbol, along with the PW purpose are:

### **FORGIVEN AND FREED BY GOD IN JESUS CHRIST,**

forgiven and freed by grace through faith, the central figure stands in praise.

### **AND EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, WE COMMIT OURSELVES**

Rooted in faith, the trio of women emerge. The outline of the central figure forms a cross. We are Presbyterian women, engrafted in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is no longer we who live, but Christ who lives in us.

### **TO NURTURE OUR FAITH THROUGH PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY**

The right figure holds a book to guide her reading, studying, praying, or meditation.

### **TO SUPPORT THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH WORLD WIDE**

The left figure reaches out to care for others, as she shares, nurtures, and heals. The circle represents the church worldwide where women offer their gifts and talents in the midst of the global community.

### **TO WORK FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE**

The uplifted arms of the central figure reach out to embrace a just peace for the world. The relationship between the three figures depict lives of wholeness rather than turmoil.

### **AND TO BUILD AN INCLUSIVE, CARING, COMMUNITY OF WOMEN**

The three women have no distinct features and represent all women. The shapes surrounding them express energy, strength, and openness.

### **THAT STRENGTHENS THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)**

Our name, Presbyterian Women, ties us to our denomination. The Bible resembles the Bible depicted in the PCUSA seal.

### **AND WITNESSES TO THE PROMISE OF GOD'S KINGDOM**

Guided by our purpose, we witness to the reality of God's realm.

Barbara Allen



**BAKE SALE**

### **BAKE SALE, SUNDAY, MARCH 25**

**8:30-8:45 am; 9:30-10:00 am, 11:00 am**

**Fellowship Hall**

Proceeds supports our local PW mission projects.

Pick up desserts for Easter Sunday!

# March

## Service Times:

Sunday School - 8:45 a.m.

Morning Worship -10:00 a.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 DAR 1-4p	2	3 DMC 10a-noon
4 3rd Sun Lent	5 Soup Kitchen	6 Pres. Women 7:00 pm	7 Brown Bag Lunch Noon Supper 6:00p Study 6:30p Choir 7:30p	8	9	10 
11 4th Sun Lent <i>DST begins</i>	12	13	14 Supper 6:00p Study 6:30p Choir 7:30p	15	16	17 DMC Mtg. 10a-noon 
18 5th Sun Lent	19	20	21 Session 4:30p Backpack 5:30p Supper 6:00p Study 6:30p Choir 7:30p	22	23	24 DMC auditions 9-4
25 Palm Sunday One Great Hour of Shar- ing Offering PW Bake Sale	26	27	28 No Services	29 <b>Maundy Thurs</b> <b>6:30 pm.</b>	30 <b>Good Friday</b>	31



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## March Volunteer Schedule

	3/4	3/11	3/18	3/25	3/29 Maundy Thurs.
Liturgists	Linda Webster	Harold Culbert	Stu Strong	B. J. Breeding	Stu Strong
Ushers	J. Abbott S. Strong H. Moore J. Newbill J. Brandon, alt.	D. Foster J. Shull E. Wyle G. Vogel F. Webster, alt.	D. Watt ??? B. Naumann H. Culbert D. Foster alt.	F. Webster B. Naumann J. Boyd W.C. Sweeley T. Matthews, alt.	
Children's Message	None/ Communion	Rev. Goldman	B.J. Breeding	Rev. Goldman	
Nursery	Shelly Shull	Carol Strong	Lee Zeiher	B.J. Breeding	
Wednesday Host	3/7 Nellie Gates	3/1 W. C. & Cerese	3/21 Barb & Addi	3/28 Need Volunteer	
Communion March 4	Preparer: Linda Grissom	Communion Servers: Stu Strong, Ed Wyle, Harold Culbert, Dan Watt, Linda Webster			