

“Crowds: The Faithful and The Fickle”



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Palm Sunday

Vision: Healing & Hope - God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace, so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.

WELCOME HOME TO Warwick River Mennonite Church

Palm Sunday

Sunday Worship Service April 5, 2020

Second Virtual Church Worship Service: 10:40 a.m.

Second Virtual Coffee Connect: 10:00 a.m.

Focus statement:

We praise Jesus along with the crowds for all we know of his miracles and goodness, but it so quickly turns this week to events that led to his death. Longing to understand Jesus more deeply, we say, “Show us how to both celebrate your life and honor your death.”

Prelude

Welcome & Invocation

Time for Greeting *Wave if you are on camera.

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my song and has given me victory.
Songs of joy and victory are sung in the camp of the godly. The strong right arm of the Lord has done glorious things! I will live to tell what the Lord has done!

All: God's faithful love endures forever! (*Wave palm branch)

Leader: Open for me the gates where the righteous enter, and I will go in and thank the Lord. These gates lead to the presence of the Lord, and the godly enter there. I thank you for answering my prayer!

All: God's faithful love endures forever! (*Wave palm branch)

Leader: “This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. You are my God, and I will praise you! Give thanks to the Lord, whose faithful love endures forever!”

All: God's faithful love endures forever! (*Wave palm branch)

Hymns of Praise & Gathering

Affirmation of faith

Leader: O God, we come to you as the people who greeted Jesus on the road to Jerusalem, full of joy and praise and thanksgiving.
Forgive us for the times we forget to show you our gratitude

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: We come as the people who were baffled when they realized how quickly their joy was turned to sorrow for you.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: We come, wanting to be with you as you enter the time and place of your death, knowing we cannot face this week alone.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of pardon

Know that Jesus does offer mercy and understands that hard road between joy and devastation, between belief and disbelief. Know that Jesus will never leave you and will love you on whatever part of the road you find yourself on. Amen.

Time for Sharing of Announcements, Blessings, and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer/Prayer of Dedication
Offering

Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

Children's Time

Sermon Title: "Crowds: The Faithful and The Fickle" -Pastor John Dey

Hymn of Response: HWB 238 "This is a Time of New Beginnings"

Ritual of Response

Benediction

May you find the balance you need in the ups and downs of your life, and may you have the courage to keep walking with Jesus. Go in peace to continue your walk with Jesus.

Song of Sending: Mennonite Hymnal 504 "God Be With You"

Worship Leader: Mackenzie Butler



GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET 504

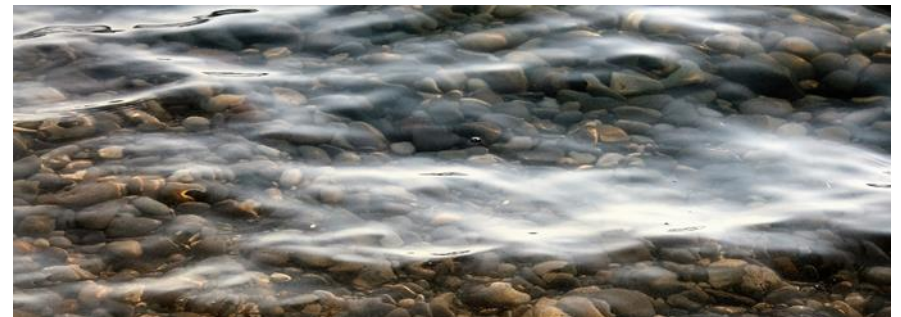
GOD BE WITH YOU 9.8.8.9.

Jeremiah Eames Rankin†, 1880 William Gould Tomer, 1880

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; By His coun-sels guide, up-hold you,
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; 'Neath His wings pro-TECT-ing hide you,
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; When life's per-ils thick con-found you,
4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; Keep love's ban-ner float-ing o'er you,

With His sheep se-cure-ly fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
Dai - ly man-na still pro-VIDE you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
Put His arms un-fail-ing round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
Smite death's threat-'ning wave be-fore you: God be with you till we meet a - gain. A-men.

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Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ Prayers of healing for all who are battling the coronavirus and for all the health care workers here and abroad, that we may be delivered from this serious health threat.
- ❖ *Prayer/Praise concerns are always welcome & may be requested & updated by calling/emailing Pat in the front office – or you may leave a note in the Church Office mailbox. Thank you everyone.*

Happy Birthday ~

April 1	Brenda Lytle
April 4	Suzanne Brooks; Evangeline Schrock; and Don Brunk; Casey Sawyer Nelson
April 5	Sally Carr
April 9	Dakota Wade
April 10	Ernie Miller
April 11	Johnnie Stafford, Sr.
April 13	Lisa Ziegler
April 16	Lena Aulich
April 17	Mackenzie Butler; Kathy Saunders; Lynn Brunk

Happy Anniversary ~

April 12	Jim & Nikki Boldy
April 16	David & Dawn Wing

2020 Council of Ministries:

Congregation Chair Lisa Ziegler **Pastor** John M. Dey **Head Elder** Kathryn Baer

Outreach Chair Sue Yoder **Stewardship Chair** Tom Salyers

Christian Education Chair Ann Aulich

Worship Chair Mackenzie Butler **Fellowship Chair** Susan Dey

Member-at-Large Noah Shenk **Member-at-Large** Theresa Siebels

Trustees: Mel Shenk, Clark Siebels **Finance Committee:** Steve Ziegler, Noah Shenk

Church office hours are: Tues. – Fri. 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

DUE TO COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS, ALL CHURCH GATHERINGS ARE SUSPENDED FOLLOWING GUIDANCE FROM THE CDC.

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Today, Sun., Apr. 5 – Palm Sunday Worship Service Coffee Connect at 10 a.m. & Worship Service at 10:40 a.m.*
- ❖ *Thur., Apr. 9 – Passover begins*
- ❖ *Fri., Apr. 10 – Good Friday*
- ❖ *Sun., Apr. 12 – 10:40 a.m. Easter Sunday Virtual Worship Service*

-- Announcements --

VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE information

Warwick River Mennonite Church has begun hosting *virtual* Sunday Worship Services. Join us on Palm Sunday which begins with Coffee Connect at 10 a.m. & Worship Service at 10:40 a.m. There are several options to participate:

- 1.If you are connecting by landline phone:** dial 646-558-8656. When operator prompts you to dial a meeting ID number, enter 533 833 160.
- 2.If you are connecting by smart phone:** follow directions above **OR** download the ZOOM App then enter the meeting ID number 533 833 160
- 3.If you are connecting by computer:** open the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/533833160>. *Please note - If you haven't used Zoom before on your computer or smart phone, it may prompt you to download Zoom. Follow the prompts to download. Once Zoom is downloaded, it will automatically connect you to the Zoom call.
- 4.If you are connecting by Facebook:** open the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/Warwick-River-Mennonite-Church-118022671548152/>

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to our Mackenzie Butler (740-868-0016) or Don Brunk (610-787-0823).

They will do their very best to assist you.

Join us for a meaningful Palm Sunday celebration.

THRIVE

Thrive is remaining fully operational, serving families with emergency food and rent and utility assistance. Since the outbreak, we have witnessed a severe spike in requests for food assistance. As other pantries are forced to temporarily close, families are turning to pantries like ours for emergency food and we are rising to meet the need.

FOOD - Currently, our biggest need is food so we can keep our pantry stocked. Please consider donating some of the following items that are getting critically low: Jelly, Mashed Potatoes, Soup, Crackers, Ravioli, Cereal, Oatmeal, Black-eyed peas, Mixed vegetables.

THRIVE Donations can be made Monday - Thursday 10am - 5pm at the Thrive office: [13195 Warwick Blvd, Unit 2C, Newport News](#). Please pull around back and call them when you've arrived: 757-877-6211 x2. Thrive will unload from your vehicle.

URGENT:

If there is anyone in the congregation who needs help getting groceries or running errands during the coronavirus situation, please phone the church office (757-874-0794) or Pastor John (757-272-3154). We have a number of people who have volunteered to run errands or go grocery shopping.

March 29, 2020

WRMC Virtual Worship Service

-- FY 2020 Offering Report --

(Due to Covid-19 Pandemic, Worship Services were cancelled Mar. 15 & 22)

Virtual Worship Service attendance: ___; Offering: \$6,805.00

Special note: all offering monies were received via mail.

FY Budget collected YTD (Dec. 1, 2019-Mar. 29, 2020) = \$45,609.49

FY Budget Need [Dec. 1, 2019-Nov. 30, 2020] = \$208,000.00



Building News Corner:

-- This Week's Building Fund Update --

03/08/2020 Building Fund Balance	\$1,469,770.38
03/08/2020 Noisy Offering	67.78
<u>03/29/2020 Wed. Evening Meals for Bldg Fund</u>	<u>52.50</u>
<u>03/29/2020 Building Fund Balance to date</u>	<u>\$1,469,890.66</u>

