

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please visit our church website at www.sycamorechurch.org for more information on our ministries, special events, and Bible Studies. You are also welcome to visit our Café located across from the Sanctuary to explore the many opportunities available at SPC, and feel free to use the contact information listed.

ADULT MINISTRIES

Dr. Timothy McQuade (tmcquade@sycamorechurch.org)

Dr. McQuade's Classes - 9:00 and 11:00 a.m in the Media Center *Leap Through Lent.*

The Study of Job - Sundays at 8:30 a.m. in Room 120. For more information, contact Randy Gross at 683-6709.

FAMILY MINISTRIES

Rebecca Behbehani (rbehbehani@sycamorechurch.org)

The March 3 **Date Night** has been rescheduled to **Saturday, April 14**. Details are coming soon! Thank you.

Children's Ministries (Infant through Grade 5)

Jan Ferris (jferris@sycamorechurch.org)

NOTE: children (PS-K) attending *Structured Childcare* in Room 116 following the Children's Message at 10:00 a.m., must have a **nametag** *located in friendship pads. Please adhere tag to the front of your child's clothing. Include first name, last name, and grade. *Thank you!*

Vacation Bible School – (June 25-29) – Many needs for leaders! Sign up by going to the church webpage under “Children's Ministries” or look for the hardcopy signup in the Family Room on the clipboards. We need you **now**, so we know how many kids we can serve **later**. Registration for Congregational Members begins April 15.

Student Ministries (Grades 6 through 12)

Drew Hood (dhood@sycamorechurch.org)

Middle School - Confirmand Lunch - has been rescheduled - The new date will be announced at a later time. Thank you!

March 25 - TODAY - Discipleship Sunday; lunch after church at 11:00 a.m. then out to play Laser Tag. Return to church for games, activities, and bible study. Plan on an 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - no Quest; Cost is \$10, and signup genius will be going out next week.

High School - Summer Mission Trip - June 10-15, Atlanta Georgia! \$350 for the first student, \$300 for the second (\$250 for the third if that applies for anyone). Details coming soon. Signups will be through Signup genius; cut off is March 30.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY - The Deacon Committee of SPC in partnership with the Kevin C. Barnhill Memorial Scholarship Fund offers four \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors active in SPC and Student Ministries. Students interested in applying may pick up an application from the Family Room or church office or may request an electronic copy by emailing Drew Hood or Wendy Grethel (wgrethel@sycamorechurch.org). For more information, please contact Wendy Grethel at 513-683-0254.



Join us for Holy Week Services:

Maundy Thursday: 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary - Dr. McQuade

Good Friday: 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary - Drew Hood

Easter Sunday: 9:00 and 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary - Dr. Kent

CURRENT CHURCH EVENTS

FLOWER CROSS - On Easter Sunday, we invite you to be part of the “Flowering of the Easter Cross.” As you prepare for Easter worship, pick up some fresh flowers from your garden, yard, or local florist shop, and bring them to church to add to the cross; eventually the cross -- a symbol of death, darkness, pain, and hopelessness -- will be transformed into something alive and beautiful in celebration of the Resurrection of Christ.

GRIEF SHARE - March 28, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Media Center. This week's video topic, “*Journey of Grief, Part I.*” **Contact:** Susie Shaw (jsa_shaw@yahoo.com).

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING - join with Presbyterians worldwide this Lenten season in helping our neighbors in need around the world. Envelopes will be in the pews March 25 and April 1. You may also give online at presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs or text OGHS to 20222 to give \$10. Thank you.

MEN OF SYCAMORE - MARK YOUR CALENDARS to see another impactful movie: *Paul, Apostle of Christ*. Join us at 11:15 a.m. on **Tuesday, March 27**, at the Rave 16 Motion Pictures Theatre in Milford. The movie will be followed by a group luncheon for those of you who are interested. Sign up in the Café today. **Contact:** Richard_L_Rogers@yahoo.com or 513-7137140.

SINGLES - Join us for dinner at Smokey Bones in West Chester, Friday, April 6, at 6:00 p.m. RSVP to Rena Taylor (984-1272 or tchrofnote@fuse.net) by Thursday, April 5.

PUB THEOLOGY - Thursday, April 12, 7:00 p.m. at the Casual Pint in Loveland. Come and join the conversation. For more information, contact the church office at 513-683-0254.

WOMEN'S COOKING CLASS - Melissa Wharton is once again offering one of her amazing cooking classes to be held in the church kitchen on April 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The fee is \$12.00 payable the day of class. Sign up in the Café. Space is limited, so do not wait!

SPC OUTREACH – the Team will be available in the Café to help SPC families sign up for the congregational wide SPC Outreach Day on Saturday, **April 21, 2018**. You may also sign up at the SPC Outreach Day page on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/sycamorepc/>. This week's “Spread the Joy” challenges are listed in the Weekly BLAST; choose the one that appeals to you, and *Spread the Joy!*



The Red Rose on the table today is in honor of the birth of Nolan Robert Johnston (3/15/18), son of Seth and Angie Johnston, grandson of Rob and Wendy Johnston, and baby brother to Emma and Gracie. Congratulations!



The flowers in the Sanctuary today were given by Bob and Sandy Fielman in celebration of their Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations!

Flowers were also given by Tony and Nancye Rascov in loving memory of Tony's parents, Anthony and Viola Rascov.

SERMON FOR EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2018

****SERVICES AT 9:00 AND 11:00 AM**

Giving It Up: A Lenten Sermon Series

7) “Giving Up Death”

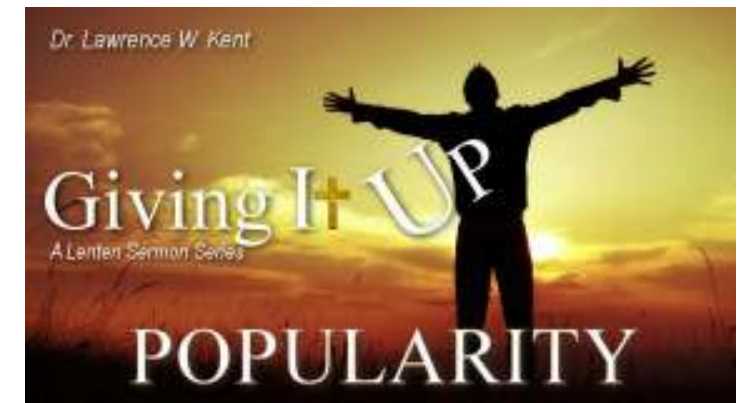
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SYCAMORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Called to be an inviting community where
God is glorified, lives are lifted,
and Christ's spirit of fellowship awaits.*

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

March 25, 2018 **10:00 a.m.**

**Indicates those able please stand.*

As a courtesy to others in worship, please turn off all cell phones.

****Please help create space to welcome fellow Christians in being seated.**

****Please sign the Friendship Pad, and pass it to those in your pew.**

~ WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME ~

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Larry Kent

MINUTE FOR MISSION Vacation Bible School

PRESENTATION OF LENTEN SYMBOLS Carol Abbott

PRELUDE McDonald
"Crown Him Lord of All"
Sujin Kim, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP Tim McQuade

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

People: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Leader: Lo, your King comes to you;

People: Triumphant and victorious is He,

Leader: Humble and riding on a donkey,

People: On a colt, the foal of a donkey.

ALL: Let us worship our King who comes!

*HYMN 88 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
(Procession: Chancel Choir)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ You entered Jerusalem to die for our sins. We confess we have not hailed You as King, or gone on before You in the world with praise. For brief faith that fades in trouble, for enthusiasms that fizzle out, for hopes we parade but do not pursue, have mercy on us. Forgive us, God, and give us such trust in Your power that, in every city, we may live for justice and tell of Your loving kindness; for the sake of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Moment for Silent Confession)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: "I even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more," says the Lord. (Isaiah 43:25) Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

~ WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD ~

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 21: 1-11
Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Drew Hood
****Remember name tags (in Friendship Pads) for children attending structured childcare.**

ANTHEM Lloyd Larson
"Ain't No Rock Gonna' Shout for Me"
Chancel Choir; Sujin Kim, Director

SERMON "Giving It Up"
6) Giving Up Popularity
Larry Kent

~ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ~

*HYMN 89 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Presbyterian Hymnal

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(Apostle's Creed)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY J. Martin
"Hosanna, Hosanna!"
Chancel Choir; Sujin Kim, piano

~ THE SENDING ~

*HYMN 91 "Ride On, Ride On Majesty" Presbyterian Hymnal

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE McDonald
"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"
Sujin Kim, organ


SERMON REFLECTION

- ◆ What do you see as the biggest risk Jesus is taking by going into Jerusalem during this pivotal Jewish Passover?
- ◆ How do you see Jesus as being different from what the crowds expected and longed for?
- ◆ For me, the biggest downfall of seeking to be popular is _____

WELCOME FRIENDS!

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE - Large print editions of *The Presbyterian Hymnal* are available at the back of the Sanctuary. Please ask an usher for assistance.

MEDICAL RESPONSE TEAM - available on Sundays - back of Sanctuary.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING - Our sanctuary is equipped with TeleCoil assistive listening loops. Simply turn on your T-Coil equipped hearing aid to connect. In addition, battery operated receivers and ear devices are available. Please ask an usher for assistance. 

GUEST INFORMATION is available at the Welcome Center in the Café. For additional information, call the church office at 683-0254 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER: Prayer Request Cards are available in the pews; complete and place them in the offering plate; or, email vbarnett@sycamorechurch.org

DEDICATED EDUCATION HOUR is at 9:00 a.m. EVERYONE, infant through adult, is encouraged and welcome to participate.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES - We offer childcare in the nursery for infants and toddlers through 2 years of age beginning at 9:45 a.m. Each Sunday we offer a children's message during the service followed by *Structured Childcare* in Rm. 116 for children in PS-K. Faithful adult leaders lead the children to Room 116, and parents pick them up immediately following worship.

STUDENT MINISTRIES - (6th - 12th grades) - Student Ministries welcomes students to participate in our activities. Calendars are available on the Family Ministries clipboards in the Family Room.

ADULT MINISTRIES - Please check the Adult Ministry display in the Café for class times/locations and other programs, or simply sign up for more information.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES - Our next class is scheduled for **April 28, 2018**. For more information or to sign up, call the church office (683-0254) or visit us online at www.sycamorechurch.org.

THE FLOWER CHART is located in the Café with detailed instructions on how to order. The cost of Sanctuary flowers is \$50, which is due Tuesday prior to the requested date.

THE DEACONS OF THE MONTH for April are Kit Beard (530-0675) and Debbie Fisher (793-1833).

****If you brought a prayer need with you today, you are invited to remain in your seat, or come to the front row (pulpit side) following the service, and a member of our prayer support team will come to you. Our prayer partners this day are Jeanne Oughterson and Joyce Drake.**

