

**Welcome to Penn Wynne Presbyterian Church
130 Haverford Road
Wynnewood, PA19096**



**Third Sunday in Lent
First Lesson: Isaiah 55: 1-9
Second Lesson: Luke 15: 10-17
Sermon: Straightened Out
March 23, 2025**

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship**

LEADER: Come, people of God, to know again who you are, return to the One who gives you life.

PEOPLE: We come as children of God, longing for a closer walk with our Creator.

LEADER: Come, all who are thirsty for living water. Open yourselves to the One who supplies it.

PEOPLE: We would drink this day from the spiritual depths, seeking to know and experience life's meaning.

LEADER: Gather as people of faith, embracing renewal, eager for reconciliation with God and humankind.

PEOPLE: We have assembled to hear for ourselves the good news Christ brings to all people.

ALL: We will worship with enthusiastic expectation, anticipating salvation in our lives and relationships.

***Opening Song:** *"Sanctuary"*

Responsive Reading Psalm 63: 1-8

¹You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

²**I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.**

³Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

⁴**I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.**

⁵I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my

mouth will praise you.

⁶On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night.

⁷Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings.

⁸I cling to you; your right hand upholds me.

***Song of Confession “Touch the Sky”**

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Confession Reprise

First Lesson: *Isaiah 55: 1-9*

55 “Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. ²Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. ³Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. ⁴See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples. ⁵Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor.” ⁶Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. ⁷Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their

thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. ⁸ “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. ⁹ “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Second Lesson: *Luke 15: 10-17*

¹⁰ On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, ¹¹ and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, “Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.” ¹³ Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. ¹⁴ Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, “There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath.” ¹⁵ The Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Doesn’t each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? ¹⁶ Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?” ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

Children’s Sermon:

Blessing Osazuwa

Sermon: “Straightened Out”

Heather Cronan

***Song of Praise** *“We Fall Down”*

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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.

Sharing of the Peace

Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer and 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.

Offering

***Doxology** (Hymn #625)

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

***Closing Song:** "Christ the Solid Rock"

***Benediction**

***Song Reprise**

**Congregation is invited to stand.*

Today's preacher is: **Heather Cronan**

Heather holds multiple positions at Penn Wynne Presbyterian Church including Church Administrator, Ruling Elder and Lay Minister. Heather sits on the Outreach and Finance Committees and is the chair of the Property Committee. She is a graduate of the Lutheran Theological Seminary's Urban Theological Institute and holds a certification in Christian Ministry. Heather lives in Lansdowne, Pennsylvania with her husband, adult daughter and a menagerie of animals.

NEXT SUNDAY'S TEAM (March 30th):

Preacher – Rev. LoisAnn Furgess-Oler

Worship Assistant – Amy Sprenkle

Audio/Visual -- Judy Maurer

Coffee Hour:

Opening the Building –

Weekly Announcements:

Heather will be on vacation beginning Monday, March 24th returning on Monday, March 31st. If you need to reach the church office for an emergency, please contact Blessing.

Weekly Prayer Group

We will be starting a weekly, virtual prayer group in May! With everything that is going on in the world and in our lives, this will be a great way to continue supporting one another throughout the week. If you are interested, please reach out to Blessing.

Saturday, March 29th, 2pm at the church -- Lenten Book Study: Our weekly Lenten Book Series, *Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life*. If you are interested in participating, we are asking that folks purchase their own copies. If there is any hardship, please reach out to Heather.

Outreach Project -- Family Promise of the Main Line

Our friends at St. Mary's Episcopal Church of Ardmore are hosting families in their rectory during the week of March 30th. PWPC is signed up to provide help on Monday, March 31st. **Darlene Mandarino is in charge of the meal, so if you would like to help with it, please reach out to her at damandarino@yahoo.com. If you would like to help out with dinner hosting on the 31st, or want additional information, contact Blessing.**

Saturday, April 5th, 11am-1pm at the church -- Fellowship Brunch: All are invited to our third fellowship brunch! This event will take place monthly and is a great opportunity for us to stay connected! Please use the SignUp Genius, emailed in our weekly newsletter, to RSVP. Also, please indicate what you will bring in the "comment" section of the sign up so we don't have any duplicates. You can also refer back to the link to see what others are already bringing. Thank you!

Lenten Supper

We will be hosting our annual Lenten Supper on Friday, April 11th at 6:30pm downstairs! Please sign up to bring a soup or bread dish. Remember to indicate what you will be bringing in the "comment" section.

Annual Egg Hunt

We are excited to announce that our annual Easter egg hunt will take place on Saturday, April 12th at 12pm on our front lawn! There will be egg hunting (of course), golden egg prizes, lawn games, and raffles. We will be collecting (non-chocolate) candy for the event (just because chocolate melts). If you're interested in donating candy for the egg hunt, please place it in the back of the sanctuary on Sunday(s) or reach out to Heather.



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Hello PWPS Parents & Little Singers!

Easter morning is going to be extra special this year, and we need YOUR preschooler's voice to help celebrate! 🌸 🎵

We are still looking for children to join—we'd love to have a choir of **at least 5 little singers to begin** (right now, we have 2)!

Join our Children's Choir as we prepare to sing our hearts out on Easter Sunday! Led by the amazing Frank Coates (aka Mr. Boom Boom), our fun and energetic Music Director, your little one will learn joyful songs, make new friends, and shine on stage during our Easter service!

🌟 **Rehearsals Begin:** Tuesday, March 25th at 6:00 PM

🌸 **Where:** Penn Wynne Presbyterian Church sanctuary

🎤 **Easter Sunday Service:** April 20th at 10 AM

No experience needed—just a love for singing, wiggling, and worshipping!



We can't wait to see your little star join the fun! 🌟



Holy Week **SCHEDULE**



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Palm Sunday Service	Sun., April 13th at 9:30am
Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service	Thu., April 17th at 7pm
Annual Easter Breakfast	Sun., April 20th at 8:30am
Easter Sunday Service	Sun., April 20th at 10am

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We welcome all visitors to our service today. We are delighted to have you. Penn Wynne is a loving and inclusive congregation. We welcome people from all backgrounds and all nations. We are committed to seeking justice in the world and in our nation, to caring for the poor and advocating on behalf of the powerless. Our congregation includes people from many different backgrounds, people in 12 step recovery as well as members of the LGBTQIA community. We are both a neighborhood church and a gathered congregation. Wherever you come from and whoever you are—you are welcome here!

Love,

The Session of Penn Wynne Presbyterian Church

Penn Wynne's Mission Statement

We are loving Christians who welcome all of God's children as they are. We serve our neighbors with kindness and compassion. We are an inclusive congregation that strives for justice. We each seek to nurture our own faith and the faith of others in God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

At Penn Wynne, we: Demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ, Welcome and support LGBTQ+ people, Welcome and support people of all races and nations, Welcome and support people who are suffering, Educate ourselves and others about anti-racism, environmental justice, and other social justice issues, and Support initiatives working to make this a better world for all.

We serve by: Educating children and adults, and Providing space for community programs (for example, 12-step programs and Girl Scouts).



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