

APRIL 2022

# OAKNOTES



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Beloved in Christ,

How does one capture the essence of Jesus? We could describe his various roles: teacher, preacher, healer as well as prophet, priest and king. Or we could share stories from his life. One historic way to experience Jesus is to participate in Holy Week worship. Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter are four days that tell much of the story and significance of Jesus.

### Worship at OPC

*Palm Sunday* – April 10, - 11:00 a.m. commemorates Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem to the shouts of “Hosanna” and the waving of palms that celebrated Jesus as king.

*Maundy Thursday*, April 14 – 7:00 p.m. focuses on Jesus’ examples of service and, like the disciples that night, we will receive the Lord’s Supper. The message will be “Love In-Deed”.

[Good Friday, April 15 – 8:00 p.m.](#) is a dramatic service of shadows, darkness, Scripture and music that enables participants to reflect deeply on the events of Christ’s last week leading to the crucifixion. Led by the Chancel Choir and Lay Readers, with an instrumental ensemble.

*Easter*, April 17 – 11:00 a.m. is a joyous celebration of Jesus’ resurrection including Scripture, choir anthems and hymns of praise. The message will be “Lost and Found” which will be a reflection on Mary’s Easter morning experience. Easter is the high point of the church’s worship life.

### Community Worship

*Good Friday* – Noon at the Longwood ballroom. This worship service is led by the Verona-Oakmont Ministerium. As the host church this year, OPC has organized the community worship service as a series of reflections about Jesus’ death on the cross.

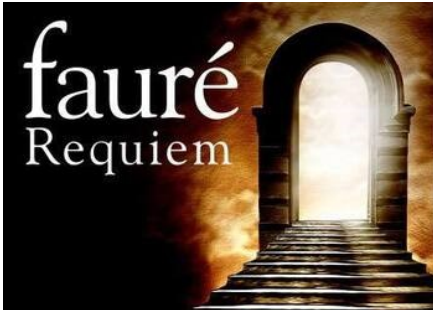
*Easter Sunrise* – 7:00 a.m. at the Oakmont Country Club. This worship service is led by the Verona-Oakmont Ministerium and is hosted this year by the Riverside Church.

The drama of Holy Week is the Good News of Jesus. I hope you will plan to be part of worship on these four special days in April.

Grace to you, and

Peace,

*Steve*



After a two-year pandemic hiatus, the **37th Annual Sponsorship Concert at Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church** will finally take place, and members of OPC's Chancel Choir will once again join the Fox Chapel Festival Chorus!

The program is the same as the one planned for March of 2020, including the beloved Requiem and Cantique de Jean Racine of Gabriel Fauré and more. The concert takes place **on Sunday, April 3rd at 4:00 pm**, is free of charge, and will include a reception in the church's Atrium. Once again, the Fox Chapel Festival Chorus is joined with The Academy Chamber Orchestra and organist David Billings under the direction of conductor Guy Russo. *Masks are optional.*

**Men's Breakfast & Speaker, Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am** in the Dining Room. The speaker will be John Hackworth. John's topic will be *The Greatest American of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.*



**Presbyterian Women's Circle will meet Wednesday, April 6 at 1:30 pm in the Lona McCrea Room.** They continue their study *Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus*. Lesson 7: Mary tells the account of a young girl in danger of complete disgrace who has the courage to say yes to God. If you would like to attend, please contact Margie King at 412-828-5844.



### **OAKMONT PREBYTERIAN CHURCH - FOB REQUEST POLICY**

To complete the keyless building entry system will require all key locks on external doors to be removed on **April 4, 2022**. As a result, a keyless FOB will be necessary to enter the building after hours. If you feel it is necessary to obtain a FOB, please review the criteria below. Should your situation meet these criteria a request form will be available in the church office by the church secretary (Mon-Fri 9:00 am-2:00 pm). Each request will be reviewed by OPC Session Property Committee for authorization prior to FOB's being issued. Upon departure from church or no longer matching FOB criteria, the FOB is to be returned within 30 days. The new system was installed to improve the security for all at OPC.

#### **CRITERIA:**

- All OPC Staff members, Session Committee Chairpersons, Trustee Officers and Deacon Moderator are to have a FOB once requested. FOB to be returned upon end of those responsibilities.
- Necessary OPC member entry should be at minimum of twice per month on average, which needs to be listed on FOB request form. If not, entry times can be programmed in by the church secretary upon request negating a need for a FOB.
- All external groups meeting at the church ARE NOT to have FOBS as their meetings are routine and should request entry times to be programmed at minimum once per week prior to the event unless an ongoing routine meeting which can be programmed as requested.
- All FOB requests must be made by a signed form available at our church office (Mon-Fri 9:00 am-2:00 pm) and will require approval from the OPC Session Property Committee.



We celebrate today, the arrival of **new Robes and Liturgical Stoles** for the Chancel Choir. These come to OPC, and the choir, as a generous gift from Sally Huber-Lewis with final costs covered by Shannon and Jack Meyers. Robes help remind us of our unity, our oneness in service. They take away the individual singer and attention to one's clothing and bring us into a unified look, just as our music is meant to be unified as one voice. The new Liturgical Stoles will help us as we mark time in the seasons of the Liturgical Year. We are most grateful for these gifts and *we dedicate them to the Glory of God.*



## **RECOVERY GROUP MEETINGS**

### **AAs**

Mondays at Noon  
Multi-Purpose Room

Saturdays at 8:30 pm  
Dining Room

### **Women's AAs**

Wednesday at 10:00 am  
Dining Room

### **NAs**

Thursdays at 8:00 pm  
Dining Room

## **EYE GLASS COLLECTION**

The Lions Clubs collect used eyeglasses and deliver them to regional Recycling Centers where they are cleaned, sorted by prescription strength and packaged. Most are distributed to people in need in developing countries where they will have the greatest impact. The Lions Clubs accept prescription and reading glasses, sunglasses and plastic and metal frames. Children's glasses are especially needed. For your convenience, there is a drop box located in the church office.



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### **April 3 – Fourth Sunday in Lent**

- 9:30 AM Adult Education Coffee & Conversation  
w/Steve Crocco *A Christian Approach to Party Politics* (Multi-Purpose Room)  
9:30 AM Elementary Sunday School (grades 3-8) (2nd Floor)  
11:00 AM Children during worship (PreK-2nd grade)  
Youth Gathering (Grades 6-12)

### **April 10 – Palm Sunday**

- 9:30 AM Adult Education Coffee & Conversation  
w/Steve Crocco *A Christian Approach to Party Politics* (Multi-Purpose Room)  
9:30 AM Elementary Sunday School (grades 3-8) (2nd Floor)  
11:00 AM Children during worship (PreK-2nd grade)  
12:00 PM Youth Gathering (Grades 6-12)

### **April 17 – Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday**

- No Sunday School  
11:00 AM Children during worship (PreK-2nd grade)

### **April 24 – 2nd Sunday of Easter**

- 9:30 AM Adult Education Coffee & Conversation  
w/Jim Davis on *The Trinity* (Multi-Purpose Room)  
9:30 AM Elementary Sunday School (grades 3-8) (2nd Floor)  
11:00 AM Children during worship (PreK-2nd grade)  
12:00 PM Youth Gathering (Grades 6-12)

### OPC STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Wilson	Senior Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Stephen Crocco	Associate Pastor
Michael P. Frank, III	Director of Music Ministries/Organist
Ronnie Bailey	Education Director for Children and Youth
Maureen Stecik	Program Staff Assistant
Buster Harper	Custodian
Tracy Messenger	Financial Secretary of Accounting
Marge Kuhn	Financial Secretary of Contributions
Roberta Erickson	Handbell Choir Director
Ron Burkert	AV Team Coordinator

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**Your OPC Family Cares About You!** Because there are times when you are ill, in the hospital or in emotional need and we don't know about it, please remember to contact the church office (412.828.5770) or a staff member ([mstecik@oakmontpresby.org](mailto:mstecik@oakmontpresby.org)) so we may support you in your time of need. You are loved!

**Prayer Requests - Members of our church will pray for you and anyone in need. Please send prayer requests to: [prayers@oakmontpresby.org](mailto:prayers@oakmontpresby.org) or contact Carol Heimerich at 412-242-1028.**

## YOUTH & CHILDREN'S CORNER

I am always so encouraged by how devoted all of our OPC kids are to their faith. Church isn't something they go to and leave after the service; Church is something they take with them wherever they go. They wrestle with God, ask the hard questions, and commit their lives to learning more and more about the goodness of our Savior.

Over my years in children and youth ministry, I've heard a lot of opinions about why young people aren't coming to church, why they aren't spiritual, etc. I think a lot of it comes down to the lack of genuineness of the relationships they experience while in church. I'm so happy to know that at OPC all of our kids have an opposite experience. Kids of all ages feel loved and safe here. And I truly believe that every kid that walks through these church doors, whether one time or many times, will not be just another statistic of young people not returning to church.

We care for them, mentor them, and disciple them. We all take part in modeling what Spiritual life looks like and why we choose to cling to Jesus above all else. We are raising the next generation of leaders who have fire in their bones about this Gospel. They are always watching and learning. This can be hard and messy work, but so worth it. I am thankful to serve with you all.



## OPC FILM SERIES SCREENINGS

You are invited to join us for the Oakmont Film Discussion Series every other Friday evening at **7:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room, lower level**. Everyone is welcome: family, friends, and any one who needs a hug, or come for Christian fellowship! Admission is FREE ! Don't forget to stay after the film for a wonderful and inspiring discussion.

*APR 1 - Art of Racing in the Rain*  
*APR 22 - Richard Jewell*

## We're Here to Help

Are you or someone you know struggling with emotional, relational, or spiritual pain? **Samaritan Counseling, Guidance, Consulting** offers compassionate, spiritually integrated care that helps you heal, gives you hope, and allows you to change. Licensed and highly skilled, Samaritan therapists are people of faith who are driven by their passion to help others.

Samaritan offers telehealth and in-person counseling, complying with COVID mitigation guidelines. We accept most major insurances and offer aid to those who qualify. Samaritan welcomes all people without discriminating on any basis. You can make appointments on a weekday, evening, or Saturday.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 4th SUNDAY IN LENT 9:30 AM Coffee & Conversation (MPR) 9:30 AM Elementary Sunday School 10:00 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (SANC) 11:00 AM WORSHIP (SANC) / Time with Children (Pre-K-2nd grade) and LIVESTREAM	28 12:00 PM AA's (MPR) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #854 (MPR) 7:15 PM JUBELLation Ringers (SANC)	29 4:30 PM Children's Choir (Children's Choir Rm - Lower Level)	30 10:00 AM Women's AA (DR)	31 4:45 PM Cherub Choir (Lower Level) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (SANC) 8:00 PM NA's (DR)	1 7:00 PM OPC Film Series (MPR)	2 10:00 AM Holy Ground Ministry Team (MPR) 10:30 AM B. Bagamery Memorial Service 10:30 AM B. Bagamery Visitation (FH) 3:00 PM Gibbon/Falluca Wedding (Sanc) 8:30 PM AA's (DR)
3 5th SUNDAY IN LENT 9:30 AM Coffee & Conversation (MPR) 9:30 AM Elementary Sunday School 11:00 AM WORSHIP & COMMUNION (SANC) / Time with Children (Pre-K-2nd grade) and LIVESTREAM	4 12:00 PM AA's (MPR) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #854 (MPR) 7:15 PM JUBELLation Ringers (Choir Room)	5 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast & Speaker 12:00 PM Staff 4:30 PM Children's Choir (Children's Choir Rm - Lower Level 6:00 PM Oakmont Lion's Club Dinner & Meeting (DR & MPR) 7:00 PM Session (FH)	6 10:00 AM Women's AA (DR) 1:30 PM PW Circle Meeting (LMR)	7 4:45 PM Cherub Choir (Lower Level) 6:00 PM Easter Brass Rehearsal (SANC) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (SANC) 8:00 PM NA's (DR)	8 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON GOOD FRIDAY 7:40 PM PRELUDE FOR GOOD FRIDAY (organ)	9 8:30 PM AA's (DR)
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## LENT / HOLY WEEK / EASTER 2022

**Lent is a season of 40 days** in which we give God our permission to work in us. That can happen at any time of the year, but, in Lent, the church makes a concentrated effort. Group energy is generated when spiritual kin are making the same journey in an environment of openness to God. What the benefit will be is really an unknown part of the Lenten journey...except for what we see in Scripture - people in Jesus' presence were often changed for the good: accepted, healed, reconciled, course-corrected - in a word, transformed.

### **PALM SUNDAY – April 10 at 11:00 am**

Steve Crocco, preaching  
Palm Sunday Processional led by Children of OPC  
Distribution of Palm Crosses

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 14 at 7:00 pm**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated  
Steve Wilson, preaching, *Love In-deed*  
Ministry of Music: Chancel Choir

### **GOOD FRIDAY – April 15 at 8:00 pm**

7:40 pm - *Prelude for Good Friday* (organ)

8:00 pm - *Service of Tenebrae*

A dramatic service of shadows, darkness, scripture and music  
that enables participants to reflect deeply on the events of Christ's  
last week leading to the crucifixion.

Led by the Chancel Choir and Lay Readers, with instrumental ensemble

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Festival of the Resurrection of The Lord

Steve Wilson, preaching

Ministry of Music:

Chancel Choir, Hillsdale Brass, percussion and organ

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