

# PLYMOUTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**Sunday School: 9:15 AM Worship: 10:30 AM**



**April 2019**



Easter joy is the kind of joy that comes after sorrow or struggle. It is not joy standing alone as a single experience, but rather a joy set in the context of the many emotions and challenges of life. More specifically, Easter connects the greatest joy and greatest mystery of our faith, to the tomb and an experience of death. Matthew, Mark and Luke all report that the women arrived at the tomb at dawn as the sun was rising. But John's gospel says they arrived while it was still dark. John never reports anything about the sun rise. It is as if the events at the tomb, in which Jesus is first found missing, and then through which Jesus was encountered, were like the sun rising in the hearts of those early followers.

My hope for this Easter Sunday (April 21) is that we can relive some of the moments of our own faith from dawn to alleluia, and that we can make the connections between the awe of resurrection and our own lives. Whether that relates to someone we have known and loved, or to something more spiritual, or a hope in the midst of disappointment, maybe overcoming an obstacle, we will find ways to live in the joy of faith.

Our worship service will feature music by the choir, other instrumental offerings, as well as a few surprises. Plan to linger after worship just a bit for an egg or two, and hopefully a connection with someone else who shares your desire for hope and joy in the midst of all that life involves these days.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Grace and Peace,  
David Hutchinson



## April Lectionary Readings

### April 7 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126;  
Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

### April 14 - Palm Sunday

*Liturgy of the Palms*  
Luke 19:28-40; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29;  
*Liturgy of the Passion*  
Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;  
Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-56 or  
Luke 23:1-49

### April 18 – Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10)11-14;  
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26;  
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

### April 19 – Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22;  
Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9;  
John 18:1-19:42

### April 21 – Easter

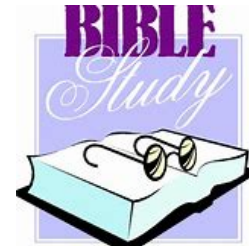
Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25;  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or  
Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

### April 28 – Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150;  
Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31



**The deadline for the May newsletter is April 19.** Please submit your articles and/or information to [beckyfrazier35@yahoo.com](mailto:beckyfrazier35@yahoo.com)



## Sunday Morning Bible Study

These Sunday morning classes study the Biblical texts for preaching and worship. Called the "lectionary" these readings are found online, in the column to the left, or you can call the church office and ask. Participation is intended to prepare one more fully for worship that morning. No special background is necessary, just the desire to learn and discuss. The class is led by pastor Hutchinson and elder Linda Dunn.

### Schedule:

Sunday April 7

NO class on April 14 or 21 (Palm Sunday and Easter)

Class meets April 28 & May 5

May 5 will be the last class for the summer, and will resume in September  
Meets in the library



## Monday Night Study Group

### Goff and Lindvall books

On April 1 and 8 Monday study group concludes our look at books by Bob Goff and Michael Lindvall. This has been an inspirational class, enjoyed by all who attended. If you were not able to be there, you might want to either purchase the books or borrow them and read them on your own. You won't be sorry



## Monday Night Study Group, part 2

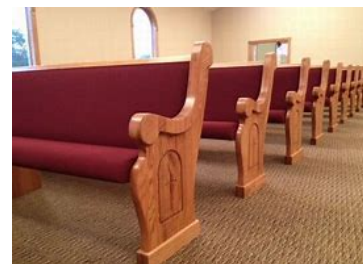
Beginning on **April 29**, Monday study group will read through the prophetic books. The prophets have long been key figures providing comfort and challenge. Their strong words have emphasized justice and devotion in our faith walk.

The class is led by Pastor David and all are welcome and encouraged to bring a snack to share (though it is not required). Class meets from **6:30-7:30 pm** in the social hall at church. A study guide is available from the pastor for \$6. Biblical material is as follows:

- April 29 - Prophetic calls
- May 6 - Amos and Micah
- May 13 - Isaiah of Jerusalem (1<sup>st</sup> Isaiah)
- May 20 - Hosea and Jeremiah
- BREAK - NO class May 27 (Memorial Day)
- June 3 - Ezekiel and Second Isaiah
- June 10 - Jonah and Third Isaiah - LAST CLASS for the summer



Claudia Eagle	April 3
Nancy Moebs	April 4
Shirley Griffin	April 5
Harold Scudder	April 12
Harold Atkinson	April 13
David Hutchinson	April 13
IdaMae Larsen	April 13
Angie Meres	April 17
Gary Dinsmore	April 26
Devon Gunn	April 27
Wendy Wells	April 27



### February 2019 Income and Expense

	February 2019	YTD 2019
Income	\$5,858.97	\$17,031.27
Expense	\$8,710.38	\$18,855.11
Net Gain/ Loss	(\$2,851.41)	(\$1,823.84)

### Attendance

February 17	33
February 24	35
March 3	36
March 10	29
March 17	28
March 17	21
(Alaska program)	



**PRISCILLA CIRCLE  
ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON - 2019**

Wednesday, **APRIL 24<sup>th</sup>**, will be the Annual Spring Luncheon for Priscilla Circle at **noon** in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a favorite salad to share.....Carol and Helen will have the tables set and ready to go.

**We will be the program!** Be prepared to show or tell about a favorite hobby **or special interest** in a 5 minute presentation (if you are interested in sharing).

This is always a nice way to begin Spring at Plymouth Church so plan to come. Please RSVP to Carol Jones or Helen Purkerson by April 22.



We will be holding a short congregational meeting on **May 5 after worship** to elect new deacons and elders for the coming year. These will be our new leaders. Please come and make your voice heard.



**Maundy Thursday, April 18**

A half hour worship service will be held on April 18 at 6 pm. The service will center on the texts that begin with the last supper and move toward Jesus' death on the cross. A light meal will follow, prepared by the worship committee.

Worship at 6 p.m.

Meal at 6:30 p.m.

Concludes by 7:15 p.m.



**Good Friday, April 19**

St. Helens community churches will gather at **noon** to remember Jesus' last day on earth, and share worship together. Service features readings and music. Lunch to follow.

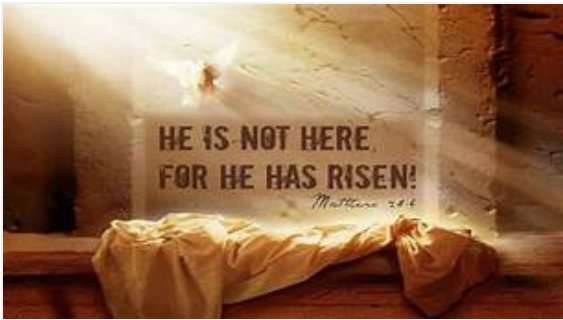
This year's location:

The Christian Church of St Helens,  
located near the Police station.  
Church phone: 503-397-2151



### **Palm Sunday, April 14**

Please join us for Palm Sunday, April 14, when we will joyously wave our palms in anticipation of the arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem. The choir will be singing which is always special.



### **Easter. April 21**

The choir will sing a second time in April, as they sing the good news of Jesus' rising from the grave. Put on your Easter bonnet (or not) and come join us and we welcome the good news.



### **Easter Brunch**

We will hold our traditional Easter brunch following services. Please bring deviled eggs, fruit, and pastry to share. And, of course plan to stay and enjoy this time of fellowship.



April Fools' Day has been celebrated for several centuries by different cultures, but its exact origins remain unclear. Some believe it dates back to 1582 when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar. Because of the switch, the start of the new year was moved to January 1. Those people who were slow to get the news continued to celebrate it the last week of March through the first of April, and became the butt of jokes and hoaxes. There are other theories, but no one really knows the truth of it.



Once again, we have some holes in our volunteer schedule. If you can possibly help, **please sign up**. It's too late to put your name into the list of volunteers in the newsletter, but it's never too late to sign up. If you feel unsure of yourself, don't let that stop you. Our church is very forgiving and accepting. Do what you can and you'll be great. The first time I was lay leader I literally fell flat on my face and they still let me do it again! I would really love to see that schedule filled. Don't make me keep begging, please.  
...the editor



## Sunday Volunteer Schedule

<b>April 7, 2019</b>	<b>Communion Set-up:</b> Linda Gaskill <b>Communion Servers:</b> Linda Gaskill Adrienne Schilling, Pat Brown <b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Mark and Kathleen Dinwiddie <b>Lay Leader:</b> <b>Snacks:</b> Audrey Sinner
<b>April 14, 2019</b>	<b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Roger and Linda Liefeld <b>Lay Leader:</b> Linda Dunn <b>Snacks:</b>
<b>April 21, 2019</b>	<b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Wendy Wells, Jill Turner <b>Lay Leader:</b> Marilyn Brinster <b>Snacks:</b>
<b>April 28, 2019</b>	<b>Greeters:</b> Nancy Hutchinson, Mark Earhart <b>Lay Leader:</b> <b>Snacks:</b> Easter Brunch with hostess Linda Dunn
<b>May 5, 2019</b>	<b>Communion Set-up:</b> Helen Purkerson <b>Communion Servers:</b> Gina Harrington, Jill Turner, Michele Rae <b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Janis Knox, Michele Rae <b>Lay Leader:</b> Becky Frazier <b>Snacks:</b>



### Remember to Welcome Those New to Plymouth

Welcoming Committee for April, May, June 2019  
**Helen Purkerson, Becky Frazier, Wendy Wells**

The welcoming committee should arrive early for church and be ready to greet people new to our church. Introductions, name tags, the newsletter, and connecting during coffee hour make our church warm and inviting. Thank you for your kindness

Hospitality is one form of worship.

*The Talmud*



# April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Deacons meet at 1:30  Lenten prayer services 6 p.m. Study group 6:30	2	3 Choir rehearsal 7 p.m.	4	5	6
7  Bible Study 9:15 Worship 10:30 a.m. Communion Worship committee 12:00 Avamere 1:30 p.m.	8  Lenten prayer services 6 p.m.  Study group 6:30	9	10  Session meets 6:15  Choir rehearsal 7:30	11	12	13
14  <b>Palm Sunday</b> Worship 10:30 a.m.	15	16	17	18 Maundy Thursday service plus light meal, 6 p.m.	19 Good Friday service, noon Christian Church	20
21  <b>Easter</b> Worship 10:30 a.m. Easter Brunch	22	23	24 Priscilla Circle luncheon, noon	25	26	27
28  Bible study 9:15 Worship 10:30 a.m.	29  Study group 6:30	30				



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