



WYCKOFF

REFORMED CHURCH

Worshiping God,
Making Disciples of Jesus,
Living Missionally

March 17, 2024

Welcome in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
to The Wyckoff Reformed Church!

HOSPITALITY NOTES

These resources are also available at www.wyckoffreformed.org/worshipguides.
To participate in this service online, join us at wrclive.org or on Facebook Live.

If you need to use a restroom, they are available through the right-hand door at the front of the sanctuary. A quiet room is available through the left-hand door as well.

Prayer Cards are available in the backs of the pews and on the table as you enter. If you would like our community to be praying for something, please fill one out and place it in the offering plates in the middle of the service.

Bold sections will be read aloud together.

* Invites you to rise in body or in spirit.

Want to get connected, learn more, or grow in your faith?
Fill out the connection card at www.wyckoffreformed.org/connect

NOTES FOR FAMILIES

Our classrooms are: Nursery (Birth-3), Kids (PreK-3rd grade), and Students (4th-7th grade). Nursery-aged children may be dropped off in the blue room of the Education Building before worship starts. Kids and Students will start the service with their family and be dismissed to their lessons after the Family Moment.

Guardians: please check in your children on the iPad upon arrival. Your child will wear their nametag. You will turn in your guardian receipt upon picking them up.

Please note that the doors to the Education Building will be closed from 9:30-10:30am for the safety of our students.

A walkie-talkie is provided should you need to reach a teacher or director during this time.
Thank You!

GATHERED BY GOD

WELCOME

"Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth, Amen."

LIGHTING THE CANDLE

Jesus Christ

is the Light of the World.

The Light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness cannot overcome it.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship the Lord with gladness and songs of praise!

The Lord is good, his steadfast love endures forever,
His faithfulness from generation to generation.

*SONG OF PRAISE

"GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS" #348

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

Lord, dragons prowl around waiting to devour us. We are more vulnerable to their cunning than we care to admit, more entangled in their schemes than we dare to see. We need your help.

Thanks be to God who delivers me
Thanks be to God who delivers me
Christ, Christ alone come and set me free
Thanks be to God who delivers me

We find dragons taking up a place in our very hearts and infecting the way we show up in the world. Our thoughts, words, and deeds are entangled in sin and ever subject to temptation. We need your help.

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PROMISE OF GRACE

“HE WILL HOLD ME FAST”

***SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you.**

FAMILY MOMENT

Michaela Cherry

OFFERING

Giving our offerings is an important action that symbolizes the gift of our whole lives to Christ in gratitude for all He has given us. We give cheerfully and joyously, not out of guilt or shame. You may give your offering by placing it in the plate as you receive it from your neighbor and pass it down your row. You may also give online at www.wyckoffreformed.org/give, or text an amount to 201-849-1436. If you give electronically, consider placing an electronic giving card in the plate as a symbol of your gift!

OFFERTORY

“CLOSE YOUR EYES AND SEE”

By: P. Choplin

***DOXOLOGY**

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. Amen.

LISTENING TO GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

“WE ARE LISTENING”

SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 4:1-11

SERMON

"The Bible is a Story About Dragons"
Rev. Andy Kadzban

SERMON NOTES

RESPONDING TO GOD

*SONG OF RESPONSE

"O LOVE HOW DEEP, HOW BROAD, HOW HIGH" #111"

*APOSTLES' 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SONG OF SENDING

"A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD" #776

*SENT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

NUMBERS 6:24-26

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Please join us after worship in Heneveld Hall for coffee, fellowship and the Mission Trip bake sale fundraiser!

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WEEKLY EVENTS

BIBLE STUDY, Wednesdays at 9:00 am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91413616383?pwd=QmVKd3djNU5mdVYyQINwQ3crbTNvQT09>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday Service, March 24, 9:30am in the Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday Service, March 28, 7:00pm at Abundant Life

Good Friday Tenebrae Service, March 29, 7:00pm in the Sanctuary

Sunrise Easter Service, March 31, 6:30am in front of the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday Service, March 31, 9:30am in the Sanctuary

NEW STATIONS OF THE CROSS!

A new set of Stations of the Cross will be on display from Palm Sunday through the week after Easter on the walkway from the parking lot to the sanctuary. The Stations of the Cross started as a practice of pilgrims who walked the final steps of Jesus in Jerusalem and was eventually brought home for those who couldn't make the journey. The practice invites us to contemplate Jesus' death and resurrection more deeply and intimately.

We invite the congregation and community to stop by the church at any point to walk our outdoor Stations of the Cross installation from artist Nicholas Markell. Start in front of the Education Building and follow the stations in order along the brick pathway to the sanctuary and back to the parking lot along the sidewalk. Take your time and pray as you go.

SUPPORT PATERSON STREET MINISTRY

The nursery school and church are joining forces to support ongoing ministry efforts in Paterson. Each week, Dean Laterra and other volunteers provide hot chocolate, orange juice, lunches, and other specific items to meet individual needs. Most importantly, volunteers offer a listening ear, friendly conversation, and prayer to people dealing with poverty, substance use, and homelessness.

There are two ways you can help:

1. Financially support this ministry by purchasing items online by April 1:
<https://wrcns.org/paterson-street-min>
2. Physically support this ministry by helping us pack care bags on Friday, April 5 from 5:00-7:00pm in Heneveld Hall. It'll be a packing party complete with pizza for all volunteers!

Thank you for joining us as we love our literal neighbors.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

Lent has traditionally been a season when we turn back and focus our lives again on Jesus. The common act of giving something up for Lent is meant to create more space in our lives for Jesus. Whether or not you give something up, we want to invite you to take something new on this Lent to bring you closer to Jesus. This year, instead of a set devotional, we want to encourage you to be creative and find what you need at this step of your journey. Take 10 minutes and pray over how you want to experience Jesus' presence, and consider these as a few options to maybe get you started:

- Pray As You Go- Available as a podcast or standalone app, Pray As You Go releases daily reflections that include music, scripture, and guided prayer.

- Daily Lent Devotions: Anatomy of the Soul- Follow Faithward Lenten daily devotions, which invite you to meditate on the Psalms.
<https://www.faithward.org/daily-lent-devotions-based-on-the-psalms>
- Daily Devotional Email - Many organizations send out daily email devotionals. Sign up for one! Consider devotionals from Gospel in Life; Biola's Center for Christianity, Culture, and the Arts; or Words of Hope.
- Something else! As you pray, pay attention to where God leads you and be willing to explore something new this season!

EASTER FLOWERS

We will be filling the sanctuary with Easter lilies, tulips and daffodils again this year. If you would like to donate a flower in honor, or in memory of, a loved one, please visit our website for more information and to place your order:
<https://www.wyckoffreformed.org/easterflowers>.

Or, complete the flyer in the March Bellringer (located in the Narthex) and return to the church office by Friday, March 22. Flowers are \$20.00 each.

JOIN THE EASTER CHORUS!

The choir is singing the Halleluiah chorus on Easter morning. If you would like to be part of this inspirational offering, please join us any Wednesday before Easter from 6:30-6:45pm in the choir room, located in the basement of the sanctuary.

NURSERY SCHOOL PLANT FUNDRAISER

The link to the Spring Plant Sale can be accessed on our website, wrcns.org. Look for the "Spring Fundraisers" link in the top menu.

All orders must be purchased online. Please order plants by April 1. Please reach out to Kat, wrcns@wyckoffreformed.org or 201-847-1330, if you need assistance with an order!



Please share this fundraising event with friends and family!

FAMILY MINISTRY

MARCH "MUFFIN" MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

Come pick up some treats at our final bake sale today after church. Cash or check only, please. Thank you for your ongoing support towards our summer trip to Newark, NY!

PALM SUNDAY SONG

The students will be joining the choir for a song on Palm Sunday. Please arrive at 9:00am next Sunday if your child would like to participate!

2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Scholarship applications will be available online on March 18 for graduating seniors and students pursuing an undergraduate degree. Applications will be due by April 21.

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 17

9:30AM Sunday Worship
10:30AM Fellowship Hour/ Bake Sale
7:00PM Youth Group

Tuesday, March 19

6:30PM Elders Meeting
7:30PM Consistory Meeting

Wednesday, March 20

9:00AM Zoom Bible Study
6:30PM Choir Practice
8:00PM Sr. High Girls Bible Study

Thursday, March 21

3:30PM Enrichment Class
5:30PM Young Families' Supper Club

Saturday, March 23

9:00AM Stations of the Cross Setup

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