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Seeking and Serving Christ, We are a Place for Growing Christians.



**Palm Sunday – April 2 @ 9:00a.m. SPC**  
**Maundy Thursday Service – April 6 @ 7:00p.m. at First Presbyterian Church**  
**Good Friday – April 7 @ 12:00p.m. & 12:30p.m. at First United Methodist Saginaw**  
**Easter Sunday – April 9 @ 9:00a.m. SPC**

### Lectionary for April

**Palm/Passion Sunday – April 2:** Liturgy of the Palms: Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Liturgy of the Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; John 12:1-11  
**Maundy Thursday – April 6:** 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  
**Good Friday – April 7:** 1 Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1 – 19:42  
**Easter Sunday – April 9:** Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10  
**Easter Sunday (Evening) –** Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 114; 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49  
**Second Sunday of Easter – April 16:** Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31  
**Third Sunday of Easter – April 23:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 30:** Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

**Please keep these folks in your prayers:**

**Stephanie Bennett**  
**Heather Rousseau**  
**Dick Rice**

**Dick Brown**  
**Vickie Von Berg**

**Sally Day**  
**MaryJo Mundell**

Dear Friends,

Spring is here! The first day of spring was officially March 20. I don't know about you, but I am ready for spring. Even though I still see a few piles of snow and even if those snow flurries still want to fly, it is spring. I am eagerly watching those daffodils and tulips that have sprouted in my yard. Walk into stores these days and you will be reminded of Easter and all those signs of new life - budding flowers, cute bunnies, and newly-hatched chicks. After a winter of long, dark days, we are ready for the freshness of spring!

There is a freshness, anticipation, and excitement in the church during this season, too. On the first Sunday in April, we will celebrate Palm Sunday. We'll have our palm branches in our hands, ready to shout, "Hosanna!" The Sunday after that, we will joyfully proclaim, "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!"

It is good to joyfully celebrate. But before we get caught up with all of that, let us step back for a minute and remember Holy Week. It begins on Palm Sunday and lasts the rest of that week until we arrive at Easter Sunday, the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord. It marks the last week of Jesus' ministry on this earth, a week that solemnly leads up to his death. It is a place where not many of us like to go, as each day seems to weigh heavier and heavier on our hearts as we remember the suffering that awaits Jesus.

We step away from the pleasant pastel colors of spring and new life and take some time to linger in the heavy darkness of suffering and death. We do this because that is what Christ did for us. He left the glory of heaven, took on our human form, and came to this earth to be among us. And though he lived a sinless life, he took on the weight and punishment of our sin, suffering and dying for us. All of this was done out of love so that we might be saved. And so, let us honor our Savior by taking the time to reflect on and remember all he did for us. Perhaps you might consider spending time in Matthew 26-27. And then, with grateful hearts, let us enter the Easter season with joy. Christ is risen! He has conquered sin and death! Thanks be to God!

In Christ,

Pastor Ruth



### Rescue Mission Lunches

Saturday, **April 1**, please join us in the church kitchen to assemble bag lunches for the Saginaw Rescue Mission. This will be a recurring event on the **first Saturday of each month**. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the church kitchen (Please enter from parking lot through Fellowship Hall door) to visit and share in the work of making sandwiches and lunches for those struggling with hunger.

Many hands make light work! We look forward to seeing you as we gather to help those in need. The next day to assemble lunches will be **Saturday, May 6**.

### Busy Hands and Hearts

Will meet at the church **Monday, April 3 @ 1:00 p.m.** You do not have to sew or knit to join in. If you or anyone you know has yarn to donate, please place it in the Busy Hands box in the gathering area's Mission corner. If you have any questions, please call Pam Moran @ 989-792-7388.



### Florence Gilmour Circle

All women of the church are invited to join us on **Wednesday, April 12**, at 9:30 a.m. in the church library. We will continue our study of "Bad Girls of the Bible" moving onto chapter 10, "I Beg Your Pardon." Come for a time of women's fellowship and fun!



### Sunday School

Sunday School will be following the new program from The Sunday School Store. The dates are as follows: **April 2(Palm Sunday) 9(Easter Sunday)& 23; May 7 & 21(last day of Sunday School until September)** Please let the Christian Education Committee know if you are interested in helping on Sunday mornings. The members are Pam Moran @ 989-792-7388, Natalie Martinez @ 989-714-1011; and Laura Bosley @ 989-780-1420.



### Scholarship Information

Applications for the Muriel Lakey Scholarship and the Mary Ann Rigtterink-Geiersbach Scholarship are available in the top bin on the cart by the office. Applications need to be turned in by April 16<sup>th</sup>.



To keep the congregation abreast of the budget and financial needs of the church we will continue to update the congregation monthly in the church newsletter. We thank you for your commitment to the ministry and your ongoing support for the programs here at Second Presbyterian Church. In February our investment portfolio was rebalanced, resulting in the sale of some mutual funds. These funds were sold at a loss, which is recorded on our income statement as a realized loss, therefore, resulting in a realized loss of \$11,253.48.

Financial Report as of 02/28/2023	
Income	21,671.53
Expense	32,009.64
Deficit	(10,338.11)

### One Great Hour of Sharing

We will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on Easter Sunday, April 9. Millions of Christians join together through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Your gifts will support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance, resettlement, and community development.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

*Providing access to food and safe water, hope to overcome catastrophe and conflict, and resources to oppressed communities to better their lives.*

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above. -- James 1:17

### Give Online!



We thank those of you who have utilized our new online giving option! As you have heard, we partnered with the Presbyterian Foundation for a new, easy to use, online giving tool! You can scan this QR code with your smart phone to set up online giving. You can also visit our website, [www.spcsaginaw.org](http://www.spcsaginaw.org), and click the "Give Now" button. You can use this for one-time giving, or to set up recurring giving! Thank you for your



gifts to Second Presbyterian Church!

### Fish Fry Update

A HUGE thank you to all who helped make the recent fish fry a success. Your support helped feed 425 meals and netted a profit of over \$4,100! The funds earned through this endeavor will be used to keep the church grounds in tip top shape all summer long. Our next Fish Fry is Friday, October 20, 2023. We hope you'll help at the next one – we have a wonderful time getting to know each other! Please let



one of the following individuals know if you are willing the help:

- Paul DeWyse (989) 284-7975 pdewyse@aol.com
- Adam Engel (989) 781-1218 schmiel42@aol.com
- Alan Poplewski (989) 928-7957 alanpoplewski@hotmail.com

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Bob: 989-992-5554 Peggy:989-992-5678
- Collin Whitfield, Music Director: Email:collin.whitfield@gmail.com

### Mission News "Go the Second Mile" Matthew 5:4

Are you interested in joining the mission committee? We are looking for more members with a mission-minded heart to join our group as we plan and organize the church's various mission projects through the upcoming year. We meet monthly (by ZOOM throughout the winter months). If you would like more information, please reach out to Rebecca LaLonde or any other members of the mission committee or sign up on the sheet on the mission table.

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**Presbyterian Giving Catalog - Livestock Gifts.** The goal of the Presbyterian Giving Catalog is "To connect people as neighbors with others experiencing needs, supporting projects and friendships that grow gardens and generations, bring water and watch for corruption, share education, tools and training, and link each of us, more closely with one another and with God." Throughout the month of April, we will be collecting donations to purchase livestock, which will be given to those in need to help foster independence through farming. The amount and number of donations received will determine the animals we are able to

sponsor (flocks of chickens, piglets, goats, cows, beekeeping, or oxen/plow. These animals will help those in need to become self-sufficient, support their families, and enrich their communities. Donations may be placed in the box on the Missions table or in the church office. If you would like more information on the Presbyterian Giving Catalog, please visit their website at [Presbyterian Giving Catalog](http://presbyteriangiving.org)



Joining the team would mean mowing, trimming, blowing the grass off the sidewalks all using the equipment we have at the Church. If we can have at least one more person, then each team of two would only have to mow once a month! If you are interested, please call the church office @ 792-1023.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Rescue Mission Lunches 9:30 a.m.
<b>2</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship <b>Palm Sunday</b> Sunday School	<b>3</b>  <b>Busy Hands</b> 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Maundy Thursday @ First Presbyterian Church 7 p.m.	<b>7</b> Good Friday @ First United Methodist Saginaw 12:00 & 12:30 p.m.	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship <b>Easter Sunday</b> Sunday School	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Florence Gilmore Circle 9:30 a.m.	<b>13</b> 	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Scholarship Applications Due	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 
<b>23</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School	<b>24</b> 	<b>25</b> 7:00 p.m. Session	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>						