

Question to the Congregation

Do we, the members of the Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville, promise to tell the good news of the gospel to Oliver, to help him know all that Christ commands, and by all that we do and say, to help him grow as a follower of Jesus Christ? Do we? **We do.**

If you are worshiping online, please respond **“We do/I do”** in the Facebook chat.

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ God’s only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Baptism

Welcome by the Congregation

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ’s church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage and support you, to share the good news of the Gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ.

Song of Blessing No. 486 (Glory to God Hymnal) *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*, v. 1

Scripture Reading

John 11:1-45

The word of the Lord.

(pew Bible pages 978-979)

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Dead Man”

The Rev. Kyle R. Anderson, preaching

*Hymn of Response No. 840 (Glory to God Hymnal) *When Peace Like a River*, vv. 1, 2, and 4

Prayers of the People 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

SENT

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Gilbert M. Martin

*Doxology and Offertory Prayer

Just as at Pentecost, each spoke in different languages but heard as one body, we invite worshippers to sing either version of the doxology.

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures high and low,
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Amen.*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God, above ye heavenly hosts:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Passing the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Sending Hymn No. 775 (Glory to God Hymnal)

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Benediction

Benediction Response

Amen

Farrant

Postlude

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

arr: David Paxon

* Please stand as you are able.

Following worship, you are invited to join others in the Fellowship Center for coffee, tea, and conversation.

Our Church Family

Our congratulations and prayers are extended to our former intern Steve Longley upon his ordination last weekend to the ministry of Word and Sacrament in the United Church of Christ of Dorset and East Rupert, VT.

A correction: The date for the service for Ray Hallows is Friday, June 2.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship. 10:00am

You can worship with us in person or via Facebook Live. You do not need a Facebook account. On our website, there are instructions about how to worship with us online.

Taizé Worship, April 2. Are you looking for a space to breathe deeply and (re)connect with God? Join us for our monthly Taizé worship service on April 2 at 7:30p in the Chapel. Taizé worship is characterized by simple refrains, repetition, and silent mediation. All are welcome. Invite a friend.

A note about COVID: As of March 22, the COVID level in Mercer County was “Low.”

Adult Education at 11:30am in the Lounge

Childcare is available in the Nursery.

Meeting Jesus at the Table

This morning - "A Meal of Memories" Matthew 26:17-3

On Zoom - Jesus Revealed: The "I Am" Statements in the Gospel of John

Tuesday at 7:00pm with Nelson Steinert; March 28

Thursday at 12:00 noon with Jeff Vamos; March 30

Light. Bread. Shepherd. Life. The Gospel of John uses these and other symbols to paint a picture of who Jesus is. Through the "I Am" statements Jesus describes himself with rich images, showing us that he is both fully human and fully divine and calling us as his followers.

Easter Flower Fundraiser to Support Youth Summer Mission Trip. If you would like to order flowers for the Meetinghouse for Easter (April 9), please contact Alicia Morrison (amorrisson@pclawrenceville.org). The youth will be selling Lilies, Tulips, and Mini Daffodils to raise money for their summer mission trip. Stop by the table in the Fellowship Center after worship to learn more about the summer mission trip and to order your flowers. Checks for flowers can be made out to the church with "Easter Flowers" on the memo line. The flowers may be picked up after the 10:00am Easter service or they will be donated to the church and will be planted around the church property.

Summer Mission Trip Fundraiser. Do you like WAWA hoagies? If so, you are in luck, because the Junior High and Senior High Youth of the church are hosting a fundraiser to support the summer mission trip. They are selling Shortie Hoagie coupons for \$5. If you are interested in purchasing coupons to support this fundraiser, contact Alicia Morrison.

Self-Care Night Wednesday, April 5, from 6:00-7:00pm in the Lounge. Feeling stressed, anxious, or in need of some self-care tips? You're not alone! We often forget the importance of self-care and finding practices that enhance our well-being, reduce stress, and fill our cups. Without a doubt, taking care of ourselves will look different for each person. For instance, replenishing your spirit may be found in activities that are physical, emotional, social, or even intellectual. From practicing yoga to creating nail art, we hope you will be able to join us for a night of self-care and good fellowship, where we will develop helpful strategies to maintain a healthy mind and body. We hope to see you then!

Faith and Family Night at the Trenton Thunder. Join us for a night at the Trenton Thunder on Saturday, June 10. Game time is 6:30pm, and your ticket includes post-game fireworks! Tickets are \$8 per person. Reserve your tickets today by contacting Alicia Morrison (amorrisson@pclawrenceville.org).

A request from Pastor Luc. Pastor Luc and his wife, Ronide, would like to have white dresses and blouses (any size) that they can take to Haiti for brides to wear on their wedding day. Pastor Luc told us that they had five weddings during their recent trips. Please label any donations "Haiti" and leave them on the bench outside the church office.

NAMI Mercer Walk, Saturday, May 20 at 9:00am. Join team PCOL! Together we will walk to raise funds for NAMI Mercer (National Alliance on Mental Illness), show our solidarity for individuals and families affected by mental illness and get steps in together. To join our team, please contact our team captain, Alicia Morrison, you can also make a donation to NAMI and support our team's fundraising goal by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.namiwalks.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donate.team&teamID=56329>

Aiding victims of the Earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Members have asked how to help the victims of this earthquake, a devastating disaster that has killed thousands and left hundreds of thousands in need of basic food, water, and shelter. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), the disaster response office of the PC(USA), is responding to the immediate need for winterization supplies, food, and medicine. To donate through PDA, see their website: <https://pda.pcusa.org>.

Volunteer with WorkWell. WorkWell only works because of our volunteers, who are partners with our participants as they seek to forge ahead with their lives. Volunteering to help one of our participants, and also to learn something of what it is like to encounter life after incarceration, can be life changing. We're recruiting new volunteers now – please email Jeannette Rizk if you're interested, jrizk@workwellpartnership.org

October Flea Market. Please keep the October Flea Market in mind as you clean out closets, organize, re-decorate, etc. The Grieco garage is open. Call to drop off items or to arrange pick up. We take just about everything – especially jewelry. The exceptions: small appliances and clothing. The Flea Market has been a great money maker for PCOL. All proceeds go to support our Mission budget. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Grieco at NBGrieco@gmail.com or (609) 896-2115.

The Giving Pantry

On our church grounds at the exit driveway: A Giving Pantry

Take what you need, give what you can.

The Giving Pantry continues to be an important resource for our neighbors.
So much so, that we need to constantly replenish our supplies.

Thank you for your generous contributions that have enabled us to supply the Giving Pantry.

With your donations we can continue!!

A reminder: Please do not donate food with an expired “sell by” or “use by” date.

Nourished: 2023 Women's Retreat – Registration Ends on April 7!

Friday, April 28 - Sunday, April 30 at St. Joseph By the Sea Retreat House

“But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ” (Matthew 4:4)

What does it mean to be nourished? How can we nourish our minds, bodies, and souls? Join us for a weekend of spiritual reflection and fellowship as we rest in the loving Word of God. You can register on Realm. The registration deadline is Friday, April 7. If you have questions, please contact Margaret Brungard. (mbrungard@pclawrenceville.org).

A Travel Opportunity
Faith Formation Tour to Germany and Switzerland

Monday, October 23 - Thursday, November 2, 2023

Hosted by: Gordon Mikoski, Nancy Mikoski, Jeff Vamos, and Ellen White

On this tour, you will visit Berlin, Wittenberg, Leipzig, Wartburg, Marburg, Zurich, and Geneva. The goal of the tour is to help each traveler grow in faith; have a deeper understanding of the Scriptures that are key to the Protestant Reformation; appreciate the teachings of Martin Luther, John Calvin, and Ulrich Zwingli; and explore social issues and ecumenical and interfaith relationships in our day. Information about the tour is available on our website. Brochures are available in the church office. Email Jeff Vamos (jvamos@pclawrenceville.org) for more information.

Children's Ministry

Worship bags for children are located next to the ushers' table in the Meetinghouse. The bags contain age-appropriate Bibles and worship materials. Please return the bags at the end of worship. Please feel free to take home a Bible from the worship bags for your family.

Sunday School – Sundays at 10:00am: Join us for Sunday School. Parents are encouraged to drop off their preschool children before worship, at 9:45am. Children in grades K-6 begin in worship each week. After the Children's Message, they are dismissed to Sunday School. Parents can pick up their children in the Lounge after worship.

Nursery Care: Quality infant and toddler childcare is offered every Sunday in the Nursery (Room 103). Our childcare providers offer a nurturing, safe environment for our children. Silent beepers are available for parents.

LOGOS, a midweek enrichment program for children in Kindergarten through Grade 8, will have its final meeting of the term on Wednesday, March 29 from 5:00-7:00pm. This week we will be celebrating another successful year of LOGOS. For more information, please contact Alicia Morrison (amorrison@pclawrenceville.org).

Sunday School Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are still needed to maintain our current programming. The participation in Children's Ministries programming is growing, and the children of our church need your attention and energy. We are currently looking for volunteers to help on Sunday mornings with Sunday School supervision. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please contact Alicia Morrison (amorrison@pclawrenceville.org).

Youth Ministry

Junior High Youth Group. All students in grades 6-8 are welcome to join us in the Youth Room on Wednesday nights from 6:00-8:00pm. We will begin our evening with a shared meal, and then participate in worship, ending our evening with fellowship and prayer.

Johnsonburg Camp and Retreat Center. Join Alicia and others from the PCOL community for Week 3 of camp (July 9-14). For more information, check out the camp's website: <https://campjburg.org>.

Youth Summer Mission Trip, July 16-22. This summer we will be heading down to Massanetta Springs, VA for a week-long mission trip, Junior High and Senior High Youth are encouraged to join us. Registration Deadline is April 16. Contact Alicia for more information.

Offerings from The Community Well

Registration for Capital Area YMCA Kids' Basketball Now Open for Spring Term.

Develop fundamental basketball skills while learning teamwork, strategy, and sportsmanship. Classes begin on Monday, April 17 and run for 7 weeks. Grades K-3 meet from 6:00-7:00pm, and Grades 4-8 meet from 7:00-8:00pm.

Kids' Music Round Classes Return to The Community Well on April 11. Kids; Music Round classes keep little ones engaged with songs, rhymes, dancing, and instrument play. Classes – 45 minutes long – are designed for children from infancy through age 4 and their parents. The Spring term runs for 9 weeks. Classes are offered on Wednesdays at 9:30am and 10:30am and on Thursdays at 10:00am. To register: <https://tinyurl.com/5n7jun8>

Trenton SK8s! Join the fun with The Community Well's partner Trenton SK8s! Cost is \$10 per person, and you must bring your own roller skates. Ages 18 and up. For information about their next meeting, see their Facebook page (Trenton SK8s), go to YouTube (RollinginTuneTV), or email Jaclyn at rollingintune@gmail.com.

You can still enroll in "Capoeira" at The Community Well! Capoeira, an Afro-Brazilian art form dating back hundreds of years, integrates elements of martial arts, acrobatics, rhythm, music, history, and community. Classes are held in the Fellowship Center on Saturdays from 12 noon to 1:15pm. For more information or to register, contact chadwickarawlings@gmail.com.

There is still time to join Animation Classes with Mobile Minds of NJ. Learn Animation for beginners through a STEAM-based digital art program that introduces youth to character design and 2D animation. Classes meet on Monday evenings from 6:00-7:15pm.

STEAM Saturdays Still Open for Registration. STEAM Saturdays are fully underway, but there is still time to join the fun. Running from 10:00am -12 noon on Saturdays through May 6. Kids in Grades 1 through 8 can design and engineer their own carnival games and rides.

For more information about Animation Classes or STEAM Saturdays, call (609)557-7325. To register, go to www.mobilemindsnj.org

Want to Donate to PCOL quickly and easily? Point the camera app on your smart phone at this QR code, and you will be taken directly to our Donations page.



LENT and EASTER 2023

*The Presbyterian Church
of Lawrenceville*

Lent, a season of penance and reflection, may be marked by Christians by the "giving up" of earthly things. This Lenten season, perhaps you may consider "adding" a discipline — a new volunteer opportunity, a thoughtful book or class, or a creative new way to pray. Here are PCOL's opportunities for worship, fellowship, and spiritual growth during Lent.

February 19: Lenten Lunch

- 11:30am: Join us for sandwiches, salads, and desserts in the Fellowship Center immediately following worship, as we kick off the season of Lent together.

Wednesday, February 22: Ash Wednesday

- 12pm-1pm: Imposition of Ashes
- 6:30pm: Imposition of Ashes at an Intergenerational Worship Service. Junior High youth and LOGOS children will participate in this service, which is designed for worshipers of all ages.

Sunday, April 2: Palm Sunday

- 10am Worship Service

Thursday, April 6: Maundy Thursday

- 7:30pm Tenebrae Service

Friday, April 7: Good Friday

- 12:15pm: Good Friday Service

April 9: Easter Sunday

- 6:15am: Sunrise Service in the Graveyard
- 10am: Worship in the Meetinghouse

Adult Education: February 26 - March 26 in the Lounge after Worship "Meeting Jesus at the Table"

The Gospels are full of stories of Jesus sharing meals with disciples, friends, even tax collectors and Pharisees. This study will give us an opportunity to reflect on food insecurity in our community as we learn more about our community partners who work to make sure there is enough for all. For information, email Margaret Brungard at mbrungard@pclawrenceville.org.

Adult Education Online: "Jesus Revealed: The I Am Statements in the Gospel of John" Classes on Tuesdays at 7pm and Thursdays at 12pm (your choice), February 21 - March 30 on Zoom

Light. Bread. Shepherd. Life. The Gospel of John uses these and other symbols to paint a picture of who Jesus is. Join us and experience the profound truth at the heart of the "I Am" statements in the gospel. To register, email Margaret Brungard at mbrungard@pclawrenceville.org.

Easter Flower Sale Fundraiser for Youth Ministry: March 12

If you would like to support our Youth Ministry by ordering Easter flowers to decorate the Meetinghouse, then bring them home on Easter Sunday, please contact Alicia Morrison at amorrison@pclawrenceville.org.

'40 Days, 40 Items Food Drive'

Do something special this Lent: help fight hunger one day at a time! Place one non-perishable food or toiletry item into a box each day during Lent (40 days = 40 items). You can pick up a box at the church any day from February 22 on. Return it by Easter Sunday, April 9. If you would like to request a box, contact Alicia Morrison at amorrison@pclawrenceville.org.

The Labyrinth

Used for reflection and meditation, in the Christian faith labyrinths symbolically represent the pilgrimage to the Holy Land. During Lent, a labyrinth will be available outside in the graveyard between the Chapel and the Meetinghouse.

Lenten Art Exhibit

There will be a special art exhibit on display at PCOL during Lent. Take the time to reflect on this evocative artwork based on our Lenten theme.

The Flowering Cross

Based on an ancient legend that Christ's cross burst into bloom at the moment of his death, this symbol reminds us of the renewal that comes through Jesus' sacrifice. On Easter Sunday, we invite you to bring flowers to place into our cross at either our outdoors 'sunrise service' at 6:15am, or our regular 10am service.

