



St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, April 6, 2025

4th Sunday in Lent

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Worship leader:	Rev. Dr. Brad Little	

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude and Greeting

Call to Worship: See Insert

Worship in Music: BoP 277 – Holy, holy, holy

Prayers of Approach and Confession:

Gracious and Loving Lord, You are the Creator and the Source of all life, we come with grateful hearts. We praise You for Your creation and its reliable rhythms. We praise You, for Christ and his ministry that we seek to continue. By the power of your Holy Spirit, make lighter our hearts in this time of worship, and help us brighten the lives we touch this week in Jesus' name. And so we praise you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and offer You all glory and honour, this day and every day, now and evermore. Lord Jesus Christ, we gather in Your name today, aware that You keep moving closer and closer to the cross. We confess it is not

easy to follow Your story. We confess we often struggle to decide what to give and whom to help. We can be critical of those in need and those who help them. Forgive us when we look for reasons not to share, and excuse ourselves from acting generously, as You did. Lead us to learn from and follow the pattern of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Assurance of Pardon:

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ – And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free by God's generous grace.

Worship in Music: SoG 61 – I Love to Tell the Story

GOD'S WORD FOR HIS PEOPLE

First Reading: John 12:1-8

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Responsive Reading: Psalm 126

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dreamed.

2 Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

3 The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

4 Restore our fortunes, Lord, like streams in the Negev.

5 Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy.

6 Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.

Third Reading: Philippians 3:4b -14 Pg.832

Sermon: "Movin' on Up"

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Worship in Music: SoG 148 – He is Love

Offering and Offertory

The Doxology and Offertory Prayer

Prayers of God's People and The Lord's Prayer

Confession of Faith: BoP 616 – The Apostles Creed

Worship in Music: "Under His Wings"

1. Under His wings I am safely abiding,
Tho the night deepens and tempests are wild;
Often when earth has no balm for my healing,
There I find comfort and there I am blest.

Chorus:

Under His wings, under His wings,

Who from His love can sever?

Under His wings my soul shall abide,

Safely abide forever.

2. Under His wings, what a refuge in sorrow!
How the heart yearningly turns to His rest!
Often when earth has no balm for my healing,
There I find comfort and there I am blest.
3. Under His wings, O what precious enjoyment!
There will I hide till life's trials are o'er;
Sheltered, protected, no evil can harm me,
Resting in Jesus I'm safe evermore.

Benediction and Choral Amen

Mission Moments: PWS&D works with the Presbyterian Church of Ghana to advocate for the rights and inclusion of individuals with disabilities. The Garu Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Centre offers life and vocational skills training. Tilata Mahama, a 40-year-old, shares her experience: "I could not move due to my disability. The CBR program, supported by PWS&D, came to my aid with a tricycle and trained me in simple trading skills and the capital to start a business. Now, I can go to church to worship God with the aid of the tricycle. I also own and run a shop where I sell confectionaries and other items to support myself and my children. I am so grateful to the CBR and PWS&D for coming to my aid."

Apr 13 – Maryann Skinner	Palm Sunday
Apr 20 – Bob Lyle	Easter/Communion/Fellowship
Apr 27 – Brad Little	2 nd Sunday of Easter
May 4 – Maryann Skinner	3 rd Sunday of Easter