



## March 31, 2023

Dear Oaklands,

This Sunday is Palm Sunday, the beginning of the Holy Week story that leads us through Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem and the events of the week leading up to the tragic moment of his death by execution, the silence of Holy Saturday, and the glory of resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Below you can see the details about the times for each of the services throughout the week, and I hope you will join us for each of these services, because they will each tell a part of the story that together create the whole.

I also want to lift up the "Seeking Question" for this Sunday, Palm Sunday. "Where are you headed?" Below is an excerpt of a poem from the Lenten Devotional we are using this season. I appreciate the poet's imagining of where we desire to be, and that moving in the direction of our hope and longing requires intentionality.

*Where are you headed?  
And there on the train  
we decide—*

we want to head toward  
the promised day.  
We want to head toward crowded tables  
and long, healthy lives.  
We want to move in the direction of  
joyful children,  
and hopeful communities.  
We want to move closer to God  
with every mile of track,  
and that does not happen by accident.

So it's time to ask,  
*Where are you headed,  
and who's driving that train?*

— Rev. Sarah Speed, from her  
poem, "Where Are You Headed?"  
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Last Sunday in worship, the congregation was invited to choose ways to engage in the work of the church by committing to some specific responsibilities that the leadership of Oaklands believes are essential to move Oaklands in the direction of our longing - to be a community of radical welcome and belonging. [HERE](#) is the document filled in with those who already committed to the work. If you weren't present on Sunday, just find 3 open spots and [email Jesy Littlejohn](#) to be added to the list. (Or if you feel strongly about something that has no openings, you can still be added!)

Where are you headed? And how will you set your sights in that direction, inviting God to guide your steps? My prayer for Oaklands and for each of us is that we will continue to find our way through, knowing that Jesus already walked the path before us and is with us on our journey.

In Hope,  
Pastor LeAnn

**Scripture for this Week:**  
Matthew 21:1-11 ([Read Here](#))

**Oaklands' Music Playlist for this Sunday:**

ALL ARE INVITED

## Lenten Bible Study

led by Lay Leaders of National Capital Presbytery

Monday, April 3, 2023

**Matthew 21:1-11**

7:30 pm via Zoom



Elder Jesy Littlejohn  
**Oaklands  
Presbyterian Church**

A photograph of a white lily flower, a palm frond, and a crown of thorns. The lily is in the center, the palm frond is on the right, and the crown of thorns is on the left. They are all resting on a light-colored, textured surface.

**Holy Week Services and Events**

Sunday 4/2 at 11:00 AM: Palm Sunday Service (Online and In-Person)

Thursday 4/6 at 7:00 PM: Maundy Thursday Service (In-Person)

Sunday 4/9 at 11:00 AM: Easter Service with Communion (Online and In Person)

Sunday 4/9 at 12:00 PM: Easter Egg Hunt for All Ages

Easter Egg Hunt on **April 9th** following Worship.

Candy donations are



accepted and can be left in the office by **THIS SUNDAY April 2nd.**

Please come **April 2nd** to help stuff eggs!

*Thank you to our Oaklands Fellowship Hosts!*

<i>Hosting Sunday</i>	<i>Hosts</i>
<i>March 19</i>	<i>Paul Collman</i>
<i>March 26</i>	<i>Spaghetti Lunch (See Sara Littlejohn to sign up to help)</i>
<i>April 2</i>	<i>Vivian Manga</i>
<i>April 9</i>	<i>Easter (Two different hosts/families should combine on Easter)</i>
<i>April 16</i>	<i>Pam &amp; Sam Lloyd</i>
<i>April 23</i>	<i>Carleah Fisher &amp; Autumn Snell</i>
<i>April 30</i>	<i>Jane Pennington</i>
<i>May 7</i>	<i>Vivian Manga</i>
<i>May 14</i>	<i>Mother's Day Lunch (Vivian) for Debt free '23</i>
<i>May 21</i>	<i>Joanne Bauer</i>
<i>May 28</i>	<i>Tari Gregory</i>
<i>June 4</i>	
<i>June 14</i>	
<i>June 21</i>	

If you are interested in becoming a Fellowship host (a small snack to share following worship) please contact **Elder Pam Lloyd!** (click Pam's name to email her)

The sign--up schedule is located next to the coffee maker in the Narthex and here ([LINK](#))

### Debt Free in '23" Campaign

We started this year with a mortgage pay off of March 10, 2024. Thanks to the generosity of our community, we have raised **\$16,021** and have moved the pay off into November.

Please consider a donation to help Oaklands pay off the mortgage by September, if not sooner! Doing so could pull us out of the red and into a surplus!

For every extra dollar given, and designated as Debt Free '23, we will be able to tick time off of our Mortgage Countdown Calendar! <https://oaklandspres.org/give>, note "Debt Free in '23" in the note before submitting.

\$150 is one day gone!  
\$1000 is one week gone!  
\$4300 is one month gone!

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## Worship Leadership Sunday, 04/02/23 Palm Sunday

**Liturgist** - TBD  
**Preacher**- Rev. LeAnn Hodges  
**Music Ministry** - Karen McLaren  
**Music Ministry**- Gailyn Gwin  
**Tech Ministry** - Jesy Littlejohn  
**Fellowship Host(s)**- Vivian Manga

Please see the links below in order to join in for our worship services.  
To call in from any phone (sound only, no video), call 1-301-715-8592  
Type in the following Meeting ID when prompted: 865 6235 7110

If you are not able to log on for any reason and need help accessing the recording, please email Elder **Jesy Littlejohn**. [jesy@oaklandspres.org](mailto:jesy@oaklandspres.org) or **TEXT** them at 4124390306

### Weekly Worship Links

Reminder: The links for worship are **ALWAYS** on the Oaklands Presbyterian Church *website!*

Meeting ID 865 6235 7110  
Passcode 14301

Zoom Worship

YouTube Worship

Make a Donation

## Ways to Send your Pledges and Freewill Offerings



CashApp: [\\$OaklandsPres](#)



Paypal; See the giving link on the OPC Website under "Give"



Check via USPS.



Automatic Draft. You can set it up through your bank account to have money automatically withdrawn and sent to OPC

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