



# The Tablet

**St. David's Episcopal Church**  
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## Sunday Services

8:00 am Holy Eucharist I  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist II

## Wednesday Service

9:15 am Holy Eucharist and  
Healing

### Rector

The Rev. Amy S. Cornell

### Pastoral Care

Kate O'Connor, M.Div.  
Br. John Baptist, OSF

### Director of Music

Dr. Brian Katona

### Treasurer

John Patterson

### Parish Administrator

Judy Henningsen

*I finally came to the point where I realized that to maintain my atheism, I would have to believe that nothing produces everything, that nonlife produces life, that randomness produces fine tuning, that chaos produces information, that unconsciousness produces consciousness, and that non-reason produces reason and frankly I just didn't have enough faith to continue to believe that. To me the most logical and rational thing that I could do was to take a step of faith not against the evidence, but in the same direction the evidence is pointing.*

*Lee Strobel*

This year's Lenten topic, Lent Is Not Rocket Science, is one that has fascinated me for years. As the above quote implies, my rational mind has always seen discovery and exploration done through science as pointers directing my heart toward God. And this was an opportunity to see these two "allegedly" polar ways of understanding the world as two approaches that are in constant conversation with one another. There are many pathways to arrive at the truth, and for committed lifelong disciples of Christ, Jesus is our Way, our Truth and our Life.

A friend of mine, Dr. Phil Lewis, has a commitment to bringing people to see the teachings of Jesus in gentle and loving ways. Conversation, he has repeatedly told me, is what works the best for all situations. Listening, answering questions, sharing personal stories, these are all loving ways to show God's grace. Phil has come up with a great parable, The Parable of the iPhone, that is often a good place to begin. In this story, a person is walking along the beach, and spies a cell phone in the sand. Picking up the phone, they admire the intricacies of engineering. Imagine the amount of history that came before this item's creation. They conclude one of two things – either this phone was created by random actions in a chaotic universe that just happened to come together in this place and time to create a phone, or there was a brilliant engineer who guided the elements together to create this item. Most of us at this point would agree that it had to be created by someone. Phil then goes on to point out how vast the cosmos is, and when we look at the intricacies of our planet, our bodies, why would we think that it was just randomness that brought us to this place and time? It is more rational, more scientific even, to see that we were created by a Master Engineer, one who brought together all the elements needed to make us and the world around us.

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Add to this the idea that, as much as we have studied, we are still no closer to understanding what it is that makes the inanimate alive. There is no identifiable event or microscopic matter that sparks life into being. The divine spark that makes us who we are cannot be found under any microscope. And so it is through ongoing conversation that we study our world and the galaxies around us, to learn more about God who gave humanity the spark that ignited us.

When we consider the vastness of this universe, with 3 trillion galaxies (and counting), we can feel overwhelmed by the numbers. Yet we know, as disciples of Jesus, that God knows every one of us by name. God can keep track of all those stars and planets across millions of light years, and yet still listens to each of us when we kneel to pray. It is breathtaking and life-giving, a wonderful way to walk through Lent and be prepared for the joy of Easter.

May the rest of your Lenten season be affirming and may the Easter season be filled with joy beyond believing.

Mother Amy+

### Church Trip to Sight & Sound Theater, Lancaster PA.



Story of David  
Friday, September 30, 2022  
via Coach Bus (56 passenger)

Approx Cost - \$130/pp  
(includes, ticket, transportation & dining)

Interested????

(Please contact Kathy Herzog 609-468-4128,  
email [kathyherzog@princetonk12.org](mailto:kathyherzog@princetonk12.org) or  
see posted sign up sheet)





## April Outreach

### Collecting on Behalf of Ukrainian Refugees

Our April Outreach of the month will be for Ukrainian Refugees. We are all saddened by the plight of the millions of people who have fled Ukraine for other countries since the Russian invasion. We will respond by collecting in April, and then donating to accredited charities, who are already helping these refugees. Thank you for your generosity towards those swept up in the biggest refugee crisis in Europe since World War II."



### Women's Lunch and Learn Group

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, April 6th from 12:00 PM –1:30 PM and will be hybrid. All women of the parish are welcome. We meet each month on the second Wednesday in the library and discuss a book, current event topic, or occasionally a video presentation. It is always a lively and interesting discussion. This is a "brown bag" event—so please bring your own lunch. This month we will be reading Holy Week Holy Ground by Jeannie DeGrott. Books are available in the office.



### RAISING FUNDS FOR ST. DAVID'S BY PURCHASING PREPAID GIFT CARDS

Don't forget! You can contribute to St. David's ministries – in the parish and in the community at-large – by purchasing pre-paid gift cards through UnitedScrip. Use the paper form found on the bulletin board by the water fountain, or use the Internet ([www.scripzone.com](http://www.scripzone.com)). You receive the full face value of the card and St. David's receives a percentage of the face value of the card – depending upon the issuer of the card. If you use the Internet to place an order, remember to use 609655SDE when you first sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Harry Ruhl, at 609-443-5863 or at [hjr29@verizon.net](mailto:hjr29@verizon.net).

**Stewardship  
Corner**

Stewardship is God's way of raising people,  
not man's way of raising money!

*William K. Willmer*



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Sunday, April 10th:** 8 am Holy Eucharist I, 10 am Holy Eucharist II  
**Palm Sunday**

**Monday, April 11th:** 7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

**Tuesday, April 12th:** 7:30 pm Evensong

**Wednesday, April 13th:** 9:15 am Holy Eucharist and Healing Service  
 7:30 pm Tennebrae

### THE TRIDUUM — THE GREAT THREE DAYS

**Thursday, April 14th:** 6:00 pm Dinner  
**Maundy Thursday** 7:30 pm Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing & Stripping of the Altar  
 9 pm Vigil at the Altar of Repose

**Friday, April 15th:** 7 am – Morning Prayer (Vigil Ends)  
**Good Friday** Noon - Good Friday Service  
 7:30 pm Good Friday Service

**Saturday, April 16th:** 7:30 pm Easter Vigil with Holy Eucharist II  
**Easter Vigil** Easter Vigil Celebration!

**April 17th — EASTER SUNDAY**  
**Choral Eucharist 8 am & 10 am - No Church School**



## **HOLY WEEK AT ST. DAVID'S**

**April 10 - April 17, 2022**

**H**oly Week is the most significant and dramatic week of the entire Church Year. It contains some of the richest symbolism, the most stirring rites and customs, and has been provided with some of the finest music the Church has created. The week begins with Palm Sunday, and the sacred Triduum (the three holy days) begins at sunset on Thursday and continues through sunset on Saturday. This liturgy begins on Thursday evening and continues through until the Easter Vigil Mass, with each service part and parcel of the whole.

### **Palm Sunday—April 10**

**On Palm Sunday**, the liturgy has two distinct parts. At each service, we will begin outdoors with The Liturgy of the Palms, a rite of joy and triumph. As we recall our Lord's entry into Jerusalem, we wave our palm branches and sing of his glory as we process into the sanctuary. The atmosphere changes and, this year, the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ is read from the Gospel according to Luke. This dramatic reading includes the congregation in various parts. We are now fully into the experience of Holy Week and, in the words of the preface to the Eucharistic Prayer, we celebrate Christ who was "lifted high upon the cross to draw the entire world to himself."

### **Monday — April 11**

**Monday** evening's service is the Stations of the Cross, walking through the final steps of Jesus as he approaches the cross and his death. The prayers focus on the traditional walk that is marked in Jerusalem and symbolized in the stations we have here in the church.

### **Tuesday — April 12**

**Tuesday** is Evensong, using the readings of Holy Tuesday. The service will mostly be chanted, in a simple plainsong tone that all can join in together.

### **Wednesday — April 13**

**Wednesday's** Tenebrae service is known as the Service of Darkness when ancient texts are read aloud as the space is slowly immersed in darkness as candles are slowly extinguished to focus on the upcoming three days.



## Maundy Thursday—April 14

**The Maundy Thursday** service marks the beginning of the Triduum, and it commemorates the evening meal shared by Jesus and His friends. At this meal, Jesus showed His love to His disciples in the simple act of washing their feet. The foot washing echoes the mandate of Christ to love one another, a powerful symbol of the church's vocation to follow its savior in acts of servant ministry. We will share a meal together at 6 pm and then move into the church for the service at 7:30 pm. After the celebration of Holy Eucharist, there is a procession to the Altar of Repose, located in the Fish Library, where the sacrament is placed until Good Friday. The vigil will end with Morning Prayer at 7 am. After the sacrament is removed, the members of our Altar Guild strip the Altar area of all remaining ornaments as Psalm 22 is recited. The liturgy ends and all leave in silence to either our homes or to sit vigil. Parishioners are asked to sign up for a time to sit vigil with our Lord in the garden. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for your use.

## Good Friday – April 15

**On Good Friday** at 12 pm and 7:30 pm the Good Friday Liturgy will be offered. Both services will include veneration of the Cross and chanting of the Gospel and the Solemn Collects. We will conclude with Communion from the Reserved Sacrament. The congregation departs in silence to emphasize that it is not the end, but a pause, in the great liturgy of the Triduum.

## The Great Easter Vigil – April 16

**The Easter Vigil** on Saturday evening is one of the most dramatic liturgies of the entire year. It is the Passover of the Lord, the paschal feast of the people of God. We gather at 7:30 pm outside to light the new fire and bring the light of Christ into the church. The oldest litany in the church, the Exsultet, is then chanted, and the history of the salvation of God's people is then told through four storytellers. This is followed by the renewal of baptismal vows and the reading of St. John of Chrysostom's Easter Vigil sermon. Then, as the celebrant says "Alleluia, Christ is Risen!" the ancient paschal greeting, the First Eucharist of Easter begins. The altar candles and the sanctuary are fully lighted, and the liturgy moves to its final segment, the celebration of the first mass of Easter. Light has broken through the darkness and in that light, we see the Risen Lord. The liturgy ends with the dismissal, concluding the sacred Triduum, the three holy days. After the service, join us for a festive celebration with sweets and something bubbly!

## Easter Sunday - April 17

**On Easter Sunday**, there will be two choral services for our celebration of the Day of Resurrection. The services will begin at 8:00 am and 10:00 am with the St. David's Choir. Please feel free to attend the service that best fits your family's schedule. Lenten donation boxes may be brought with you on Easter Sunday or any Sunday thereafter.



*Birthdays & Anniversaries*

- 2 Corinne Peters
- 6 Tai Parrish  
Erica Spero
- 7 Tara Dailey
- 8 Jon Christiansen  
James McDermott  
Mark Pane
- 9 Ndidì Owunna  
Tochi Owunna  
Taylor (Bud) Reeder
- 10 Emily Lecorchick  
Allie Graham-Hicks
- 13 Amanda Thomas
- 15 Susan Jakober  
Ryan Spero
- 18 Fariba Dodson
- 22 Clara Douglas
- 23 Richard Bailey
- 24 Alexander Hall  
Madeline Katona
- 25 Helen Micale
- 26 Christa Laustsen
- 29 Heather Giske  
Michael Laustsen

- 5 Paul & Jane Miller
- 21 Todd White & Beau Sawyer
- 24 Dan & Tracy Smires



**EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM -- 2022**  
**(Any Donation—Deadline, April 11)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Your Name (Given By)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Daytime Phone Number)**

Date: April 17th

In Loving Memory/  
Celebration/Thanksgiving of:

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Check Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to "St. David's Church".  
Attn: Penny Stout

Donations should be received at signup and envelopes are available on the bulletin board next to the signup sheets.

## Lay Participation Schedule for April 2022

### 10 am Service

	April 3	April 10	April 17 8 am	April 17 10 am	April 24
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Todd White	TBD	TBD	TBD	Tricia Metzger
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Corinne Peters	TBD	TBD	TBD	Kim Neighbor
<b>Intercessor</b>	Steve Channon	TBD	TBD	TBD	Tom Pearson
<b>Lector-1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</b>	Corinne Peters	TBD	TBD	TBD	Kathy Herzog
<b>Lector-2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</b>	Kim Neighbor	TBD	TBD	TBD	Dcn. Barbara Jensen
<b>Ushers</b>	Rich Bennett	Penny Stout	TBD	TBD	Larry Kraft
<b>Acolytes</b>	Leslie Terhune Collin Duck Zach Duck	Zach Duck Leslie Terhune Jordan Bailey	TBD	Jordan Bailey Arleen Astudillo Sarah Smires	Zach Duck Brennan Clissold Charlotte Clissold
<b>Verger</b>	TBD	Pat Kraft	TBD	TBD	Tena Achen
<b>Counters</b>	Bernadette Bruce John Patterson	Susan Jakober Jennie Herbert		David Thomsson Winsome Bailey	Tena Achen Penny Stout

**If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please arrange for a substitute and notify the church office ASAP, so that the change can be correctly listed in the bulletin.**



## You Are Invited to Contemplative Prayer

St. David's and St. Francis Dunellen are partnered to offer us multiple opportunities for Contemplative Prayer each month.

St. David's meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7 PM for a 15 minute sit. In **April the dates are 4/4 and 4/18.** <http://www.stdavidscranbury.com/events.html>

You can phone into St. David's Zoom by calling 1-646-876-9923, meeting ID 451 815-3355#, and when prompted for participant ID press #.

St. Francis' group meets **every Wednesday** at 1 PM for a 25 minute sit.

<https://www.stfrancisdunellen.org>

You can phone into St. Francis Zoom by calling 1-669-900-6833, meeting ID 595-854-4455 #, when prompted for participant ID press #, for password enter 2475689.

No experience with silent prayer or meditation is needed, just the desire to pray "the simplest form of prayer there is" (Cynthia Bourgeault), and at a time such as this, keeping it simple may be exactly what we need right now! We provide an introduction to contemplative prayer at the beginning of each session.

If you have any questions or would like to learn about contemplative prayer before joining us, contact Kate at 609-658-7315 or at [k\\_oconnor22@verizon.net](mailto:k_oconnor22@verizon.net)

# April 2022

8 am — Holy Eucharist I  
10 am — Holy Eucharist II, Church School & Nursery

Room Legend

s—Sanctuary  
mh—Meirs Hall / fl—Fish Library  
dc—Double Classroom - bc-J2A Classroom

\* Sunday Services \*

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27 ● 8am Holy Eucharist I (s) ● 10am Holy Eucharist II (s) & Zoom ● 11:30am J2A (bc) ● 11:30am Lenten Program	28 ● 5:30pm Jazzercise (mh)	29 ● 9:30am Tai Chi (mh) ● 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom)	30 ● 9:15am Holy Eucharist Healing (s) ● 10:30am Jazzercise (mh) ● 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) ● 7:30pm Lenten Program (Zoom) ● 8pm NA (mh)	31 ● 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) ● 7:30pm NA (mh)	Apr 1 ● 8:30am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am Office Closed ● 7:30pm AA(mh)	2 ● 9am Jazzercise (outside) ● 7pm Pentecostal (s)
3 ● 8am Holy Eucharist I (s) ● 10am Holy Eucharist II (s) & Zoom ● 11:30am J2A (bc) ● 11:30am Lenten Program	4 ● 5:30pm Jazzercise (mh) ● 7pm Contemplative Prayer (Zoom)	5 ● 9:30am Tai Chi (mh) ● 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom)	6 ● 9:15am Holy Eucharist Healing (s) ● 10:30am Jazzercise (mh) ● 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) ● 7pm Pentecostal Service ● 7:30pm Lenten Program (Zoom) ● 8pm NA (mh)	7 ● 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) ● 7:30pm NA (mh)	8 ● 8:30am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am Office Closed ● 7:30pm AA(mh)	9 ● 9am Jazzercise (outside) ● 7pm Pentecostal (s)
10 <b>Palm Sunday</b> ● 8am Holy Eucharist I (s) ● 10am Holy Eucharist II (s) & Zoom ● 11:30am J2A (bc) ● 11:30am Lenten Program	11 ● 5:30pm Jazzercise (mh) ● 7:30pm Stations of the Cross	12 ● 9:30am Tai Chi (mh) ● 7:30pm Evensong	13 ● 9:15am Holy Eucharist Healing (s) ● 10:30am Jazzercise (mh) ● 7:30pm Tennebrae ● 8pm NA (mh)	14 ● 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) ● 6pm Maundy Thurs Dinner ● 7:30pm Maundy Thursday Service ● 7:30pm NA (mh) ● 9pm Vigil at the Altar of Repose	15 ● 7am Morning Prayer (Vigil Entia) ● 8:30am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am Office Closed ● 12pm Good Friday Service ● 7:30pm AA(mh) ● 7:30pm Good Friday Service	16 ● 9am Jazzercise (outside) ● 7:30pm Easter Vigil (s)
17 <b>Easter Sunday</b> ● 8am Holy Eucharist II (s) ● 10pm Holy Eucharist II (s)	18 ● 10am Office Closed ● 5:30pm Jazzercise (mh) ● 7pm Contemplative Prayer (Zoom)	19 ● 9:30am Tai Chi (mh) ● 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) ● 7pm Vestry (fl & zoom)	20 ● 9:15am Holy Eucharist Healing (s) ● 10:30am Jazzercise (mh) ● 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) ● 7pm Pentecostal Service ● 8pm NA (mh)	21 ● 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) ● 7:30pm NA (mh)	22 ● 8:30am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am Office Closed ● 7:30pm AA(mh)	23 ● 9am Jazzercise (outside) ● 7pm Pentecostal (s)
24 ● 8am Holy Eucharist II (s) ● 10am Holy Eucharist II (s) & Zoom ● 11:30am J2A (bc)	25 ● 5:30pm Jazzercise (mh)	26 ● 9:30am Tai Chi (mh) ● 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom)	27 ● 9:15am Holy Eucharist Healing (s) ● 10:30am Jazzercise (mh) ● 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) ● 7pm Pentecostal Service ● 8pm NA (mh)	28 ● 5:30pm Evening Prayer (zoom) ● 7:30pm NA (mh)	29 ● 8:30am Jazzercise (mh) ● 10am Office Closed ● 7:30pm AA(mh)	30 ● 9am Jazzercise (outside) ● 7pm Pentecostal (s)

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**St. David's Church welcomes all in the loving Spirit of Christ,  
through Faith, Worship, Nurture and Community**

**St. David's Vestry Members — 2022**

**Patricia Kraft, Senior Warden**

**Ed Miller, Junior Warden**

**Tena Achen, Finance**

**Marcus Aris, Fundraising**

**Lizzie Channon, Christian Formation**

**Renee Christiansen, Evangelism**

**Jon Harding, Outreach**

**Benjamin Hicks, Communications**

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