



**THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS,  
AND THE DARKNESS HAS NOT OVERCOME IT.**

**- JOHN 1:5**

## **Preparing for Holy Week Worship**

*Dear Northminster Family –*

*We're on the edge of Holy Week, and just as the days were uneasy as Jesus made his way into Jerusalem centuries ago, we're living in precarious times now. Yet as Christ's church, sustained by the Holy Spirit, we have gifts and a call by which to care for one another and for our neighbors. Worship in which we encounter our living God and know ourselves connected to the body continues. We have expanded our worship into our homes, knowing that as we read the same Scriptures, reflect on the Word, and share in the same prayers, we are held together.*

*The same is true concerning our celebration of Holy Communion. The session has prayerfully decided that the regular nourishment of the Lord's Supper may and should continue as we worship in our homes. To that end, we invite you to prepare yourself for worship on Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday with bread and drink from inside your home so that we may partake together. It does not need to be special bread or grape juice. Jesus used the bread and wine that were at hand! You may bring Graham crackers and milk or whole wheat bread and cranberry juice. Even pretzels and water will suffice. The important thing is that you bring yourself to worship, to receive these outward signs of an invisible grace.<sup>1</sup>*

*Given this strange time, we recognize that many may feel compelled to carry on our traditions at NPC. Please find a way to honor these traditions at home. If you would like to place flowers on the cross at church, instead this year, please place flowers around your own home and post a picture of them on our Facebook page. Know that this is but an interruption, and we will all be together again soon. As Old Testament professor Bill Brown has said about this year, "The best way for us to honor the empty tomb is with empty pews."*

*Please find below a list of our online worship during Holy Week. Please take note of things you will want to have on hand for worship on Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday. In addition to these opportunities for worship you will find devotional materials on the website and you'll receive the Prayer Vine on Monday and Thursday. May our worship be meaningful in new ways this Holy Week.*

*Peace,*

*Rev. Patrick Day*

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<sup>1</sup> The PC(USA) Office of Theology and Worship has determined that in-home communion in a time of pandemic is in keeping with the Book of Order. <https://www.pcusa.org/resource/advisory-opinion-communion-emergencypandemic/>

## Schedule of Holy Week Worship Online

(Links to all worship will be available via churchwide emails and at <https://northminster-atl.org/>)

Watch Party will be hosted by [Northminster Presbyterian Church-Roswell Page](#)

### *Palm Sunday*

**Worship with Communion** - Facebook [Watch Party](#) at 11:15am, available [online](#) by 7am

*Be ready with:*

Palms, branches, and scarves for our virtual processional (Post your pictures [here!](#))

Bread and drink for communion

**Adult Sunday School with Dave Fry** – [streaming at 10am](#)

### *Wednesday Evening*

**Worship** - Facebook [Watch Party](#) at 7pm, available [online](#) by 4pm

### *Maundy Thursday*

**Worship with Communion** - Facebook [Watch Party](#) at 7:30pm, available online by 4pm

*Be ready with:*

Candle and matches

Small bowl containing a bit of oil

One large bowl and a pitcher of water, one hand towel for each person, basket nearby for used towels

Bread and drink for communion

### *Good Friday*

**Friday Check-in and Prayer via ZOOM** with Nancy Kinzer and Linda Morningstar 9:30-10am

**Worship** - ZOOM gathering for worship at 7:30pm (check churchwide emails for ZOOM info)

### *Holy Saturday*

**Vigil and Prayers** - [Facebook Watch Party](#) at noon, available online by 7am

*Be ready with:*

Candle and matches

**Scavenger Hunt** -more information coming

### *Easter Sunday*

**Worship** - Alleluia! He is Risen!

[Facebook Watch Party](#) for worship at 11:15am, available [online](#) by 7am

Post pictures of your Easter Flowers [here!](#)

**Adult Sunday School with Dave Fry** - [streaming at 10am](#)