

there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all.”

**P: In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

\*Gloria Patri

Time with the Children followed by Sunday School

Morning Prayer, the Lord’s Prayer, and Prayer Response

***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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***

Anthem: *On The Road To Jerusalem* Chancel Choir

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Psalm 24:1-10 (NIV)

New Testament: Luke 19:28-42 (NIV)

Prayer Hymn # 270 *Oh How He Loves You and Me*

Message: **“So Close, And Yet, So Far!”** Dr. Larry Ruby

\*Affirmation of Faith *Apostle’s Creed*

Presentation of our Tithes and Offering

Offertory *Rowley Handbell Choir*

\*Doxology # 34 *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

\*Prayer of Dedication

(Attendance Cards will be collected as Deacons proceed back the aisle.)

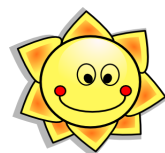
\*Closing Hymn # 267 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Congregational Response #102 *His Name is Wonderful*

\*Postlude

**\*Indicates those who are able to please stand**



**Good Morning and Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today!** We hope you will

find the service meaningful and that you can come back and join us again. We ask everyone

to please complete an attendance card found in the pews.

Restrooms and the Nursery are located out the front left Sanctuary doors, and then down the hallway.

**Video Recording:** Portions of today’s 10:30 service will be recorded & then posted to the Linway Facebook Page & church website Monday evening at [www.LinwayChurch.org](http://www.LinwayChurch.org)



**Contemporary Service**  
**Sunday, March 24, 2024 9:15 a.m.**

**Palm Sunday**

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

\*Praise Song

\*Greet One Another

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Psalm 24:1-10 (NIV)

New Testament: Luke 19:28-42 (NIV)

Praise Song

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

Message: **“So Close, And Yet, So Far!”**

Dr. Larry Ruby

\*Praise Song

Final Challenge and Depart to Serve

**\*Indicates those who are able to please stand**

**When attending the 9:15 Worship Service, please:**

- complete an attendance card & place it in the basket when exiting the Sanctuary.
- place any offering in the box when exiting the Sanctuary.
- use the restrooms located out the front left Sanctuary door and then down the hallway.

**The Church Staff**

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*June 1, 1897—June 1, 2024*

**“Come, grow your faith in Jesus Christ with us.”**



**The purpose of Linway United Presbyterian Church is to joyfully worship and serve the mission and ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sun., March 24, 2024**

**Palm Sunday**

*Then the crowds who went ahead of Him and those who followed kept shouting: “Hosanna to the Son of David! He who comes in the name of the Lord is the blessed One! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” When He entered Jerusalem, the whole city was shaken, saying, “Who is this?” And the crowds kept saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee!”*  
*Matthew 21: 9-11*





Linway United Presbyterian Church  
Palm Sunday  
March 24, 2024 10:30 a.m.

**Children & Youth:** Please gather at the back of the Sanctuary just prior to our first hymn to help with our **Parade of Palms**.

Prelude George Hawkins, Organist  
Greeting and Announcements Judy Augustin, Liturgist  
Gathering Prayer: **Come, Christ Jesus, come to this place! We wave our palms and sing our hosannas, welcoming you into our hearts and minds. Come, Christ Jesus, come to this place! Amen!**  
Call to Worship  
L: Come and hail our King.  
P: **Lord save us this day.**  
L: Proclaim his goodness and love.  
P: **Blessed is the one who has come in the name of the Lord.**  
L: His name is Jesus Christ the Lord.  
P: **We have come to worship the name that is above all names. Let us worship our God in spirit and in truth.**

\*Hymn # 265 All Glory, Laud and Honor  
Children’s Parade of Palms During This Hymn

\*Invitation to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (Unison): **Merciful God, we come profoundly grateful and humbled by the grace that you have shown us in Jesus Christ. As we celebrate our Lord’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem and remember the gathered crowd’s shouts of acclamation, we are also mindful of the radical turn a few days later from “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord” to “Crucify him.”**

**As we examine our hearts this hour, we recognize our own capacity to turn from faithfulness at any moment. We lack the consistent walk of obedience that you desire. We have broken faith with you and our neighbor. We are here with bowed heads and hearts in desperate need of your grace. Forgive us in this hour, O God. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Words of Assurance:

L: The apostle Paul has written: “There is one God;

*“From the rising of the sun to its setting, let the name of the Lord be praised!” -Psalm 113: 3*



**Please Remember In Our Prayers:** Chris Alexander, Patty B., Blake, Donnie Baker, Chris, Cheryl D., Paul & Diana C., Janet & Doug F., Betty Frommell, Frank & Mary Lou Fawcett, Heather G., Ginger, Bev Harcum, Jill Hardy, Lara Hilbert, Marilyn H., Clare & Sandy Hillgartner, Vanessa J., William K., Frank Kordalski Sr., Michelle K., Kevin, Jean Lawton, Vickie Lofgren, Bernie & Chrissy M., Ken M., Linda P., Maureen P., Carol Pascarella, Joan Pierro, Donna Pottinger, Iris R., Laura Shawley, Shawn, Anna Marie S., Sami Stewart, Cindy S., Donna T., Cindy Taylor, Pat V., Linda Wetzler

**Deacons on Duty:**

Today: Arlene S., Andrew D., Chris S., Madi S.  
3/31/24: Judy A., Sandi S., Pam S., Scott S.

**Sunday School Teacher:** Nick E. **Helper:** Jaime R.

**Technology:**

Today: 9:15: Jamie S. 10:30: Rich C.  
3/24/24: 9:15: Don A. 10:30: Rich C. & Frank K.

**Church Security:** This Week: Don A.

Week of 4/1/24: Scott G.

**Sunday School for Kids:**

Sunday School for children kindergarten through grade 5 is available during the 10:30 service based on teacher availability. If available, it will be announced after the Time With The Children.

**Coloring Sheets:**

are available at the Sanctuary entrance for children. Please help yourself or ask a Deacon. The Nursery is open for parents/guardians to stay with their little one if needed.

**Loose Change for Missions**

Thank you for leaving change in the pew while exiting the Sanctuary. This provides the Mission Committee with the opportunity to assist our various Mission Projects.

**Church Fundraisers**

Available after the service or contact the church office:  
**Giant Eagle Gift Cards** - In \$25, \$50, or \$100 amounts.  
-The church receives 5% of the value of the card.  
**Eat’n Park, Dunkin’ Donuts, or Denny’s Gift Cards,**  
-The church receives a percentage for each card.  
**Sarris Candy-** \$1 Bars: Chocolate, Crisped Rice, Almond, or P.Butter or \$2 for a pack of Choco-covered Pretzel Rods.

**LINWAY HAPPENINGS**

**Today 3/24** Palm Sunday Breakfast serving 8:30-10:15 a.m.  
Children’s Parade of Palms during 10:30 service  
**Wed 3/27** Men’s Breakfast 8:00 at N. Versailles Eat n’Park  
Kid’s Club 6:30-7:30 pm for kids K-6th grade  
**Th 3/28** Maundy Thursday Dinner & Communion 6:30 p.m.  
**Fri 3/29** Good Friday Service 7:30 p.m.  
**Sun 3/31** Easter Sunday services at 9:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
**Mon 4/1** Women’s Breakfast 10:00 at N.Versailles Eat n’ Park

**Congregational Meeting:** On Sunday, April 14 at 11:30a.m. for the purpose of approving a new Deacon.

**Linway Retreat Weekend: April 26-28** Take some time away from the hustle and bustle of our daily lives and “retreat” to Ligonier, and experience the beauty and quiet of nature while enjoying fellowship with friends. Please register a.s.a.p. The **Registration deadline is Sun, April 7.** Required Ligonier Camp Liability Forms are on table in Narthex. Please contact Amy Gida at 412-607-8430 if you have any questions.

**May/June High School Graduates:** Please contact the church office if you have a high school graduate in the family that would like to participate in/be recognized at our Cross & Crown Service.

**Preschool Registrations** for 2024/25 are now being accepted for children ages 3 and 4 years old. Registration forms are on the church website or contact the church office. The 3-year old’s classes meet Tues & Thurs. The 4-year old’s classes meet Mon, Wed & Fri.

**Save the Dates:**

Chicken BBQ Fundraiser: Saturday, May 18  
Vacation Bible School: June 3-6 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.  
Annual Church Picnic: Sunday, June 9



**Holy Week Services**

**Maundy Thursday Dinner and Communion**  
Thursday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. in Social Hall  
**Good Friday Tenebrae Service**  
Friday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m.  
**Easter Sunday Services**  
Sunday, March 31 9:15 a.m. + 10:30 a.m.