

The Third Sunday of Easter

New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ



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“Sharing the light, faith and love of Jesus with all people.”

April 19, 2026

10:30 a.m. In person and Livestream Worship in Sanctuary

Welcome to New Goshenhoppen Church

The classic film *The Sound of Music* is about a candidate for the convent [Julie Andrews] who is searching for God's will for her life. She has trouble fitting into convent life and is sent to be a governess overseeing the children of the Von Trapp family. There she hopes to find out whether she is truly meant to be a nun or whether God has something else planned for her.

Confused about her feelings for Captain Von Trapp, Maria suddenly flees and returns to the convent. She meets with the Mother Superior, who asks her why she was sent back. Anxiously, Maria admits she decided to leave because she was afraid and confused and needed the sanctuary of the abbey. Mother Superior tells her, "an Abbey is not to be used as an escape. What is it you can't face?"

Maria admits she may be in love with Captain Von Trapp but isn't sure. "That's why he's been torturing me. I was there on God's errand. To ask for his love would have been wrong. I couldn't stay. I just couldn't." She faces a crucifix and says, "I'm ready at this moment to take my vows. Please help me."

Mother Superior tells her, "Maria, the love of a man and a woman is holy, too. You have a great capacity to love. What you must find out is how God wants you to spend your love."

Maria says she has pledged her life to God's service. Mother Superior answers, "My daughter, if you love this man it doesn't mean you love God less. No. You must find out. You must go back." Maria objects, but Mother Superior tells her, "Maria, these walls were not built to shut out problems. You have to face them. You have to live the life you were meant to live."

We Praise
*The * invites you to rise in body or spirit.*

Preparation for Worship

O God,
we joyously come together to worship,
realizing we need not summon you into our midst,
for you are here.
We need not call you into the secret places of our hearts,
for you are there.
We need our eyes of faith to be opened,
that we may see you;
our ears to be unstopped,
that we may hear you;
our minds to be sensitive,
that we may know you;
our hearts to be tender,
that we may receive you.
Grant each one a blessing, O Lord,
as each has need,
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prelude

An Easter Improvisation – Rudy Lucente

Chiming of the Trinity

*Call to Worship

from Psalm 95:1-2

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.**

When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri -
 How of - ten mak - ing mus - ic, we have
 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and
 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that
 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for

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-fied and ad - or - ra - tion
 found a new di - men - sion
 song, in faith and love, through
 night when ut - most e - vil
 praise! Let al re - joice who

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leaves no room for pride, it is as though the
 in the world of sound, as wor - ship moved us
 cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit - ness to the
 strove a - gainst the light? Then let us sing, for
 have a voice to riase! And may God give us

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whole cre - a tion cried: Al - le - lu -
 to a more pro found Al - le - lu -
 truth in ev - rey tongue: Al - le - lu -
 whom he won the fight: Al - le - lu -
 faith to sing al - ways: Al - le - lu -

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-ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 -ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 -ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 -ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 -ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Prayer of Adoration

-based on Psalm 92:1-5, 8 NIV

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

It is good to praise you LORD and make music to your name,
O Most High,

**To proclaim your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night,**

to the music of the ten-stringed lyre
and the melody of the harp.

**For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD;
I sing for joy at the works of your hands.**

How great are your works, O LORD,
how profound your thoughts!

You, O LORD, are exalted forever.

O Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall show forth your praise.

*Praise

10,000 Reasons

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name.**

**Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.**

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.**

**Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.**

**You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;**

**Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.**

**And on that day, when my strength is failing,
the end draws near, and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore!
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.
Worship Your holy name!**

We Hear and Respond

Psalmody

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.

**² Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

³ The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.

**⁴ Then I called on the name of the LORD:
"O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"**

¹² What shall I render to the LORD
for all his benefits to me?

**¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,**

¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.

**15 Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his saints.**

16 O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.
You have loosed my bonds.

**17 I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.**

18 I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,

**19 in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.**

Praise the LORD! ¹

Ministry of Music

Upper Perkiomen High School "A" Choir
Dr. Mark Thomas, Director

The Children of New Goshenhoppen & "A" Choir

A Word About Music

Dr Williams – "PD"

Dr. Thomas' Opus!

Morning Prayer

Our Savior's Prayer [using **debts** and **debtors**]

Welcome and Announcements

Offering Our Gifts, Tithes and Offerings
Give via PayPal, a Credit Card, or Debit Card by
scanning the QR code with your camera



*Offertory Response: No. 606

The Doxology

*Offertory Prayer

¹ *Revised Common Lectionary* (Bellingham, WA: Faithlife, 2009).

*Dismissal Hymn **Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise** – St. Denio

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Following the Light of Christ into the World

***We go. . .
To share the light, faith and love of Jesus
with all people!***

*Sung Dismissal

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

*Going Forth

Lobe den Herren – arr. David Williams

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APRIL 19, 2026

The People of New Goshenhoppen, Ministers
Rev. Dr. David A. Williams, Senior Pastor and Organist
Rev. Dr. Deborah Rahn Clemens, Pastor Emerita
Rev. Erick Kern, Associate Pastor
Rev. Elaine Ely, Minister of Grief Support
Kelly Johannsen, Lay Minister of Visitation
Susan Hemperly, Senior Choir Accompanist
Cindy Biehn, Administrative Secretary
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WELCOME VISITORS ~ we're glad you are joining us for worship! Please sign the visitor card located in the pew rack and drop in the offering plate.

WiFi PASSWORD: Network: NewGoshGuest, password: **wearethechurch**

WELCOME to the **"A" Choir of the Upper Perkiomen High School, under the direction of Dr. Mark Thomas.** After over 30 years of making music at UPHS, Dr. Thomas will retire at the end of the school year. Have you sung in the "A" Choir in the past when you were a student? At the end of the service, you are invited to join the choir to sing "The Lord Bless You and Keep You."

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP OUTREACH REQUEST THIS MONTH are these specific items for the Lydia Bag Program of Liberty Ministries: Shampoo (Suave preferred choice 12-15 oz); stick deodorant (2-4 oz); toothpaste (2.5-5 oz); bar soap (3-4 oz); tissue packs (travel size); writing tablet (5" x 8", no spiral bound/no staples). There is a container in the Social Room for your contributions.

MILLER KEYSTONE BLOOD DRIVE: Tuesday, May 5th from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. at New Goshenhoppen Church. To schedule your appointment, please follow this link or call MKBC at 1-800-223-6667, #2 and use Group Code E064.

https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/89810
All donors must present a valid ID with first and last name and photo and/or signature. Thank you!

MEMORIAL GIFTS

The church is grateful for financial gifts received in the name of loved ones and friends.

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Robert C. Swenk

by John & Robin Hilton

by Gary & Sheila Freed

In memory of Mabel Rizzo

by Beverly Farkas

In memory of Cheria Kolb and Bruce Ferketich

by Allan & Dorothy Brensinger

In memory of Nadeine Hunter

by cousin, Etta Roth and family

QUIET DAYS: Quiet Days will be taking a break in April and back together again on Tuesday, May 5th at 9:30 a.m. If you have any questions, please call Gail Gerhard, T/N 215-679-6523.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, FAITH!

Do you have a passion for tech, or maybe you're just curious about how the "magic" happens behind the scenes? We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join our Sunday Morning Stream Team!

You don't need to be a pro to help us share our 10:30 a.m. service with the world. If you can click a mouse or slide a fader, you're halfway there.

The Details:

- Your Schedule: Commit to just once a month or even once a quarter—it's entirely up to you!
- No Experience? No Problem. We will provide full training on how to operate the cameras and balance the audio.
- The Impact: Help us reach our homebound members and friends across the globe.

"I'm not a tech person!" > Don't worry — our system is user-friendly, and we'll be right there with you until you feel like a pro.

If you're interested in lending a hand (and getting the best seat in the house), please see Will Howe after the service or send an email to:

williamharlan@yahoo.com

COOKBOOK—COMING SOON: Recipes have been collected, typed, and edited. We are almost ready to send it to the printer. Before we do that we need to know an approximate number of books to order. Please sign up to reserve a copy for yourself, friends, and family. The price will be between \$10-\$15 (more orders, lower price) and will be available in early 2027. Sign-up sheet in the Social Room.

THANK YOU: We couldn't have done it without you! Many many thanks to all who made April's Monday Meal possible. Whether you donated food and supplies, contributed to the cost, or cooked, bagged and served....you are all amazing and we're so thankful for you! There were 249 smiling faces and full bellies in our community on Monday night, with additional meals delivered to the Upper Perk Manor Tuesday morning. Thank you for all you do!

CEMETERY WORKDAYS: The following are the dates for cemetery workdays. We begin the morning with a cup of coffee and a planning meeting at 7:30 a.m. with work commencing at 8:00 a.m.: April 25th, May 23rd, June 27th, July 25th, Aug 22nd, Sept 26th, October 24th. Please check the weekly bulletin for any date changes. We appreciate any time your schedule will allow.

SCOUTING NEWS: **Cub Scouts** is for boys and girls Kindergarten to 5th grade. If interested in joining, please call or text Kyle Moyer at 610-360-0924. **Scouts BSA** is for 11- to 18-year-olds. If interested in joining, please call or text Scott Spaar at 484-431-3178. Check out the photos and newspaper clipping on their bulletin board.

THANK YOU for the cards, prayers and hospital visits from everyone, including Rev. Kern and Rev. Dr. Williams, while I was at St. Luke's Hospital. My recovery at home is going well and I hope to see everyone back at church soon.
~ Nancy Harvey

SYMPATHY is expressed to the family of **Klaus Ihlenfeld** who passed to eternal life on April 14, 2026. Please keep in your prayers his wife, Patricia; sons, Paul, Phillip, and Douglas; and daughter, Naomi Leen.

BULLETINS are presented in memory of Terry's birthday by sister, Nancy Doolin and family; and in memory of the wedding anniversary of parents, Sam & Mildred Mann by Sheri Slonaker and family.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented in memory of our son and brother, Christopher Cressman by Mommy, Daddy, Matthew, Nicholas, Ryan and Jillian; and in memory of my parents, Nancy & Robert Swenk by the Jana Ellixson family.

THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT are presented in memory of mother, Mary A. Kline by Nancy & Mark Mullen.

THE FLOWERS BEHIND THE PULPIT are presented in memory of the birthday anniversary of husband, Bruce Butterweck by Karen and family.

ATTENDANCE: 4/12/26 8:00 a.m. 49; 10:30 a.m. 56, Livestream 55; Sunday School 49.

OPERATING INCOME 4/12/26: Current & Benevolences including EFT \$4,102; Building, Improvement & Maintenance including EFT \$265.

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS:

Year to Date Income	\$179,787.29
Less Investment Withdrawals	<u>\$0.00</u>
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Year to Date Expenses	\$182,576.70
Special Income	\$0.00
Special Projects Expenses	\$3,563.98
Capital Campaign Income	\$5,075.00
Meadows Paid Back Year to Date	\$13,100.00

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun.	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education Building)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)
	10:30 a.m.	Welcome Upper Perkiomen High School "A" Choir
	11:30 a.m.	Kicked up Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
Mon.	6:00 p.m.	Ursinus Association Dinner and Meeting (Trinity Reformed Church, Colledgeville, PA)
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Quilting (Pathfinder Room)
	9:30 a.m.	Life Long Learning (various rooms)
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts Pack Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	6:30 p.m.	Elders meeting (Pastor Dave's office)
Wed.	6:00 p.m.	Historical Committee (Bible Fellowship Room)
	6:30 p.m.	300 th Anniversary Committee (Bible Fellowship Room)
Thurs.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Senior High Room)
	6:00 p.m.	Cardio Drumming (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (Senior High Room)
Fri.		Office Closed
Sat.	7:30 a.m.	Cemetery Work Day
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education Building)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)
	11:30 a.m.	Youth Faithbuilder Meeting & Movie Day

Thank you to our Service Participants

10:30 a.m. Narthex: Sheri Ackerman
 Roberts' Church Office: Cindy Roma
 Elevator: Amy Hangey
 Upper Narthex: Thomas Bancroft
 Liturgist/Acolyte: Terry Dworkin



MOTHER'S DAY
CARNATION PROJECT
REMEMBER MOTHER OR
GRANDMOTHER ON
MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 10.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to honor my loved one and also to encourage the good work of WOMEN'S CENTER OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY. Their goal is to create institutional change and reduce the impact of domestic violence, creating a cultural shift towards healthier, safer communities.

Kindly use a separate form for each carnation ordered.

This year, instead of delivering carnations to a health care facility, we wish for all women of New Goshenhoppen to be remembered.

At the conclusion of both services, every woman is invited to come to the chancel railing and receive a carnation.

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Presented by _____

Relationship to you: _____

(Indicate Mother, Grandmother, Aunt, Sister, etc.)

Cost \$5.00 each.

Checks should be made payable to New Goshenhoppen Church.

Kindly mark the envelope "Carnation Project."

Please mail-in to the Church Office, place in the offering plate,
or put in the black lock box located outside the Main Entrance door
(at the elevator entrance).

Deadline for orders is Monday, May 4.

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures
here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

**Or "God"*

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH
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