



THE TOWER

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In-Person and Live Streaming Worship Services during Holy Week are as follows:

- ❖ Palm Sunday (4/10) 10:15am- Distribution of blessed palms
- ❖ Maundy Thursday (4/14) 6:00pm with communion and Washing of the Feet
- ❖ Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday(4/17)
 - 9:00am – Easter Egg Hunt for children at the Parish House
 - 10:15am – Worship with Vocalists, Brass Ensemble and Communion

After the livestreaming, a recording of each service can be found on our website, www.springfieldpresbyterian.org and on YouTube (Springfield Presbyterian Church).





Thank you to those who dedicated flowers to our Easter display:

*The Donald Auer Family – My loving wife, Elaine - a cherished mother and grandmother;
Greg and Dawn Clarke – Our parents: Kathryn and Walter Clarke &*

Margaret Haley and Col. Ryerson Mausert;

Ted and Lynn Doll – In honor of Kris and Angela Ruebling-Jass

In memory of our parents; In Memory of Margarete, Joan and Janice

Michele Eckstein – In memory of Alfred and Christine Faraone

Nancy and Jack Hennessey- Betty and Dee Jameison; Eleanor and Hilary Hennessey

Debra and Gary Kensicki and Family- In memory of Alice and Carmine Cataldo;

Virginia Meringer – In memory of David Schaal, Sr.;

Mrs. Elizabeth Schmidt - her husband William R. Schmidt;

Hamilton and Louise Scott – Ruth C. Scott, Henry Stieglitz ;

Amy, Robbie and Tory Smith – Our Family

May Smith – In memory of Beloved Family and Friends

Ruth Wood – In Memory of Gary Wood & Bill and Ruth Wood.



We thank the following musicians for sharing their talents this Easter, under the direction of Liliya Khobotkova:

*Brass: Walter Schweikert, Trombone; Donato Toto, Trombone; Jeff Schweikert, Trumpet
Al DeFurianni, Trumpet; Vocalists: Ellen Lang, Soprano, and Ken Young, Bass*



From the Desk of Pastor Lindsey

May the peace, love, joy, and hope be with you all. I greet you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

My brothers and sisters, on Resurrection Sunday, we shall declare, He is risen! He is risen indeed! The fact that we declare that Jesus is risen should make us feel exuberant, but what does that mean to me or you? I see confirmation of the promise made to all those who truly follow Him that we too, will one day be resurrected to live forever as He now does.

God's power underlies Jesus' resurrection. If God has power over Jesus' life and death, he also has power over all life and death. God is the Creator of life and is sovereign over death. If he points an endorsing finger at Jesus, how can humanity doubt him?

With the Resurrection of Christ, there is an expectation of renewed faith. Isaiah writes: "He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness." You and I are given the opportunity to allow God every day to clothe us with salvation and robe us with Christ's righteousness.

Today we are offered the chance to not just to start over, but we are given the chance to be freed of every piece of clothing of the past, every bit of wrongdoing that clings, every bit of baggage that weighs heavy on our hearts, and take on a whole new outfit, a brand new garment washed in the blood of Jesus' forgiveness.

As Ambassadors of Christ, you must say, God I am yours today. I want you to claim me. I want you to forgive me. I want to allow the garment of grace to shape me, and whatever happens today is inconsequential compared to the garment I am letting you put on my back. I arise today with the power of God to pilot me, God's strength to sustain me. God's wisdom to guide me. Amen.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Madelynne Lindsey





7th – Rodney Shinnors
9th – Colleen Scott
13th - Doreen DeRenzo
15th - Russell Helsel
21st – Daniel Priest
23rd - Jean Zabelski

24th - Douglas Leite
25th – Seamus Priest
26th - Beatrice Roth
28th - Thomas Clark
29th - Carissa Clark
30th – Millie Huska

WE ARE HAPPY TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTHDAYS OF ALL OUR CHURCH FAMILY! IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS NOT INCLUDED IN OUR BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AND PROVIDE MONTH AND DAY, AND WE'LL ADD YOU TO OUR LIST

TWO CENTENNIAL BIRTHDAYS!

We are delighted to offer Happy Birthday Greetings to two very special members who are celebrating their 100th Birthdays this month!



Bea Roth



Russ Helsel

Imagine the inventions and innovations that they have witnessed in their lifetime!
They both have been such a blessing to this Congregation and to their families.
May Bea and Russ enjoy God's continued blessings and two helpings of birthday cake!

member spotlight

Congratulations to **Samantha Werner**, who performed in the Middlesex High School presentation of “The Spongebob Musical”. She is one of only two freshmen in the Drama Club performance. After the show, Sam was greeted by her family and friends. Way to go, Sam!



*Welcome **Amirah-Grace Lillian Sarno**, daughter of Joseph and Patrice Sarno, who was baptized on March 20, 2022.*



PUZZLE

Resurrection refresher

All four gospels confirm Jesus' resurrection, and each one offers important details.

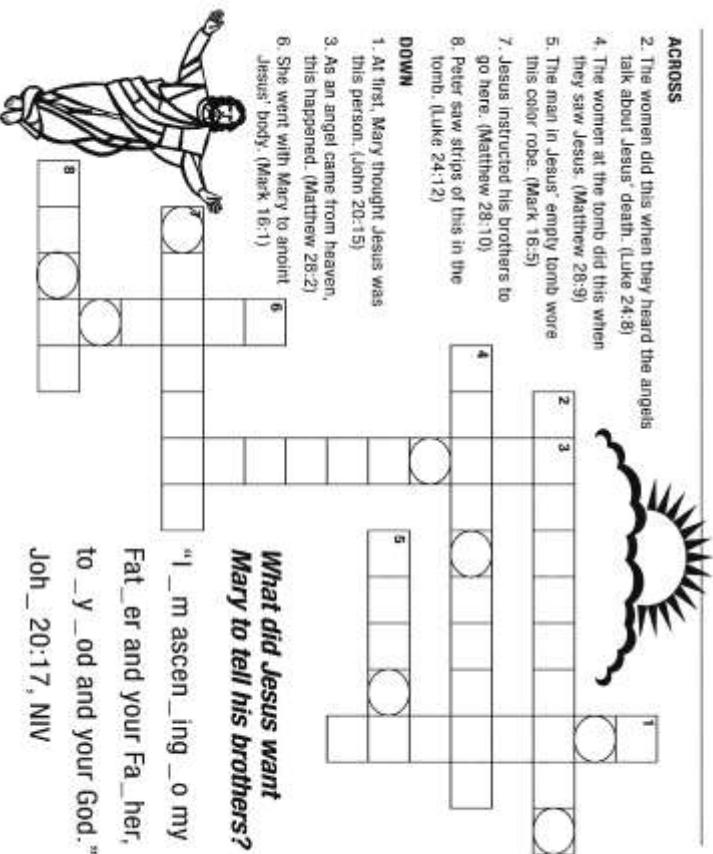
Directions: Complete the crossword. Then insert the circled letters (in order of the clue numbers) to complete John 20:17 below.

ACROSS

- The women did this when they heard the angels talk about Jesus' death. (Luke 24:8)
- The women at the tomb did this when they saw Jesus. (Matthew 28:9)
- The man in Jesus' empty tomb wore this color robe. (Mark 16:5)
- Jesus instructed his brothers to go here. (Matthew 28:10)
- Peter saw strips of this in the tomb. (Luke 24:12)

DOWN

- At first, Mary thought Jesus was this person. (John 20:15)
- As an angel came from heaven, this happened. (Matthew 28:2)
- She went with Mary to anoint Jesus' body. (Mark 16:1)



What did Jesus want Mary to tell his brothers?

"I _ m ascen _ ing _ o my
 Fat _ er and your Fa _ her,
 to _ y _ od and your God."
 Joh _ 20:17, NIV

Answer: ACROSS 2. remembered, 4. worshipped, 5. white, 7. Galilee, 8. linen;
 DOWN 1. gardener, 3. earthquake, 6. Salome; "I am ascending to my Father and
 your Father, to my God and your God." John 20:17, NIV

Puzzle

Using the code, complete this passage based on Ezekiel 34.

CODE _____
 ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
 ZYXWVUTSRQPONMLKJIHGFEDCBA

"As a _____ looks after his

_____ when _____ is

_____ them, so will I _____ after my _____.

I will _____ them and _____ them.

I will _____ for the _____ and bring back

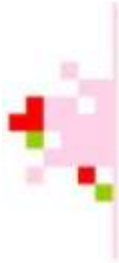
the _____ . I will _____ up the _____

and _____ the _____ . You are my

_____ and I am your _____ ."



Answer: shepherd, scattered, flock, he, with, look, sheep, rescue, pasture, search, lost, strays, bind, injured, strengthen, weak, sheep, God



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<p>Livestreamed and recorded worship services can be found on YouTube and our website: SpringfieldPresbyterian.org</p>					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<p>Worship-10:15am</p>	<p>Session 7pm</p>					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>PALM SUNDAY Worship 10:15am With blessed palms</p> 				<p>Maundy Thursday 6pm service with Washing of Feet and Communion</p> 	<p>Good Friday Passover begins</p>	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<p>Easter / Resurrection Sunday 9am Egg Hunt @PH 10:15am Worship with Communion and Brass</p> 	<p>Office closed</p>				<p>Earth Day Passover ends</p>	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p>Worship-10:15am With Contemporary band</p>						

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