Invitation to Worship

PWUBC acknowledges our meeting is in Mi'kma'ki, the unceded, ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaw people. As Treaty People, we will strive to walk with our Indigenous friends and neighbours in a good and faithful way, as we share the land that is entrusted to all by the Creator.

Welcome

(Those who are able please gather in Lockwood Hall)

*Processional Hymn "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" VU123

Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd, the victory palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud. The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

*Call to Worship

Budd Miller

Jesus is coming.

Hosanna!

He comes to us riding on a donkey.

Hosanna!

Open wide the gates!

Hosanna!

Let us welcome him with branches and songs of praise. **Jesus is coming. Hosanna to the King of kings!**

Invocation

Scripture Psalm 118:19-29 Marge Shaffelburg-Miller

*Hymn "Ride on" Verses 1 & 2 VU126

Children's Moment

***Hymn** "Ride on" Verses 3, 4 & 5 VU126

Ministry of Music "Palm Sunday Processional" Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Mark 11:1-11 Marge Shaffelburg-Miller

Morning Prayer

Response "Jesus, remember me" VU148
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. X3

Sermon "All Glory, Laud, and Honour"

*Hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honour" VU122

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction "Sunday's palms" VU 107 Sunday's palms are Wednesday's ashes as another Lent begins Thus we kneel before our Maker in contrition for our sins We have marred baptismal pledges in rebellion gone astray Now returning seek forgiveness Grant us pardon God this day.

Postlude Christianne Rushton

Announcements

TODAY: Join us for coffee and a chat right after service! **Tuesday:** 10:30 - Children's Playgroup in the Nursery.

7:00 - Property Committee Meeting.

Thursday: 10:00 - Coffee and Conversation in the Nursery

7:00 - Choir in the Sanctuary

TODAY: LOVE AND INCLUSION DEBRIEF: During our Lenten journey of love and inclusion, we have taken in a lot of information and had the start of many great conversations. We would like to invite everyone to stay after church today to have a discussion in Lockwood Hall.

- Where do we go from here?
- What does this all mean for us at PWUBC?
- How do we not only say we are inclusive and affirming, but live that way?
- What have we learned from these sessions?

Please plan to stay if you are able.

EASTER OFFERING: Our offering will go to support our shared ministry in Rwanda with our CBM Partners in Mission, Darrell and Laura Lee Bustin. In a country with a traumatic history, many rural communities struggle with debilitating poverty, where illiteracy rates remain high, and gender-based violence is a threat to girls and women. Through the local church, literacy classes, coordinator training, self-help groups and parenting clubs are offered so both men and women are empowered to transform their families and communities. CBM also provides educational assistance, mentorship, and financial support for vulnerable children and youth.

Rev. Randy Stanton, CBM Atlantic Canada Representative, will be speaking at our **Sunday service on April 7th**. He will participate in the worship service and will continue his presentation with slides in Lockwood Hall. Everyone is invited to a pot luck lunch following the event. Please bring your own place setting(s) for the meal.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Frugal Mums will be using Lockwood Hall for packing their Easter hampers for families in need. They will be arriving on Monday, March 25 at 10 o'clock to start unloading supplies for the hampers. They expect to start packing at 12. They will be preparing a minimum of 50 hampers. Any volunteers are much needed and welcomed.

- Our church will be assisting the Frugal Mums with a **clothing give away to be held on April 27, 2024**. Help will be needed with this project.

If you have any questions, please contact Lana Churchill.

CONCERT: Sunday, March 24, at 3pm, in University Hall. Acadia University Chorus presents Fauré's **REQUIEM**. Under the direction of Michael Caines, this work's profound spirituality and exquisite craftsmanship will be brought to life with clarity and reverence, offering a transformative musical experience for all.

CONCERT: Tuesday, March 26, at 7:30pm, in Denton Hall Auditorium, the **Acadia University Singers** with the **Blue Engine String Quartet** present "**A Mother's Courage**" – a concert program featuring Marie-Claire Saindon's *Méditations de la Vierge Marie* and Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater*. Together, these two works present the life and death of Jesus through Mary's perspective and are a powerful exploration of the courage it takes to love unconditionally.

INFORMATION FROM WAICC (Wolfville Area Inter-Church Council)

Walk with the Cross: Port Williams United Baptist church joins WAICC for March 29th (Good Friday) "Walk With the Cross" beginning at Acadia Manning Memorial Chapel 10 a.m. As we walk through Wolfville to L'Arche, stops are planned for prayer and reflection, ending with refreshments at L'Arche community on Main Street. A meaningful holy-week event.

Suitable Housing- The town of Wolfville is host to folks living "in the rough". Further meetings have taken place every other week since February. WAICC has used finances to purchase foam insulation and mattresses for these residents. Funds came from WAICC'S SPECIAL NEEDS budget line. In the future, WAICC will explore potential partnership with other organizations to address housing challenges in Wolfville. Currently Kings County has received accelerator grants to be used for helping those living rough. WAICC has been invited to send additional representative to attend the Wolfville housing meetings. Our treasurer has checked with the CRA. CRA does not have any problem with this non-profit organization providing funds towards "housing needs" in the homeless situation.

By-Laws for WAICC Update- A committee of 3 reps, continue to work on updating the By-Laws of WAICC.

Invitation for WAICC to join NAIN - NAIN stands for North America Interfaith Network. Currently there are no fees to join this interfaith group. WAICC is an interdenominational group of Wolfville area churches that has considered this membership in previous years. NAIN meets regularly to promote interfaith networking. Written materials and information is regularly shared with members. Discussion is ongoing regarding joining this group. For more information, contact Connie Veinotte, Jane or Charlie Forney or Ray Bishop.

NEW MINAS BAPTIST CHURCH: we invite you and your church to come this coming Tuesday, March 26th - 7:00 pm, New Minas Baptist Church. We are hosting CBM Team Leader for Africa, André Sibomana. Visiting with us from Rwanda, André will be giving updates on his ministry with CBM and encouraging churches on how best to support the ministry in the Africa. Join our collective efforts as churches who support the ministry of CBM and coming to be of encouragement to André and to receive the blessings of his ministry through his updates and encounters. If you have any questions, you can connect with al.kirkbride@nmbc.ca or Randy Stanton; rstanton@cbmin.org

You are invited to "**Tea With CBM's Partner In Mission André Sibomana**", Wednesday, March 27th, 2024. 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm. Kentville Baptist Church, 503 Main Street, Kentville. Presentation will be in the Sanctuary with light refreshments and fellowship to follow. Free will offering. Hosted by the Kentville Baptist Board of Missions

Announcements Continued:

Committee Chairs of PWUBC

Moderator -Chris MacIntoshTreasurer -Scott SchofieldChair of Board of Deacons -Lisa LazaricChair of Property -Josh Cudmore

Chair of Christian Education - Breanna MacIntosh

Chair of Finance -David DukeChair of Music -Marie GriffenChair of Mission and Outreach -Cynthia Worthen

Chair of Personnel - Paul Burden

Chair of Nominating - Laura Churchill Duke

Chair of Search Committee - Barb Rushton

KINGS COUNTY SENIOR SAFETY: Living Alone is a four week program that will provide skills and information to assist the older adult who is faced with living on his or her own - either through divorce, separation or the death of a loved one.

Topics Include: *Grief and Loss, Right Sizing your home, CAPABLE program, Financial literacy, resolving conflict, understanding dementia, and more!*

The sessions will be held at Christ Anglican Church, 238 Commercial street, Berwick. **Tuesdays April 23, 30, & May 7 & 14, 9:30am to noon.** The program is **FREE** but you **must register** by calling Trishe Colman at (902) 670-0725 by April 19th. A light snack will be provided.