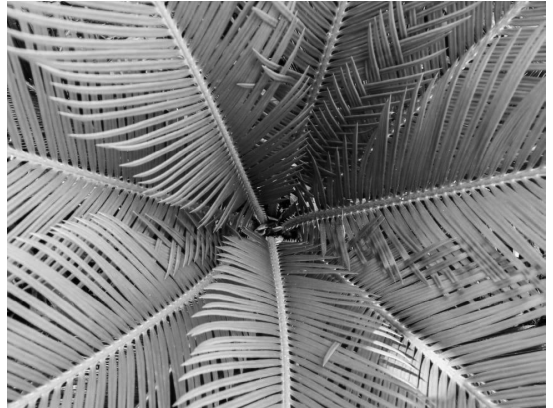


# Edgcumbe

## Presbyterian Church

March 25, 2026

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### Holy Week Worship

Next week is Holy Week when we follow Jesus into Jerusalem, from the last supper to the cross to the possibilities of Easter morning.

- **March 29 is Palm Sunday.** It will be our final Healing Corner of the season, and we will take a moment to celebrate the life of Liz Schiferl and dedicate a gift in her memory.
- **Maundy Thursday on April 2 with a 5:30pm potluck dinner** in the sanctuary followed by foot washing (optional) and then worship with Holden Evening Prayer. This is a meaningful community gathering that brings us to the foot of the cross with reverence and mystery and hope. Please join us whether or not you can bring food to share.
- **Easter Sunday - April 5.** Because Christ has died, we all have died. Because Christ has been raised, we all have been raised from death to life abundant. Alleluia! Let us celebrate new life together on this most holy of days.

### Lenten Themes

As we approach the highs and lows of Jesus' story in Holy Week and the highs and lows of our own lives, we take a moment to remember the themes we have been learning together.

- The only real thing is love.
- In every moment we have a choice between judgment and trust, between fear and love.
- Being willing to die, to surrender, to release all my judgments and all my fears opens me to the fullness of God's love and the truth of who I am.

We invite you to say this affirmation today:

*"I am a child of God. I understand today that the love of my Creator supports me in ways that I can feel, experience, and manifest in the world. I know myself as loved. I know myself as loved. Today I choose love over fear."*

### March Mission: Twin Cities Food Justice

TC Food Justice have been working extra hard to access co-ops, grocery stores, and farmers markets to re-distribute unsold and extra foods to local hunger relief organizations, and especially schools over the last few months, as a result of the ICE surge. They focus on



vegetables, fruits, and nutrient-rich breads because hunger relief organizations often find it challenging to consistently provide fresh food options for their clients.

Please consider a mission donation during March. You can indicate "TC Food Justice" or "March Mission" on the memo line with a check, or on the Give Now application from the [epchurch.org](http://epchurch.org) website. Thanks for your support!

### **Looking Ahead to April**

Our April financial offering will be for the Pastors' Sabbatical, and our mission activity is serving **meals at the Union Gospel**

**Mission.** There is still availability to join in the fun!

- April 11, Saturday, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm - 3 spots remain
- April 17th, Friday, 11:30 to 1:30 - 4 spots remain
- April 21st, Tuesday, 6:00 am to 8 am. - 4 spots remain (*added incentive: there's talk of going out for breakfast after this shift!*)



If you'd like to join us for any of these shifts, please e-mail Lisa Holden at [lholden58@gmail.com](mailto:lholden58@gmail.com). Lisa will take care of signing you up in the system. These open spots are available as of today. Other groups might decide to take these spots, so if you are interested, let Lisa know ASAP. She will let you know if there are no longer spots available. The address of this volunteer activity is 435 University Ave. E. St. Paul, MN.

### **Bibles & Bible Study**

For a second time, we ordered eight Bibles, and eight Bibles left in the hands of the people of Edgumbe Church. This hunger for God's word in scripture is an exciting development in our community. If you would still like a copy of the Common English Bible, please talk to me (Pastor Phil), and I'll see if there is interest in another order. If anyone wants to contribute to this endeavor, please mark your donation as "Bibles."

Speaking of the Bible, our Sunday evening Bible Study will be taking a break over the next two Sundays—March 29 and April 5—for Holy Week and GebbenGreen family events.

### **Iona Hymnwriter in Town!!**

There is a fabulous opportunity to attend a free conversation with Rev. John Bell, member and musician of the Iona Community who will be in town for The Didier Seminar 2026 at House of Hope (St Paul) on April 18. John Bell is a Scottish hymn writer, composer, broadcaster, and lecturer, who spends much of the year traveling, mostly in the Americas and Europe.



Singing is neither a harmless nor a neutral activity. For many people what they sing shapes what they believe about God as much, if not more, than preaching. Register at: <https://bit.ly/Didier2026>

Let Pastors Luna and Phil know if you are planning to attend, and we will see you there!!

## April Birthdays & Anniversaries



Happy Birthday to:

Cali Clary

4.17

Ruth Andersen

4.19

Happy Anniversary to:

Meredith and Tom Holt

4/22