

How people flee/run away:

Lay low for a while, Shut down (all or part of their life)
Taking a leave of absence, Change Jobs, Retire, Move
Drugs/Alcohol, Taking their own life

This is the very brokenness Jesus came into the world to heal.

The very brokenness that the Disciples were now feeling.
From which they fled.

Psalm 31 – King David fleeing from Saul, or his son Absalom.

(2) Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.

(9-10) Be merciful to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and my body with grief. My life is consumed by anguish and my years by groaning; my strength fails because of my affliction, and my bones grow weak.

(22) In my alarm I said, "I am cut off from your sight!" Yet you heard my cry for mercy when I called to you for help.

(24) Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord.

The triumphant entry into Jerusalem did not keep the events of Holy Week from occurring. (Or brokenness in our lives).

Likewise, these events did not keep Easter from occurring.
(God's redemptive presence in our lives).

Tony Campallo - "It's Friday, but Sunday's Comin,"
www.eastern.edu/student-life/scholarship-cohorts/campollo-center-ministry/ccm-news/sundays-comin

Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord,
for its Friday but Sunday's a comin.

FINAL THOUGHTS Philippians 2:5-11 p. 1,827
"Christ Like Humility"

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus...
humbled himself/becoming a servant/being obedient...
Therefore God exalted him...

Sermon Notes 04-13-2025

FIRST THOUGHTS Luke 19:28-40 p. 1,631
"What Were They Thinking?"

Sports team's victory parade

The curios
Experience the moment
Jumped on the bandwagon

An election victory celebration

Felt part of something larger than themselves looking forward,
wondering with anticipation of what came next?

Some in Jesus' inner circle might have been thinking what it might mean for them going forward?

Except for the Pharisees, who disapproved, it was a feel-good moment, a moment filled with excitement and promise.

At moments like this it is easy to get caught up in the positive vibes, to wave palm branches and cry out "Hosanna!"

FURTHER THOUGHTS 26:47-56 p. 1,545
"A Sudden Turn for the Worse"

The men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him...
Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

A sudden turn for the worse:

Disciples experience, fear and uncertainty...they flee.

How things take a turn for the worse:

A change at work
A change of where/with who one lives (especially children)
Building pressures in life
A medical diagnosis
Death of a loved one

24 years ago, this coming July.

What about you?

*Prayerfully, openly engage in relationships
through Christ's love."*

CONTACT INFO

Pastor: Vern Gauthier

(717) 385-9526 - 1stuppastor@gmail.com

Secretary: Elisabeth Gauthier

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30am-11:30am

(717) 776-7525 - 1stupoffice@gmail.com

Clerk of Session: Jim Ellingsworth

(717) 609-3102 – jellingsworth22@gmail.com

Moderator of Deacons: Sally Ann McCrea

(717) 385-4734 samccrea@gmail.com

Church Wi-Fi Password: 1stupwifi

PRAYER LIST

Dorothy Drescher, David English, Chris English, Donnie McKeehan, Jill Tasker, Sam & Barb Shenk, Patty Geiger, John and Janet Nimmon, Jane Ege, Brian Falk.

Prayer Persons: Bob & Rausa Roscinski-717-776-9142

32 Parsonage St .Newville PA 17241

Local Church: Assembly of God-Pastor Mike Kemler

Presbyterian: Great Conewago- Pastor Brand Eaton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You to all who helped with Spring Cleanup and the Easter Egg Hunt.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering ends today 4/13. The \$\$\$ we share will be given to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance which will help to restore damage done by the California Wildfires. Our \$\$\$ will also support the Presbyterian Hunger Program and the Self-Development of People. Please give generously in Thanksgiving for our abundant Blessings. Thank you!

Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m.

April 17th 2025

At Big Spring Presbyterian.

Please join us as Pastor Lucy Bowerman and Pastor Vern will jointly lead the service.

Big Spring's organist, Bill Hemminger will begin playing music at 6:45 and invites attendees to come and come and prepare their hearts for worship at that time.

Good Friday April 18th

Sanctuary Reflection, Noon-3:00 p.m.

Cross Walk, 6:00 p.m. Zion Lutheran Parking Lot.

The 8:30 a.m. Worship Service will be discontinued as of June 1, **with the last service being May 25.** See the April Oak Leaves for more information.