

Welcome to Prince of Peace!

***Palm Sunday
Sunday of the Passion***



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

**March 24, 2024
9:30 am**



Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, know that you are most welcome here to receive God's goodness, mercy, and love. Welcome to Prince of Peace, a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

Passion Sunday

This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

Welcome to the Table

All who hunger for the love of God are welcome to receive Holy Communion. You are invited to come forward, take an empty cup or a cup filled with grape juice, and kneel at the rail (as you are able). The Pastor will place a wafer in your hand and the Vicar will fill your cup with wine. As you return to your seat, please put the empty cup in the basket. If you are not comfortable coming to the altar and prefer to receive communion at your seat, please pick up a communion kit on your way in to the sanctuary. Gluten free wafers are also available.

We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

God of Love, as we prepare to remember the events of this poignant week, open our eyes to see the beauty of Jesus' self-giving love, and by your Spirit work in our community a desire and commitment to serve each other and our hurting world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Gather

Prelude

Welcome *The congregation gathers outdoors.*

Acclamation

P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Processional Gospel

L The Holy Gospel according to Mark in the 11th Chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel **Mark 11:1-11**

Jesus enters Jerusalem

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.' " They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Blessing of Palms

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Jesus, you entered Jerusalem in joy.
We long to go with you;
to be in *that* place,
within *that* crowd,
and to know that you are there.
So in *this* place,
we lift branches of our own:
we lift hands and voices
to offer praise for that entry long ago,
and for your entry into our lives today.

C **God bless these palms,
and those who carry them.**

P As we accompany you into the city,
we proclaim that you accompany us
in our own time and place,
making every space where we reside
a place to praise you.

C **God bless these palms, and those who carry them.**

P You take ordinary branches,
and the ordinary hands that hold them,
and make them holy.
As your presence blessed the streets of Jerusalem,

you bless our house of worship.
 You take an old, old story,
 and draw us to it in new ways.
 God, you have blessed these palms.
 And you have blessed we who carry them.

C Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.


Procession

The assisting minister addresses the assembly.

P Let us go forth in peace,
C **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

Processional Hymn *All Glory, Laud, and Honor (vs 1, 5)*


Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing you on high;
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went.
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 Our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

- P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
C **Hosanna in the highest!**

Prayer of the Day

- P As we move from praise and palms to cross and passion, we pray:
Jesus, you came into the holy city on a street paved with joy:
a fanfare of palms, a carpet of cloaks.
C **But now our joy at the gates
gives way to anxiety in the garden
and fear in the courtyard.
Help us remain with you,**
P though palms are replaced by tears.
C **Draw us forward to follow you,**
P as the never-ridden colt is replaced by hard-bitten guards.
C **Give us strength to witness,**
P as the cloak-strewn road disappears and soldiers cast lots for your tunic.
C **For you have made every place where we reside into a place to praise
you, even—especially—the cross. Amen.**

Word

- L I will bless the Lord at all times; the Lord's praise shall continually be in
my mouth (Psalm 34:1).
C **Lord, bless the reading of your word. Make it come alive in our midst.
Amen.**

The Passion of Our Lord **Mark 14:1-15:57**

Hymn of the Day Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 343 vs.1,2,6
My Song is Love Unknown

Response

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Litany of the Passion

- P Let us Pray.
All **Surprising God, you come to our lives in ways we do not expect.**
- P We ask for success;
C **you teach us acceptance.**
- P We ask to be loved;
C **you ask *us* to love.**
- P We ask for ease;
C **you challenge us.**
- P We ask for a triumphant Messiah,
C **you come as one obedient to death.**
- P We glorify the winner,
C **you glorify the loser who died on a criminal's cross.**
- All **Walk among us, surprising God of peace.
Sanctify our joys and our successes; turn our hearts to you.
At the name of Jesus, we bow before you.
May your name be glorified in your church, now and always. Amen.**

Meal

Passing of the Peace

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

The ministers and congregation greet one another with a word and gesture of peace.

Offertory Anthem *Lead Me Lord* arr. S. Wesley
Adult Choir

Offertory Hymn Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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Offertory Prayer

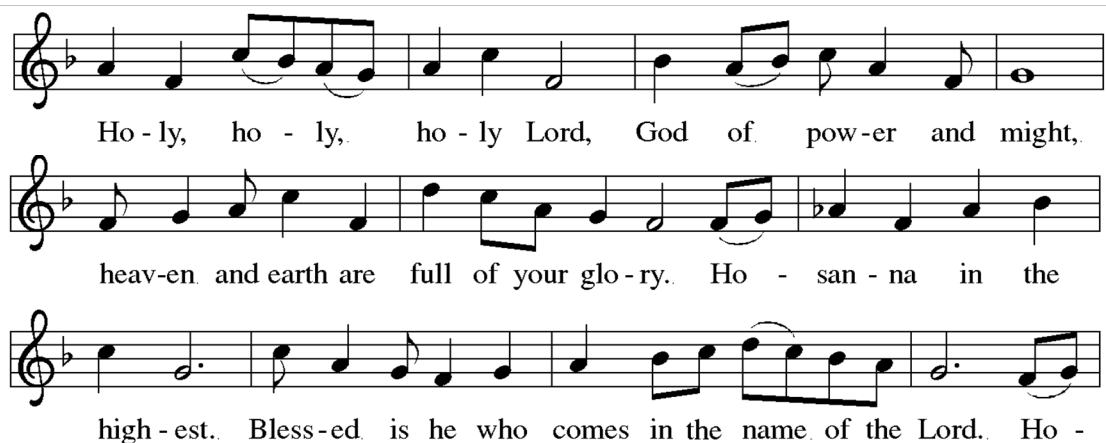
- P God of good gifts,
receive these and all our offerings
as we present them in faithful service
for the sake of your gospel.
Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal
as you pour out your very presence
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.
- C **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



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Thanksgiving at the Table

P O God, Creator of our wilderness world.
O God, Savior of the lost,
O God, Comforter of the sick and suffering,
we give you thanks for your everlasting might;
we glorify you for your covenant of mercy.

For forty days you cleansed the earth with the waters of the flood.
For forty days you illumined Moses with the words of your law.
For forty years you fed your people with manna from heaven.

You became truly human in Jesus our brother.
For forty days, with fasting and prayer, he renounced the power of the devil.
On the night before he died he took bread, and gave thanks, broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P We extol his life. Amen:

C **Amen.**

P We lament his death. Amen:

C **Amen.**

P We celebrate his resurrection. Amen:

C **Amen.**

P Transform us. O God, with your lively Spirit.

Make this food into manna for our journey. the body and blood of your son. Grant us with the Ninevites forty days of repentance

Teach us your words of wisdom and justice.

Renew the whole earth with baptismal grace.

At the last, lead all your pilgrim people through our deserts to your Easter garden.

To you, O God, Creator, Savior, Comforter.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

be our worship and praise, adoration and thanksgiving, now and forever.

Amen.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Our fath-er in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your name. Your king-dom come, your

will be done on earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dail-y bread. For- give us our

sins as we for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the

time of trial and de - liv - er us from ev - il. For the king-dom, the pow'r, and the

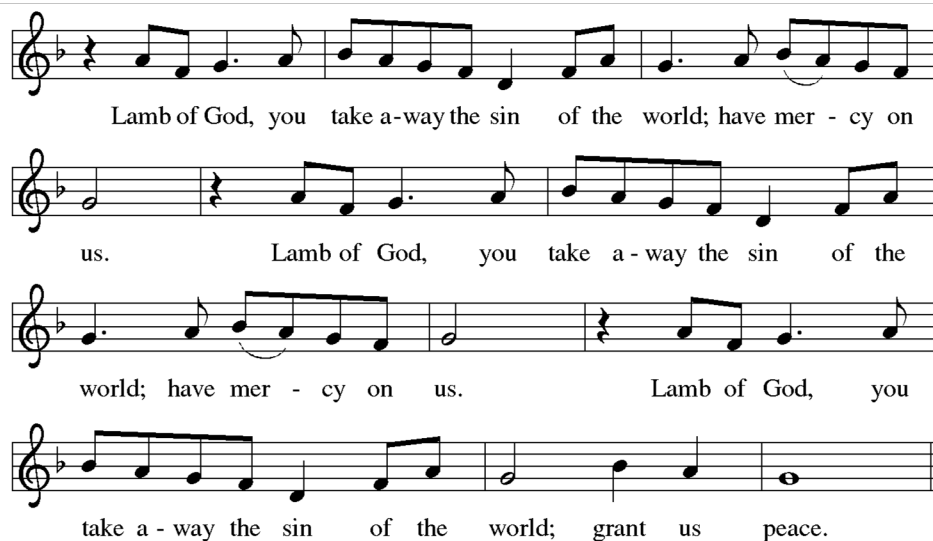


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Invitation

P Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.
C **Let us receive him. Amen.**

Lamb of God



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Distribution

Distribution Hymn Evangelical Lutheran Worship #335
Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross

Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and
keep you in his grace.
C **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

- P Blessed Jesus,
in this rich meal of grace,
you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope
to a world in need.
- C **Amen.**

Sending

Benediction

- P May our God, whose arms were spread on the cross to embrace
the whole world help us this week to take up the cross and
follow Jesus. ✠ In the name of God the Creator, God the
Redeemer, and God the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 347 vs. 1,2
Go to Dark Gethsemane

Dismissal

- P Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Thank you to all who served today:
Communion Assistant: Sara Manning
Readers: Sean Cuddahy
Claudia Thompson
Tim Gjenvick
Morrigan Clarke
Arundel Clarke
Sara Manning
Dave New
Joan New
Fellowship: Claudia Thompson
Usher Greeter: Rich Carlson
Andrew Carlson



Maundy Thursday – March 28

7:30 p.m. Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary and Livestream)
Washing of Feet and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday – March 29

7:30 p.m. The Seven Last Words of Christ (Sanctuary and Livestream)

Holy Saturday – March 30

7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday – March 31

8:30 a.m. Outdoor Early Service
9:30 a.m. Festival of the Resurrection (Sanctuary and Livestream)
10:45 a.m. Easter Brunch

Ministry Opportunities:

Easter Flower Orders

Order forms for flowers to adorn the Prince of Peace worship room during Easter are available now in the Gathering Area, and are also available online here: <https://popnj.org/announcements/order-form-for-holy-week-easter-palms-flowers/> Orders should be placed by today.

Native Truth Be Told

On Sunday, April 14 POP's Racial Justice Team is hosting two indigenous women to speak to us at adult forum time, about their powerful personal stories...Lunch Included. For additional details, please see the flier on page 22.

Worship Assistants Needed

A reminder as a new year begins that we are in need of worship assistants on Sunday mornings: acolytes, lectors, ushers, greeters, and fellowship hosts. Please sign up at: <https://bit.ly/pop-sunday-signup>. The liturgy is the work of the people. We can't do it without you! Thank you.

Clothing Drive Fundraiser - Saturday April 6, 2024, 1:00-4:00 pm

Items can be dropped off into the bin outside anytime from 3.30.24—4.6.24. Items accepted are: men, women and children's clothing; shoes; hats; belts; ties; handbags; coats; jackets; bed linens; stuffed animals.

St. Bart's needs food to distribute to the hungry.

St. Bart's needs non-perishable food to distribute to the hungry in their community. They can use such items as canned fruits, vegetables and meats, pasta, rice, cereal, peanut butter, jelly and the like. Please put donations in the Food Bin outside the white doors near the Community Room at any time. "Monetary donations are appreciated, too. Make checks out to Prince of Peace and earmark for St. Bart's Food pantry." Thank you!

Ministry Opportunities ...continued

Easter Sunday Brunch

All are welcome to share a bountiful fellowship brunch on Easter Sunday, March 31st. Please join fellow POPer's for a delicious buffet breakfast to be served immediately following the 9:30 service. The bountiful buffet will include pancakes, waffles, egg dishes, bacon, sausage, home fries, ham, salads and more! We invite all who attend to bring breakfast bread or sliced fruit platter to share. Please sign up by March 24th on the poster in the Gathering Area as to the number in your party that will be attending as well as what you will be bringing. All family and friends are welcome! ~ Michelle & Michael Conk

Blood Drive hosted by Boy Scout Troop 40 & American Red Cross

Site: First Presbyterian Church of Dutch Neck • 154 S. Mill Road, Princeton Jct , NJ
Room Name: Fellowship Hall • *Date:* Mon Mar 25, 2024 • *Time:* 2:00: PM - 7:00: PM
Go to www.redcrossblood.org & search for March 25, zip 08550 to make an appointment.

Help us to fill our schedule and receive an exclusive GODZILLA x KONG: THE NEW EMPIRE and Red Cross shirt ltd qty!

The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime.

This Week at Prince of Peace

Today:	Palm Sunday
9:30am	Service of Holy Communion—Sanctuary and Livestream
10:45am	Adult Forum
1:00-3:00pm	Korean Baptist Church (Sanctuary)
Monday:	
3:30-5:00pm	Joyful Stitchers (Zoom)
7:15pm-8:15pm	Pranavam School of Dance (Community room)
7:00-8:30pm	SAA Meeting (Zoom)
Tuesday:	
7:15-8:15pm	Pranavam School of Dance (Community room)
Wednesday:	
11:30am-1:30pm	Christian Focus (Lounge)
5:00-8:00pm	Pranavam School of Dance (Community room)
Thursday:	
6:30-9:00pm	AA Meeting (Community room)
6:30-8:00pm	AA Meeting (Room 2- Informal meeting room)
7:00-8:00pm	Nightingale Bells Rehearsal
7:30pm	Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)
8:00-9:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday:	
12:00-1:00pm	Prayer Circle (Zoom)
4:00-4:30pm	Reconciling in Christ (Zoom)
7:30 pm	Good Friday (Sanctuary)
Saturday:	
9-12pm	Pranavam School of Dance (Community Room)
7:30 pm	Holy Saturday Service (Sanctuary)
Sunday:	Easter Sunday
9:30am	Service of Holy Communion—Sanctuary and Livestream
10:45am	Easter Brunch
1:00-3:00pm	Korean Baptist Church (Sanctuary)

We Remember in Our Prayers...

Our Community, Our Nation, and Our World

The Holy Land and its people
All victims of gun violence

Those recovering from surgery

Lisa Schott
Becky Terranova, relative of Stephanie Cuddahy
Nathan Resch

Those rejoicing in good news

The Clarke Family upon receiving J'den's test results

Those who mourn

Family of Charlotte Rexroad, mother of Martin Rexroad
Family of Jan Westrick, stepmom of Lisa Schott
The Family and friends of Kevin Grehan, friend to Dorothy Safranek

The Bishop of the ELCA

Elizabeth Eaton, as she takes a leave of absence

Those who desire our prayers

Carolyn Grotz
Brynn Peterson
Andrew Grimm
Karlfried Froehlich
Ellie Crawford
Matthew Rexroad

Family and Friends

Kevin Grehan, friend of Dorothy Safranek
Dave Deckard, friend of Sara Manning
Fred Schott, father of Lisa
Dorothy S., friend of Carol Balderssari
Gilbert Worth, friend of Nancy Reyes
Linda Hahn, friend of the Winders
Murphy O'Rourke, granddaughter of Jim and Martha Winder
Charlie Winder, Jim Winder's Dad
Ryan Marahaj, friend of Roger Moore
Jim Senyszyn, cousin of John Reyes

We Remember in Our Prayers... (continued)

Barbara Lehman, friend of Nancy Reyes
John Felipe, friend of Nancy Reyes
Denise Wadams, friend of Nancy Reyes
Lauren Zarrillo, daughter of Liz
Shelly Greene, a member of our online community

Those who serve in the military

LTCOL Karl Wethe, USMC



OUTDOOR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED in Princeton Junction

Love being outdoors? Looking for a way to help others? Interested in gardening, either to learn how or to use your experience? If so, here's your chance!



Started decades ago to get homeless preschool children at the Cherry Tree Club excited about fresh veggies and later expanded to the property next door when the church realized how many were going hungry, **the Peace Garden grows fresh produce to Fight Food Insecurity.** Many people, even if working, are barely making ends meet so buying the cheapest processed foods may seem their only option. Those in low income neighborhoods often can't get fresh vegetables without a car to get to bigger grocery stores with better (though still too high) prices.

Food Pantries are part of the solution Freshly harvested produce is treasured by these families trying to stay healthy! Each year close to 1,000 pounds of vegetables are donated from this garden to local food pantries, mostly through St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church in Trenton. YOU CAN HELP! NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!! Volunteer a few hours a week or come whenever you can, and bring your kids or friends!

Let's GROW this community project!

WHAT: Volunteers needed to plant, grow, weed, harvest, pack, and/or deliver the produce

WHEN: Hours - Tuesdays 3-5 and Fridays 10-12 during the school year

Cooler summer hours 9-11 Tuesdays and Fridays

WHERE: Gardens are behind the Community Room and the House Next Door
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 177 Princeton-Hightstown Rd., Princeton Junction
(follow signs from the parking lot for the Labyrinth, which is open to the public)

HOW: Contact Nancy Reyes by email at nancyauerreyes@gmail.com or cell 609-273-1239
with questions or to get on the mailing list for weather updates

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE GARDEN!!!



NATIVE TRUTH BE TOLD

What we weren't taught in school

*Can you imagine being taken away from your family as a young child?
Do you know what happened to Native American children who died in boarding school?
Do you understand why some school mascots are offensive?*

Come hear two Indigenous Women share their personal experiences.

We welcome our presenters from the Coalition of Natives and Allies.



They will share stories on-

Donna's fight regarding the Native American sports mascot issue,
boarding schools, including a Canadian Residential School and returning remains from the Carlisle School,
how Kelley, who was adopted off the reservation at 3 months old, found her birth family and birth mother in South Dakota.

The presentation will take approximately an hour and a half including time for Q&A.

Sunday April 14, 2024
10:45 am

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 177 Princeton-Hightstown Road, Princeton Jct
Hosted by the Racial Justice Team at Prince of Peace

A light lunch will be provided after the presentation.

RSVP appreciated - 609-799-1753 or Sign up via [SignUpGenius](#).





Cover All Kids Outreach Toolkit (2/23/24)

Trenton Health Team's Regional Health Hub is partnering with NJ FamilyCare/ Medicaid to conduct community outreach for the **Cover All Kids Initiative**. Cover All Kids is an initiative to reach all uninsured, income-eligible children in New Jersey under the age of 19 regardless of immigration status.

Trenton Health Team invites our partners to join us in outreach efforts and help spread word about Cover All Kids to their clients, staff and network. Below are 5 ways to get involved.

- 1. Post on social media** utilizing our social media toolkit including sample posts. In addition, consider using our sample newsletter language for your upcoming newsletter or e-communications.
- 2. Share the Cover All Kids flyers** and other materials with your clients, staff, and network. Consider placing the flyers in your office or share at an upcoming meeting or event. Click here to download the materials. If you need printed flyers, contact us at getcovered@trentonhealthteam.org
- 3. Partner with Trenton Health Team for community events.** Contact Trenton Health Team at getcovered@trentonhealthteam.org to speak to a staff member to schedule our team to table at your next community event and provide information and resources about Cover All Kids.
- 4. Refer clients/patients/participants for application assistance** by using our contact form. A THT Community Health Worker will contact you to guide you through the process using your choice of preferred contact method. Bilingual services are available.
- 5. Invite our team to do a Cover All Kids presentation** for your organization, staff members or clients. Want a Cover All Kids presentation? Contact Trenton Health Team at getcovered@trentonhealthteam.org to speak to a staff member about scheduling a presentation for your organization, staff members or clients.

Learn more about Cover All Kids by visiting our website. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please email getcovered@trentonhealthteam.org or call 609-422-5201.



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