

The Order for Worship and Celebration

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2015

10:00 a.m.

Preparing for God's Word

PRELUDE

“*Prelude and Fugue on ‘ELLACOMBE’*”

Taemin Han, organ

Edward W. Beals

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

People: *We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;*

Leader: We will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.

People: *Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.*

Leader: We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.

People: *Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the Kingdom of God.*

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*”

#197, Hymnal

WELCOME

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP: One Great Hour of Sharing

Donna Beaver

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison).

Redeeming God, we sing the ancient words from a parade long ago. Hosanna! Save us! Even now we know that we need saving from the sin in our lives. Save us from lukewarm faith. Save us from callous indifference. Save us from paltry hopes and petty dreams. Save us from unquenchable greed. Save us from lazy habits and faithless commitments. Save us from soft-mindedness and hard-heartedness. We cry from the depth of our hearts and the very pit of our souls. Forgive us and save us we pray. Amen. (silent confession)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Responsive)

Leader: Jesus has come to us in love and offers us forgiveness and new life.

People: *We are forgiven and set free.*

*RESPONSE

“*We Are Forgiven*”

#447, Hymnal

PASSING THE PEACE *Please greet those around you.*

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

ANTHEM

“*A Palm Sunday Jubilation*”

Jon Paige

Sanctuary Choir; Mallory Sage, finger cymbals

Hearing God's Word

LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Psalms 118:24-29 (page 566, OT)

LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 21:1-11 (page 23, NT)

SERMON

“*Something Worth Dying For*”

Rev. Amy Wiles

*HYMN OF MEDITATION

“*I Will Come to You*”

#177, Hymnal

*STATEMENT OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical Version)
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Responding to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Offertory

“*I Will Always Be with You*”

Sanctuary Choir; Mary Grey, violin

Joseph Martin

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#606, Hymnal

Going Out to Live God's Word

*CLOSING HYMN

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

#196, Hymnal

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Ride on, Ride on in Majesty" WINCHESTER NEW, Dan Edwards
Taemin Han, organ

**Please stand if you are able*

WELCOME, WORSHIPERS, TO THIS PALM SUNDAY SERVICE. Let us unite our minds and hearts in praising Christ the King. Let us exhibit the same joyful spirit as those who first shouted: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" If you would like to learn more about First Presbyterian Church or about becoming a member, please contact Rev. Wiles or the Church Office.

HAVING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK: Margaret Gardner, Tommy Roberts, and Paul Kabel

THE FLOWERS AT THE PULPIT are the gift of Donna Beaver and Dianna Powell.

Congregational Ministries

ADULT FORUM: Please join us each Sunday morning at 8:45 a.m. in Calvin Hall for the Adult Forum led by Jan Schwab. **This class will not meet on Easter Sunday, April 5. See "Celebration of Volunteering" for details of the Adult Forum for April 12 and 19.**

KOINONIA: Janis Shea facilitates this class which meets in the Parlor at 11:15 a.m. each Sunday morning. **This class will not meet on Easter Sunday, April 5 or Sunday April 12.**

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: Children are asked to join Jean Seeland in the classroom upstairs following the worship service. **YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Classes are at 11:15 a.m. in the Youth Room with John Wiles. **There will be no Children/Youth Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 5 or on Sunday, April 12.**

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: The group meets each Tuesday morning at Panera Bread in Waterloo at **7:30 a.m.** We discuss the text for the upcoming Sunday worship service. Come for some coffee and conversation. All are welcome! **This class will not meet on Tuesday, March 31, instead join us for the Holy Week Prayer Service at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel.**

LAST LENTEN LUNCH AND LEARN: Next Wednesday, April 1, will be the last Lenten Lunch this year. Please join us at 12:00 noon for a light lunch served by the Presbyterian Women and a final Bible study of the parables.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Taemin needs a few strong volunteers after worship today to help him move the pulpit before the Palm Sunday concert this afternoon. If you are willing to assist, please meet at the front of the sanctuary.

PALM SUNDAY CONCERT/DRAMA: Musicians from First Presbyterian Church will collaborate with the Parabola Youth Theatre to give a special presentation, called "Jerusalem Journey, **TODAY, at 3:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church. The Sanctuary Choir, Celebration Ringers and other instrumentalists will share songs about Palm Sunday and Lent with a hint of Easter. The performance will also feature Parabola (a theatre group from First Congregational Church) presenting dramatic readings and short scenes that help tell the Holy Week story. This event is free and open to the public.

CHILDCARE PROVIDED DURING SPECIAL SERVICES: Childcare will be provided for this afternoon's Palm Sunday Concert at 3:00 p.m. and also for the special worship services at 7:00 p.m. on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

HOLY WEEK PRAYER SERVICES: Short prayer services will be held in the Chapel each morning, Monday-Friday, at 8:00 am. during Holy Week (March 29-April 2). These services will be an opportunity to start your day with prayer, Scripture, and singing. We hope that you take advantage of preparing for Easter in the special way. **Pastor Amy will perform a Foot or Hand Washing service on Maundy Thursday, April 2, during the prayer time.**

EASTER BREAKFAST: Please join us for a scrumptious continental breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 5, from 8:30-9:30 a.m. This will simply be a time for fellowship and a chance to reflect on the meaning of this time of year. There will be plenty to choose from such as rolls, muffins, fruit juices and coffee, just to name a few. So set aside a moment and break bread with us. See you Easter Sunday.

GUEST ORGANIST AND BRASS QUARTET FOR EASTER: Dr. Mariko Morita, from the University of Northern Iowa, will be our guest organist at the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Easter Sunday. There will also be a brass quartet that morning. We will joyfully celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, with the addition of these special musicians!

CELEBRATION OF VOLUNTEERING: April 12th will be the kick-off Sunday for a celebration of volunteering. Adult Forum that Sunday will focus on the joys of volunteering and opportunities for volunteering. We will celebrate after church with a waffle brunch. April 19th will feature an Adult forum with representatives of agencies in our neighborhood discussing their needs. On May 17, Laura Hoy will conduct an Adult forum on LINK Ministries which engages in Christian community development in the Walnut Neighborhood and Cedar Valley.

Community Ministries

HY-VEE RECEPITS: Please remember to bring your Hy-Vee receipts and put them in the box on the counter in the Church Office.

SOUP BAGS: providing a bag of soup and crackers has become an additional ministry when we serve our free Community Breakfast on the third Sunday of each month. Your donations of soup, crackers, ramen noodles, etc. helps tremendously with this ministry.

“TRY PIE” DELIVERY: If you placed an order with “Try Pie”, please remember to pick you the pie today after the worship service. Donna Beaver will have your order ready in the Church Kitchen.

Stewardship and Finance

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God’s love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find a safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities. **One Great Hour of Sharing will be collected TODAY.** Please give generously!

This Week at First Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 29: PALM SUNDAY

8:45 a.m. Adult Forum: The Rebel Jesus
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
 11:00 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour
 11:15 a.m. Children’s Sunday School
 11:15 a.m. Youth Sunday School
 11:15 a.m. Koinonia: The Rebel Jesus
 3:00 p.m. Palm Sunday Concert/Drama

Calvin Hall
 Sanctuary
 Calvin Hall
 2nd Floor
 Youth room
 Parlor
 Sanctuary

MONDAY, MARCH 30:

8:00 a.m. Prayer Service
 Chapel

TUESDAY, MARCH 31:

8:00 a.m. Prayer Service
 Chapel
 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting
 Calvin Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1:

8:00 a.m. Prayer Service
 Chapel
 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
 Pastor’s Office
 12:00 Noon Last Lenten Lunch & Learn
 Calvin Hall
 3:00 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal
 Choir Room
 6:00 p.m. Celebration Ringers Rehearsal
 Sanctuary
 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 Choir Room

THURSDAY, APRIL 2: MAUNDY THURSDAY

8:00 a.m. Foot or Hand Washing Service
 Chapel
 7:00 p.m. Worship Service
 Sanctuary

FRIDAY, APRIL 3: GOOD FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. Prayer Service
 Chapel
 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service
 Sanctuary

SUNDAY, APRIL 5: EASTER SUNDAY

8:45 a.m. Easter Breakfast
 Fellowship Hall
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
 Sanctuary
 11:00 a.m. Fellowship & Coffee Hour
 Calvin Hall

Joys and Concerns for March 29, 2015

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Kathy Zenner, Ravenwood; Kim Swallow, home; Gale Quirk, home

First Church Extends Its Sympathy

To the family and friends of Zelda “Vonnie” Mathern who died March 19, 2015.

Pray for Our Sister Churches:

Kesley Presbyterian Church, Kesley

Rev. Tamara EnTin

Please pray for our partners in mission in the Presbytery of Tres Rios (Texas), the Synod of the Trinity, Presbytery of Beaver-Butler (Pennsylvania), the Presbytery of Carlisle (Pennsylvania), and the Presbytery of Donegal (Pennsylvania).

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