



First Presbyterian Church

Growing in Faith and Love

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 14, 2019

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

The music of the Opening Voluntary draws us from the outside world into the presence of God. In preparation for worship, you are invited to use this time for prayerful reflection.

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Processional"

John Tabler
William Mathias

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please pass the friendship register down the row for each person to sign.]

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Community Service

CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

His steadfast love endures forever!

I thank you that you have answered me,

And have become my salvation!

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

(from Psalm 118)

+HYMN 196

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

[Three year olds through second graders are invited to come forward, place their offering in the plate and have prayer with the minister before leaving with their teachers for Children's Worship. Preschool ages meet in Room 208; Grades K - 2 meet in Room 311.]

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WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION*

You are the voice we can scarcely hear
because you speak to us about dying and suffering,
**and we are impacted by so many voices that have to do with
power and competence and success.**

We do know that you are the voice that gives life,
**That you are the voice that opens futures
to people who are hopeless.**

We are a part of a hopeless people,
Because the other voices eat at our hearts,
And we are immobilized and we become deaf.

So we pray for new ears.

We pray that your voice may be more audible to us,
That we may be able to sort out the death-giving
From the life-giving voices among us.

**We pray in the name of Jesus,
Through whom you have spoken
In such inscrutable ways.
Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Zechariah 9: 9-13
Pew Bible P. 884

ANTHEM

"Sanctus from Requiem"

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

- John Rutter

*Holy, Holy, Holy.
Lord, God of power and majesty.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord our God:
Hosanna in the highest.*

SECOND LESSON

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Luke 19: 28-42
Pew Bible P. 83

SERMON

"The Things that Make for Peace"

Dan Lewis

[*You are invited to stand. For each hymn, please stand as the last line of the introduction is played.]

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+HYMN 209

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

LOVE UNKNOWN

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from Philipians 2)

I believe in Christ Jesus, who,
Though he was in the form of God,
Did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
But emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
Being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
He humbled himself and became obedient to point of death —
Even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
And gave him the name that is above every name
So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
In heaven and on earth and under the earth,
And every tongue should confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of the Father.
Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Agnus Dei from Requiem"

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
Dona eis requiem.*

- John Rutter

*Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world:
In thy mercy, grant them rest.*

*Man that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up,
and is cut down like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow. In the midst of life we are in death:
of whom may we seek succor?*

Dona eis requiem sempiternam.

Grant them rest everlasting.

*I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in me, though he were dead,
yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.*

+DOXOLOGY (606)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OLD HUNDRETH

+PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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.

SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS

You have prepared a cross for your Savior...
Lord, have mercy.

KYRIE

*Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

MERBECKE

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

+HYMN 216

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"
[verse 2 - choir only]

ST. CHRISTOPHER

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

If you leave before worship's conclusion, please do so silently in consideration of others. Please refrain from photography and videography during the worship service.



TODAY'S SERVICE

We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning and hope that you find your experience to be uplifting and meaningful. Any Usher (designated with a name tag) will be glad to answer your questions and help you find your way around. If you need wireless audio receivers, large print bulletins and hymnals, directions to classrooms, restrooms or access ramps, please notify an Usher.

We offer a nursery for infants and toddlers during the worship services (8:30am-12:30pm). Children 3 years old through 2nd grade begin in the main service and then go to "Worship and Wonder", a worship experience designed especially for children which is offered during the 9am and 11am worship services. Children who remain in worship (3rd grade and older) are encouraged to pick up a Kids' Worship Sheet to help follow along in the service. All first time visitors are encouraged to collect a gift of bread from a member of the Bread Ministry team, which is offered at the conclusion of each worship service. For help finding ways to connect with the ministries and people in this community of faith, or for information about joining the church, please send a message to Membership Coordinator, Allison Cockrill, by emailing, allison@firstonthird.org.

The flowers in the Chapel are given to the glory of God and in honor of our granddaughters Lisbon and Francesca Lopes by Deon and Dianna Rooks.

The palms in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Chris.

* Brueggeman, Walter. *Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth*. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2003.

Contemporary Worship Gilmour Hall 9am

"Beautiful Scandalous Night"

WELCOME

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Community Service

OPENING PRAYER AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCESSION OF PALMS

"Prepare The Way"

"Raise Up the Crown (All Hail the Power of Jesus Name)"

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

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COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

REFLECTION AND OFFERING

FIRST LESSON

Zechariah 9: 9-13

SECOND LESSON

Luke 19: 28-42

SERMON

Dan Lewis

"The Things that Make for Peace"

"Lead Me to the Cross"

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| Dan Lewis, Pastor | Richard Aylor, Associate Pastor |
| Hannah Vaughan, Parish Associate | John Tabler, Director of Music |
| Benjamin Horrell, Asst. Director of Music | Jenn Mueske, Contemporary Worship Leader |
| Leading in Worship: | |
| For Urgent Pastoral Needs, Please Call - (910) 338-9109 | |
| *Please leave a message and the Pastor will return your call. | |
| If you have joys or concerns to share, or wish to request share a birth announcement, please call the church office (762-6688). | |
| <i>REMINDER: Please be sure to silence all electronic devices upon entering the sanctuary.</i> | |

Weekly Updates

Palm Sunday and Easter Egg Hunt

The Children's Christian Education committee has put together a Holy Week educational/craft box for families to take with them on Palm Sunday. The boxes will be on the table at the Orange street entrance. Please take one and enjoy learning and going through the events of this very special week in our faith with your children and family. All children are invited to participate in the procession of palms, during the 9am and 11am worship services this morning, Palm Sunday, April 14. Please meet in the Narthex 15 minutes prior to the start of the service. At 4pm, our annual Easter egg hunt will be held at the home of Lillian and Percy Smith at 615 Forest Hills Dr. We are grateful to Lillian and Percy for hosting the event in their beautiful gardens despite suffering damage during Hurricane Florence. Guests are asked to use caution and care as restoration work in the garden continues. All attendees are asked to bring blankets and enjoy light refreshments during the event. Don't forget your Easter baskets!

Lenten Luncheons

Each Wednesday during Lent, several area Presbyterian churches will be hosting a Lenten program and brown bag luncheon beginning at 11:30am. For additional information, please contact the hosting church.

- ◇ April 17 Winter Park Presbyterian: Paint Holy Week in acrylics and water colors



Stephen Ministry Information Sessions
Wednesday, April 17 and Thursday, May 9 at 5:30 pm in the church library.

Call to me and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know. Jeremiah 33:3. You can count on me to pray and you can count on Jesus to answer. God is ready to answer our prayers but we must ask for his assistance. In doing so, we acknowledge that he alone is God and that we cannot accomplish in our own strength all that is his domain to do. Stephen Ministers will pray for and with you. That is what we are trained to do. If you would like the support of a confidential care giver, please call for one of the pastors, 762-6688, or Janice Clark, 228-8584.

Habitat Volunteer Opportunity

Starting late this summer, First Pres will be participating in its 6th consecutive Habitat for Humanity Ecumenical build. For those who just can't wait to get started working on a Habitat home, there are some volunteer opportunities this spring and early summer with our sister church St. Andrews Covenant Presbyterian Church. The sign up page for volunteers may be found by visiting: <http://vhub.at/sacpc>.

Preparation for Worship

All rising 3rd graders and parents are invited to join Rev. Hannah Vaughan and Richard Aylor in a 4 week worship preparation class beginning April 28 - May19. The first class will meet on Sunday, April 28 at 10am in the Sanctuary where students will learn about the significance of the worship space. Remaining classes will include a review of the bulletin and different aspects of worship, the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper and prayer. A final gathering will include a celebration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the sanctuary at 5:30pm followed by a dinner in Gilmour Hall. For more information and to sign-up, please visit the church website.



Presbyterian Women Hat Luncheon

All women of the church and guests are invited to attend the annual hat luncheon on Wednesday, May 8 at 11:30am at Cape Fear Country Club. Please RSVP by May 1 on the church website or call the church office at 910-762-6688, for assistance. Tickets: \$15.

Acolytes

Two adult volunteers are needed to assist Acolytes on Sundays beginning at 10:30am to robe the Acolytes and remind them of their duties. Dates are flexible and easily changeable as there are five Acolyte Coordinators on the team. Please contact Anna Averitt at aaveritt48@gmail.com for more information.

A Look Ahead

- ◇ April 15-19 Preschool Easter Break
- ◇ April 18 Maundy Thursday, 12-1pm, 5-7pm, Gathering Place (small group communion)
- ◇ April 19 Good Friday, 12pm worship service, Kenan Chapel
Church Office Closes, 1pm
- ◇ April 21 Easter Sunday, 6:30am Sunrise service, Wrightsville Beach, Access #34
9am and 11am worship services, Sanctuary
- ◇ April 22 Church Office Closed
- ◇ April 28 Service of Remembrance, 12pm, Columbarium
First At The Farm, 3pm, Williams Farm
Music At First, 5pm, Sanctuary, Dornonique Launey,
Solo piano recital in memory of Charlotte Klein and in honor of David Klein
- ◇ May 5 One Worship Service, 11am, Sanctuary
Ordination/Installation Service: Nicole Newton, Associate Pastor
3:30pm, Sanctuary