



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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# SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

MARCH 25, 2018

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

PALM SUNDAY

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CHIMING OF THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(A children's nursery is available upon request. Please see an usher to assist you)*

ORGAN PRELUDE

*(Please use the prelude as a time to quietly prepare for worship)*

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*The Kingdom of This World*

(p.38, #36 Black)

**\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 11:1-10

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he 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!’

**\*\*OPENING PRAYER**

**One:** God Most High, gracious and glorious, blessed is the one who comes in your name. Lead us now on the road to the cross. May we follow with faithfulness and joy, shouting hosanna in the highest heaven; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**\*\*HYMN 196**

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

**\*\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. We join the parade and shout hosanna, then deny our Lord in his hour of need. We wave the palms and sing praise, then hand our Savior over to die. Forgive us, God of grace. Our lives are in your hand—deliver us from evil. Save us, by your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**\*\*KYRIE ELEISON**

Hymnal 576

**\*\*TIME FOR SILENCE**

*(We ask for forgiveness for our individual faults)*

**\*\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*\*THE PEACE**

**One:** Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

*(The congregation is invited to exchange signs of peace and reconciliation.)*

**\*\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Hymnal 824

*There Is a Place of Quiet Rest* (verse 1 only)

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Wally Spragins, liturgist

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.  
The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backwards.  
I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.  
The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
It is the Lord God who helps me.

ANTHEM

*A Palm Sunday Jubilation*

arr., Jon Paige

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was 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 the 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 God the Father.

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Collection of Pennies for Hunger

SERMON

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*\*HYMN 39

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

\*\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for humankind. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.**

*- Adapted from the Confession of 1967, (BOC 9.09)*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: Out of the ashes, up from the dust we bring our prayers to God, saying:  
In your steadfast love, O Lord,

**All: have mercy on us.**

One: God of all mercy, we pray for the church . . . On this day of triumph and tragedy help us to bear witness to the saving grace of our suffering Lord.  
In your steadfast love, O Lord,

**All: have mercy on us.**

One: God of all mercy, we pray for the world . . . Help the victims of violence in every land. Give peace to those who live in fear and dignity to those who are despised. In your steadfast love, O Lord,

**All: have mercy on us.**

One: God of all mercy, we pray for this community . . . Teach us the self-emptying way of Jesus Christ. Humble the proud and lift up the lowly until we know that all are equal in your sight. In your steadfast love, O Lord,

**All: have mercy on us.**

One: God of all mercy, we pray for loved ones . . . Be gracious to all who are in distress. Hold their lives in your hand and look upon them with healing.  
In your steadfast love, O Lord,

**All: have mercy on us.**

One: Restore in us, O God, the joy of your salvation; renew and sustain our spirits, so that we may live according to your will; as Jesus Christ taught us to pray.  
Our Father...

## LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal p. 35

## CHORAL PRAYER

*Bow Down Thine Ear*

(p.66, #20 Black)

## GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

## \*\*THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 606

## \*\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Lord see the offerings we place before you and hear the pledges of service we make in our prayers.

**All: All in the heavens and on the earth is yours, and of your own we give you.**

# BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*\*HYMN 209

*My Song Is Love Unknown*

\*\*CHARGE

\*\*BLESSING

One: One: May the steadfast love of God, the abundant grace of Jesus Christ,  
and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit be with you this day and always.

All: Amen.

\*\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 166 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* (verse 1 only)

FOURTH SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 11:11

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.

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

## **WELCOME !**

**If this is your first time at First Presbyterian Church, we thank you for choosing to spend some time with us in worship.**

**If you have questions about us, or what we believe, you can talk to Rev. Sandoval after the service.**

**If you are just curious about us, we encourage you to take a welcome brochure with you. You can also check us out on the web at: [www.fpc-rr.org](http://www.fpc-rr.org).**

**If you feel that you have found a church home here and would like to join, that is wonderful! You can transfer your membership from another church or simply profess your faith in Jesus Christ. Talk to Reverend Sandoval after the service to make arrangements for joining.**

**In any event, be sure to fill out the friendship pad and include your email address. We'd love the opportunity to keep you informed about the wonderful things we are doing here at FPC.**

**THE SESSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Class of 2018**

Shane Arthur  
Faye Brown  
Nancy Sandoval

**Class of 2019**

Jeff Dillard  
Denise Hackenburg  
John Shives

**Class of 2020**

Jimmy Bryant  
Nancy Crowe  
Mary Shelby  
Wally Spragins

**WORLD MISSIONS**

Our church supports the missionary work of Larry and Inge Sthreshley in the Congo, and the Rev. Donald Marsden, Frontier Fellowship.

**OTHER SUNDAY OFFERINGS**

Sunday School meets at 9:45 am for adults.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

The morning CIRCLE meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 9:45 am, and an evening CIRCLE meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. Locations are announced in the bulletin or you may call the church office for further information. Pet Spears and Nancy Crowe are the Moderators of the Presbyterian Women.

**PRESCHOOL**

Our Preschool Program for two-year-olds meet Wednesday mornings from 9:00-11:00 am.

Three-year-olds meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30-11:00 am or 12:00-2:30 pm.

Twos and Threes are taught by Leesa Daughtry and Shannon Knight.

Four year old classes will be held in the morning on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and taught by Susan Gaylor and Becky Faison. Class is 8:30-11:30 am.

Contact the church office for further information.

**PRESBYTERIAN MEN**

Jim Allen and Jimmy Bryant are the Co-President's of the Presbyterian Men.

Sunday morning breakfast meetings are held periodically.

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

Pioneers – 3rd grade up to Middleschoolers

Senior Youth – Middleschoolers & Highschoolers

Contact the church office for more information.

**CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Joe Sandoval, Pastor

Tammy Spragins, Administrative Assistant

Denise Hackenburg, Choir Director

Charles Harris, Organist

Nancy Sandoval, Choral Accompanist