

Gathering around God's Word

WELCOME AND SERVICE OF FRIENDSHIP: Russell Mase
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
PRELUDE: "Allegro" from *Divertimento No. 1* W.A. Mozart
(Carolina Strings)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Some would shout praises and others curses.

Some would swing palm branches and others whips.

Christ, the Son of God! Some would claim Him King and others a heretic.

Where are we in the crowds of each generation?

Do our lips and lives agree?

With hearts and hands and voices, we unite to magnify Christ, King of our lives!

INTROIT: "Festive Fanfare of 'Saint Theodulph'" Douglas Wagner
(Exaltation Ringers)

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "All Glory Laud and Honor" No. 265

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, as we have contributed to the pains endured by our Lord instead of praising Him with our lives as He deserves. Lead us in our commitment to render faithful service and honest witness that our participation in the ongoing history of the church may encourage others to be Christ's followers. In our Savior's name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our hope is in God Whose steadfast love surrounds us and in Whom is great power to redeem.

This power is revealed in Jesus Christ Who promises us life where there is death, and forgiveness where there is sin. The good news therefore is this: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE: "Kyrie Eleison" No. 377

O Lord, have mercy, O Lord, have mercy, O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.

O Christ, have mercy, O Christ, have mercy, O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*HYMN: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" No. 267

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:..... Matthew 21:1-11 (pew Bible page 21)
Philippians 2:5-11(pew Bible page 185)

Bill Harris (8:30 a.m.) Leeann DeCastro (11:00 a.m.)

SERMON (8:30 a.m.): "Ready or Not, Here He Comes!" Fred Coates

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN (8:30 a.m.): "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!" No. 268

*HYMN (11:00 a.m.): "Alas and Did My Savior Bleed" No. 263

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he

ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI: "Glory Be to the Father" No. 734

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 for ever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: "O Praise the Gracious Power"(8:30 a.m.) Carol Doran

"Pie Jesu" (11:00 a.m.) Gabriel Fauré

(Exaltation Ringers and Evelyn Blalock)

*DOXOLOGY: "Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow" No. 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Bob Amon (8:30 a.m.) Curtis Crews (11:00 a.m.)

*HYMN (11:00 a.m.): "Go to Dark Gesthemene" No. 272

CANTATA (11:00 a.m.): "On the Passion of Christ" David H. Williams

1. *The Last Supper*

2. *The Betrayal*

3. *The Crucifixion*

Bearing God's Word into the World

*HYMN (8:30 a.m.): "Majesty" No. 43

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Elegiac Melody" Edvard Grieg

(Christy Floyd)

Recordings of the 11:00 a.m. service are available at the sound console at the back of the sanctuary.

Visitors: Welcome to First Presbyterian on this Lord's Day. If you need a church home, we invite you to unite with our congregation. Please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad.

Palm Sunday Processional: All children are encouraged to participate in the processional at the beginning of the worship service this morning. Children who would like to be in the processional should meet in the parlor immediately prior to the worship service.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Les King with gratitude for years of unconditional love by Loretta Fodrie.

Easter Lilies: It is time once again to order lilies to be placed in the church at Easter in memory or in honor of loved ones. The cost is \$9 and today is the last day to place an order.

Palm Sunday Coat Drive: This morning we are participating in a "laying down your coat for Jesus" coat drive as part of our observance of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Coats will be donated to Mooresville Christian Mission.

Easter Egg Hunt: Everyone is invited to an Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday, March 26, at 10:00 a.m., rain or shine. Participants should bring their own baskets. Donations of individually wrapped candy are greatly appreciated, and may be left in the box in the church office. PYF members are encouraged to attend an "egg-stuffing party" this Friday at 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall, and to help with the Egg Hunt on Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

Announcements and Calendar

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Worship Celebration
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship and Cantata
3:00 p.m. - Handmaidens of the Lord (No. 6)
5:13 p.m. - PYF
7:30 p.m. - Board of Deacons
7:30 p.m. - Session
- Monday: 7:00 p.m. - Purpose Driven Life Bible Study at the home of Liz Price
7:30 p.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fred and Jean Coates
- Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. - PYF Supper Club at Duckworth's
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack Meeting in fellowship hall
7:30 p.m. - High school handbells
- Wednesday: 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Thursday: 6:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Church supper and Communion
- Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - Promise Keepers
- 3/27 - Sunday: - **Easter Day**
8:30 a.m. - No Early Worship
9:45 a.m. - No Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship

Logos/MSM will not meet this Wednesday.

Single Parenting Bible Study: A six week Bible study designed for single parents, or anyone who is concerned about issues surrounding single parenting, is scheduled to begin on Thursday, March 30, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 300. The study features a video presentation by Dr. Kevin Leman, and discussion and Bible study following the video. The group plans to have supper together (dutch treat) each week and child care will be provided. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) if you are interested in attending.

Community Mid-day Holy Week Services have been **cancelled** for this year.

Weekday Preschool will be closed for spring vacation until Tuesday, March 29.

The Session has called a meeting of the congregation following the 11:00 a.m. service on April 3 for the purpose of electing a pastor nominating committee.

We welcome to today's service members of Carolina Strings, from the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra. They are: Jane Hart Brendle and Evelyn Blalock, violin; Martha Koljonen, viola, and Susan Davis, cello.



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The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth be silent before Him...

Habakkuk 2:20