

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Interim Pastor: Rev. Janet Potter

Liturgist: Jim Meyer

Organist: Ann Swisher

**Please stand in body or spirit as you are able*

PRELUDE

“Processional”

William Mathias (1934-1992)

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

ALL: God’s steadfast love endures forever!

One: Let all who fear the Lord say,

ALL: God’s steadfast love endures forever!

One: The Lord has answered our prayer and become our salvation.

ALL: God’s steadfast love endures forever! Hosanna, hosanna!

One: Let us worship God!

*GATHERING HYMN

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

GtG #196

All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David’s royal Son,
who in the Lord’s name comest,
the King and blessed One.

All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!

The people of the Hebrews

with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers
and anthems
before thee we present.

All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!

To thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.

All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King!

All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!

EXTINGUISHING THE LIGHT

CALL AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL: Triumphant God, we join the crowds of the ages in shouting your praises.
While our lips give you glory, our lives seldom reflect your purposes. We sing**

easily of your greatness, but living faithfully is often beyond us. We hear of your salvation, yet sin is still close and real, daily leading us away from you. Have mercy on us. Ride into our hearts with healing grace. Forgive what we have done and direct who we shall be. Lord, save us. Hosanna! *(moment of silent confession.)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PEACE OF CHRIST

*“Gloria Patri”

GtG #581

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

“A New Hosanna”
John Purifoy

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

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SERMON SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:28-40

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SERMON

“The Humble King”

A LITANY on “The Mind of Christ”

One: Let us remember Jesus: Who, though he was rich, for our sakes became poor and dwelt among us;

ALL: Who was content to be the child of a poor family;

One: Who lived the common life, earning his living with his own hands and declining no humble tasks;

ALL: Whom the common people heard gladly, for he understood their ways.

One: Let us remember Jesus: Who was mighty in deed, healing the sick and afflicted, using for others the powers he would not invoke for himself;

ALL: Who was master and Lord to his disciples, yet was among them as their Companion and as one who served.

One: Let us remember Jesus: Who loved people, yet retired from them to pray, rose a great while before day, watched through the night, stayed in the

wilderness, went up into a mountain, sought out a garden;

ALL: Who prayed for his tempted disciple, and for the forgiveness of all who rejected him, and for the perfecting of those who received him;

One: Who observed good customs, but defied conventions that did not serve the purposes of God. Who hated sin because he knew the cost of pride and selfishness, of cruelty and impurity—the cost to humanity and to God.

ALL: May this mind be in us which was in Christ Jesus.

One: Let us remember Jesus: Who, when he was reviled, did not retaliate, and when he suffered did not threaten; who emptied himself and carried obedience to the point of death, even death on the cross.

ALL: May this mind be in us which was in Christ Jesus.

One: Let us pray for Christ to dwell within our hearts.

ALL: O Christ, our only Savior, so come to dwell in us that we may go forth with the light of your hope in our eyes, and with your faith and love in our hearts.

Amen.*

*RESPONSE HYMN

“Take My Life”
(vs. 1, 5 & 6)

GtG #697

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Christ, the Life of All the Living"
Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" GtG #608

Praise God,
from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ,
all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God,
whom we adore.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & UNISON LORD'S PRAYER

READING "Holy Week" by Ann Weems

*SENDING HYMN "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" GtG #216

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock
within a weary land;

A home within the wilderness,
a rest upon the way,
from the burning
of the noontide heat,
and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus
mine eye at times can see

the very dying form of One
who suffered there for me;

And from my stricken heart
with tears
two wonders I confess:
the wonders of redeeming love
and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow
for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than
the sunshine of his face;

Content to let the world go by,
to know no gain or loss,
my sinful self my only shame,
my glory all the cross.

***BENEDICTION**

One: Passing from joy into sorrow and on to elation,

ALL: we come to Christ this holy week.

One: Today is only a part of the story.

ALL: Jesus' triumph leads to his death, his death to his resurrection.

One: May the journey of this week lead you into the fullness of Christ's love. And
all God's children said

ALL: Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now on Your Holy Passion"

Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

**<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3661/worship-elements-palm-sunday-2025>*

You're Invited!

Monday, April 14	Mission 1 p.m.
Wednesday, April 16	Choir 2 p.m.
Thursday, April 17	Lent Study 11 a.m. Maundy Thursday Service 7 p.m.
Friday, April 18	Good Friday Service 12/Noon Hand & Foot Cards 1:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 20	Easter Sunday Service 10 a.m. Social Time 11 a.m.

Announcements

Welcome!

This is the day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

A special welcome to visitors joining us for worship today. If you have children with you, feel free to hand them one of the cloth bags hanging in the back of the sanctuary — they are filled with books and toys! Hymns are found in the “Glory to God” (GtG) hymnal in the pews, as well as on the screen. Please sign the red fellowship pad in your pew and pass it to your neighbor. It is our tradition to remain seated during the Postlude at the conclusion of the service. After the service, please join us for refreshments and conversation!

Doors Locked During Service

Session decided to lock the main entrance doors during the worship service. The doors are locked from 10:15 to 11 a.m. on Sunday mornings. The doors are unlocked again between 11 a.m. and noon.

Holy Week Services

Holy Week begins today! Join us for the Maundy Thursday Service with communion April 17, at 7 p.m. Return Friday, April 18, for the Good Friday Service at noon. Then, come celebrate the resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 20, at 10 a.m., with a social time after!

Session to Meet on Fourth Tuesday

Session will meet on the fourth Tuesday (instead of the third Tuesday) of this month, due to the Holy Week schedule. Session will gather Tuesday, April 22, at 6:30 p.m.

New Members Class offered Sunday, April 27

Interested in knowing more about First Presbyterian Church? Come to our New Members class on Sunday April 27! We will meet after worship with lunch provided. Class will end by 12:45. If you plan to attend, please tell Pastor Janet or call the office.

New Bible study starting Thursday, April 24

“Learning to Love the Psalms” is a new Bible study starting April 24 to be held on Thursdays from 11 am to noon. This is a 12-week course consisting of a video and discussion. If interested, please sign up at the table where you pick up your bulletin. For details, please contact John or Vicky Bryan at Rockcrawler2023@sbcglobal.net.

Friday Noon Bible Study returns April 25

The Friday Bible Study that meets at noon will start up again on Friday, April 25. We will be studying the book of Daniel. For details, visit with study leader John Coefield.

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