

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP

April 09, 2017 · 10:00 AM

() Those who are able, please stand. Large print hymnals & wireless hearing aids available.
Ask an usher. Members, please wear your name tag.*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" arr Miller

PALM SUNDAY READING Matthew 21:1-11

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader.....Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

PeopleShout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Leader.....Look, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,

**PeopleHumble and riding on a donkey
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

**AllMerciful God, as we enter Holy Week
and gather at your house of prayer,
turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life,
death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ,
that united with Christ and all the faithful
we may one day enter in triumph the city
not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem,
eternal in the heavens. Amen.**

*HYMN "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" # 457 (v1&2)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Gail Tucker

Invitation

Unison Prayer

**God of heaven and earth,
we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ in your name.**

**Even though we profess to follow him,
we confess that in times of trial we too often deny him.**

Forgive us and heal us, we pray.

**Help us to put our faith not in the princes of this world,
but only in the Prince of Peace.**

In Jesus' name we pray.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Sharing God's Peace

Response "What Wondrous Love Is This" # 85 (v2)
To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To God and to the Lamb I will sing
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM, While millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing! While millions join the theme, I will sing!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING Matthew 27:11-54
"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" NT Page 24

ANTHEM "Hosanna, Blessed Is He" Cindy Berry
Youth Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 2:5-11
"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" NT Page 152

CHILDREN'S TALK Mary Grow
(4yr to Gr1 invited upstairs to Activity Period in 203. Children leave through front exits)

SERMON

*HYMN "Ah, Holy Jesus" # 93

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *From 2 Corinthians 5:16-20*
From now on we regard no one from a human point of view;

**If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away; everything has become new!**

**All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ,
and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.**

**In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself,
not counting their sin against them,
and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.**

**So we are ambassadors for Christ,
since God is making his appeal through us;
we urge everyone on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.**

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory Music "Were You There?" arr Lloyd Larsen
Song of Praise "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" # 101 (v4)

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small.

Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all

Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Choral Prayer "Stay with Me" Berthier

Silent Prayer

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer...using debts and debtors

*HYMN "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" # 457 (v3-5)

*BENEDICTION – concluding with
Pastor:.... God is good **People:..... All the time!**

*SUNG RESPONSE *(Choir starts followed by Congregation)*
**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way Through this and every coming day,
That in Your Spirit strong and true Our lives may be our gift to You.**

POSTLUDE "Prelude and Fugue in e" Pachelbel

Welcome Visitors. Please leave your contact info on the pink card that you find in the pew rack. Pick up a Visitor's brochure from the back or ask an Usher! Be sure share a cup of coffee with us today during our fellowship time immediately after Worship

Mission Statement: First Presbyterian Church exists to improve our understanding of Christ; to spread His word and teachings; and to reach out to our church family, our community, and the world through acts of compassion, kindness, and love

A Staffed Nursery & Toddler Care Room is located on the 1st floor behind the sanctuary. We also offer an optional Quiet Room for parents with small children located in the sanctuary back

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers/Greeters/Acolytes: Kevin Taylor. Apr 16: Don Hanson

Worship Recorder is Shari Fish. Apr 16: Jay Fish

Deacon Ramp Duty is Nancy Morgan. Apr 16: Mary Davis

Coffee Break is immediately after worship in our parlor! Come and have refreshments & visit with friends.

Weekly Congregation & Presbytery Prayer List: Sally Adams, Roberta Bert, Ann & Rich Cianfrocco; Barb & Jim Steagall, Samantha Steagall, Don & Sheila Jones and 1st Pres Ilion

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS LOCATIONS

Church School Youth & Adult at 11:15 am following Coffee Break
(Nursery Available on the First Floor – Room 107)

Multi-Age Group..... Room 206

Grades 7 - 12 Room 201

"Violence Divine"Choir Room

Adult Church School Concludes Today "Violence Divine: Overcoming the Bible's Betrayal of Its Non-Violent God"