

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Passion/Palm Sunday

April 1, 2012

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" arr. Paxton

Call to Worship

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

Humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

* Processional Hymn 88 (PH) "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Eternal God,

in Jesus Christ you entered Jerusalem to die for our sins.

We confess we have not hailed you as king,

or gone before you in the world with praise.

For brief faith that fades in trouble,

for enthusiasms that diminish,

for hopes we parade but do not pursue, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, God, and give us such trust in your power that,

in every city, we may live for justice and tell your loving-

kindness; for the sake of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

* Silent Confession

* Kyrie

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

Concerns of the Church

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9(a) (OT, p. 681)

A Time with Children

Special Music

"The Palms"

Jean Baptiste Faure

Gospel Lesson: Mark 11:1-11 (NT, p. 47)

Sermon: "The Best Things Are Borrowed"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 89 (PH) "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

* Affirmation of Faith: 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.

Offering

Offertory

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

arr. Lovelace

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving (PH, p. 13) and the Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Please hold the bread until all are served, so that we might share it as a sign of our unity in Christ. As a sign of individual devotion and commitment, you may drink the cup as you are served.

* Prayer after Communion

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 101 (PH) "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Schalk

* All who are able shall stand.

PH Presbyterian Hymnal

The flowers this morning have been given in memory of our parents by Lonnie and Bob Lipscomb.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	William G. Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	William Cosnett
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Brian Schillinger
Ushers	Char Lyon, Jack Pittman (9:00); Bill Farrell, Karen White (11:15)

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Isaiah 50:4-9

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 backward. 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; who will declare me guilty?

Mark 11:1-11

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!"

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.