

# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
Passion/Palm Sunday

April 9, 2017

10:00 a.m.

\* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace  
*During Lent, we will refrain from singing alleluias.*

Concerns of the Church  
Anthem

“Hosanna”

Althouse

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” arr. Kerr

Call to Worship from Psalm 118

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

**Hosanna! Save us, O Lord!**

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest!**

\* Processional Hymn 196 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”  
*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,**

**we confess we have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have failed to be your obedient people.**

**We have not done your will,**

**we have broken your law,**

**we have rebelled against your love.**

**We have not loved our neighbors,**

**and refused to hear the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

\* Silent Confession

\* Response: “O Lord, Have Mercy” (Hymnal 578)

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

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

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-17 (OT, p. 884)

Psalter: Psalm 31 (Hymnal 214)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“Ride On!”

Wagner

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:1-11 (NT, p. 23)

Sermon: “Saddle Them Up”

Rev. Carter

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn 197 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

\* Affirmation of Faith Philippians 2:6-11

**Though he was in the form of God,**

**Christ Jesus did not regard equality with God**

**as something to be exploited, but emptied himself,**

**taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness.**

**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 confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,**

**to the glory of God the Father.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering  
Offertory "Thaxted" arr. Ore  
\* Doxology (606)  
\* Prayer of Dedication

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\* Hymn 198 "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"  
\* Charge and Benediction  
  
\* Postlude "Go to Dark Gethsemane" arr. Broughton

*During Lent, we invite you to remain seated until the Postlude is complete,  
as a way to meditate upon the meaning of the season.*

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\* All who are able shall stand.

**The flowers** this morning have been given by Janet and Bill Taylor to the glory of God in this Lenten season.

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor	William Carter
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist/Childrens' Choir Director	Kay Ten Eyck
Trumpeter	Jeff Leas
Liturgist	David Naehar
Ushers	Gayle Hamilton, Sara Ann Hosier

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### ***Zechariah 9:9-17***

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter 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. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double. For I have bent Judah as my bow; I have made Ephraim its arrow. I will arouse your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and wield you like a warrior's sword. Then the LORD will appear over them, and his arrow go forth like lightning; the Lord GOD will sound the trumpet and march forth in the whirlwinds of the south. The LORD of hosts will protect them, and they shall devour and tread down the slingers; they shall drink their blood like wine, and be full like a bowl, drenched like the corners of the altar. On that day the LORD their God will save them for they are the flock of his people; for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land. For what goodness and beauty are his! Grain shall make the young men flourish, and new wine the young women.

### ***Matthew 21:1-11***

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."