

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Passion/Palm Sunday

March 20, 2016

8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" arr. Kerr

Call to Worship from Psalm 118

The Lord is my strength and my might;

God has become my salvation.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

* 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: "Lord, Have Mercy" (Hymnal 579)

1) Lord, have mercy 2) Christ, have mercy 3) Lord, have mercy

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

During Lent, we will refrain from singing alleluias.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

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

Psalter: Psalm 31 (Hymnal 214)

A Time with Children

Anthem (10:00) "Ride On!" Wagner

Second Lesson: Luke 19:29-44 (NT, p. 83)

Sermon: "Visiting Hours Are Over" 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

A Minute for One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering
Offertory
* Doxology
* Prayer of Dedication

“The Palms”

Fauré

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 198 “Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”
* Charge and Benediction
* Postlude “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty” arr. Paxton
 During Lent, we invite you to remain seated until the Postlude is complete,
 as a way to meditate upon the meaning of the season.

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for those who share the work of this congregation.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	William Carter
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Trumpeter	Jeff Leas
Liturgist	Steuart Bailey
Ushers	Greg Matthews, Bill Farrell (8:30) Gwynne Gilbert, Betty Keen (10:00)
Welcomer	Janet Dobson



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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?

Luke 19:29-44

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples

began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God."