

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

Passion/Palm Sunday

March 24, 2013

9:00 and 10:55 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" arr. John Carter

Call to Worship from Psalm 118

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

Hosanna in the highest!

Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem: Luke 19:28-40

* 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

***Everlasting God,
in your tender love for the human race
you sent your Son to take our nature,
and to suffer death on the cross
Give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus,
that, sharing his humility,
we may come to be with him in his glory.
As we gather in worship, hear us as we confess our sin.
We have failed in love, neglected justice,
and ignored your truth.
Have mercy, O God, and forgive your people.
Return us to paths of righteousness
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.***

* Silent Confession

* Lenten Kyrie (Sing 53) ***Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.***

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response (Sing 74)

***Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and God will be my Savior.***

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11 (NT, p. 197)

A Time with Children

Anthem "The Holy City" Adams

Second Lesson: Galatians 6:11-18 (NT, p. 191)

Sermon: "Boasting of the Cross" Rev. Carter

Sermon Series: Galatians for Lent

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 84 (PH) "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

* Affirmation of Faith Brief Statement of Faith

***In life and death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.***

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering
Offertory "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" arr. Kimball
* Doxology (PH 592)
* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 89 (PH) "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
* Charge and Benediction
* Postlude "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" arr. Paxton

* All who are able shall stand.
PH Presbyterian Hymnal
Sing Sing! A New Creation (green songbook)

The flowers this morning have been given by Gail Van Horn to the glory of God and in honor of her family.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	William Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Director of Music	Susan Kelly
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Jack Pittman
Ushers	Deb Traettino, Chris Spangler (9:00) Carol LaCoe, Shirley McLaughlin (10:55)



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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.

Galatians 6:11-18

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.