

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
April 9, 2017
"Passion/Palm Sunday"

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

OPENING RESPONSE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Philippians 2)

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.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself

And became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

*HYMN "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" 89

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

SILENT PRAYERS

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Minister

*GLORIA PATRI

FIRST READING Matthew 27:11-26

HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" 98

SECOND READING Matthew 27:27-50

SERMON "Entering The Mind Of Christ" Rev. Janell Blair

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Affirmation of Faith from the Confession of 1967

We acknowledge that God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of human minds. We ascribe to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But in Jesus Christ God reveals love by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ transforms the world and discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER (debts, debtors)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

* HYMN "Go To Dark Gethsemane" 97

POSTLUDE

**Those who are comfortable doing so are invited to stand*

Welcome: To all who worship with us this morning. Visitors and members are asked to please sign the Ritual of Friendship pad. Thank you for worshipping with us!

Announcements: Office will be closed on Monday.

This Tuesday we will host the final Lenten Luncheon. Please join the group for this Holy Week gathering. You only need to bring your lunch!

During Holy Week many Christians set aside time to follow Christ on his journey to the cross. One way to follow is to read the lectionary passages assigned for each day of Holy Week. All of the readings are listed in your April newsletter, but if that is not handy, here is a list of this week's Gospel readings: Monday (John 12:1-11); Tuesday (John 12:20-36); Wednesday (John 13:21-32); Thursday (John 13:1-17, 31-35); Friday (John 18:1-19:42); and Saturday (Matthew 28:1-10). May our devotion this week lead us to Christ's cross and beyond!

Next Sunday is Easter! We will celebrate communion as we celebrate the Resurrection!

Session meets after worship on Sunday, April 23rd.

Birthdays: April 14 – Casey Winegar, 15 – Malnor Arthur. No anniversaries this week.

Flowers: No flowers were purchased this week. April, 23rd and 30th available.

Refreshments: Rosa Pace, provided refreshments for the Congregation today.

Newsletter: Deadline to submit articles and information for May newsletter is **April 20, 2017**. If you have an article or announcement please turn it in to Silvia or slip it under the door to her office.

Pastor: Rev. Janell Blair (361) 920-2492

Pianist: Marilyn Pearce

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9: 30 a.m. Sunday School – Upstairs Parlor Sunday School - Room 104 Ed. Wing
10: 1 0 a.m. Fellowship Time – Southeast Vestibule **Session** – Session meeting – April 23, 2017
10: 30 a.m. Morning Worship

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