

First Presbyterian Church
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April 17, 2011



Palm Sunday

Welcome!

We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us.

First Presbyterian Church
is a community of believers committed to
*"Glorifying God and Sharing Christ Together
through Word and Deed."*

The Service for the Lord's Day
PALM SUNDAY
Confirmation Sunday
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
April 17, 2011

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

One: The grace and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

arr. Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME

Please sign and pass the Ministry of Friendship Pad.
During the greeting, if you would like to join the Palm procession,
please go to the narthex via the outside aisles and take your bulletin with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Reverend Dr. William L. Arthur

One: Come! Come from the city streets!

All: Join the happy crowd that gathers to honor Jesus!

One: Come! Come from your busy homes and your places of business!

All: Put down your work in joyful expectation!

One: Come! Come lay down your sorrows and worries!

All: Turn your eyes toward the Savior whom God has sent!

One: Let all join in joyful song!

**All: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is Jesus the Christ,
who comes in the name of the Lord!**

† **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 185:** (Red)

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

ELLACOMBE

Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang;
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;
The Lord of men and angels rode on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children should on His bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!” that ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice.

† **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you entered Jerusalem to die for our sins.
Today we shout loud Hosannas and lift palm branches,
acknowledging your merciful acts.
We confess that on other days 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 fizzle out,
for hopes we parade but do not pursue, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, God, and give us such trust in your ultimate power
that in every city street, we may live for lasting justice and
tell of your loving kindness;
for the sake of our Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

† **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Receive this good news and be at peace!

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.**

† **LENTEN RESPONSE TO PARDON**

(Blue Hymnal 362)

(please join in singing)

I love the Lord, who heard my cry And pitied every groan.
Long as I live and troubles rise, I'll hasten to God's throne.

I love the Lord, who heard my cry And chased my grief away.
O let my heart no more despair While I have breath to pray.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PALM SUNDAY READING

John 12:12-26
Pew Bible Page 936

(8:45) Reverend Dr. William L. Arthur
(11:00) Reverend Laura E. Palmer

One: The Word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

A PRAYER WITH CHILDREN

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:45)

*Caroline Elizabeth Moody and Olivia Taylor Moody
Daughters of Ashley Elizabeth Hunt and John Taylor Moody*

At the 11:00 service, four- and five-year-olds and first graders
will depart for Children's Worship. Pick-up Location: Joseph's Workshop (red door),
Pathway2Truth hallway in the Clark Building – 2nd floor.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:1-13; 2 Corinthians 12:7b-10

Pew Bible Pages 1052 & 1010

One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Blessed Through Trouble”

Dr. David A. Renwick

“*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake*” Matthew 5:10

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

(8:45)

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

Apostles' Creed

Reverend Ansley B. Page

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

(11:00)

CONFIRMATION

WORDS OF INTRODUCTION

Carrie Williamson, Director of Youth Ministry

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT

APOSTLES' CREED (see previous page)

HYMN 525: (Blue)

“Here I Am, Lord”
(Please remain seated)

HERE I AM, LORD

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin, My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER FOR CONFIRMANDS

Ridgley I. Beckett
Interim Assistant Director of Youth

**All: Defend, O Lord, these your children with your heavenly grace
that they may always love, know, and serve you, growing each day in
wisdom and grace until at last they come to your eternal kingdom.**

One: Now may the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory,
confirm you to the end that you shall be found faithful
on the day of the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
who taught us to pray together saying:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

HYMN 525: (continued)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(8:45) Reverend Ansley B. Page
(11:00) Reverend L. Craig Foster

OFFERTORY

(8:45)

“Christ, the Way of Life Possess Me”
Genesis Choir

K. Lee Scott

Christ the way of life possess me, lift my heart to love and praise;
Guide and keep, sustain and bless me, all my days.
Well of life, forever flowing, make my barren soul and bare
like as watered garden growing fresh and fair.
May the tree of life in splendor from its leafy boughs impart
grace divine and healing tender, strength of heart.
Path of life before me shining, let me come when earth is past,
Sorrow, self and sin resigning, home at last.

(11:00)

“Would I Have Answered When You Called?”
Chancel Choir

Roy Hopp

Would I have answered when you called, “Come, follow me!”?
Would I at once have left behind both work and family?
Or would the old, familiar round have held me by its claim
and kept the spark within my heart from bursting into flame?
Would I have followed where you led through ancient Galilee,
on roads unknown, by ways untried, beyond security?
Or would I soon have hurried back where home and comfort drew,
where truth you taught would not disturb the ordered world I knew?
Would I have matched my step with yours when crowds cried, “Crucify!”,
when on a rocky hill I saw a cross against the sky?
Or would I too have slipped away and left you there alone,
a dying king with crown of thorns upon a terrible throne?
O Christ, I cannot search my heart through all its tangled ways,
nor can I with a certain mind my steadfastness appraise.
I only pray, that when you call, “Come, follow me!”,
you’ll give me strength beyond my own to follow faithfully.

† DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

O God of all gifts, we bring not only our substance but our hearts as well. Use these gifts so that in your world, truth and grace may be proclaimed, compassion deepened, bread shared, and hospitality given to all those seeking a place to belong. In your Son’s name we pray. Amen.

GO IN GOD’S NAME

† HYMN 187: (Red)

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

ST. THEODULPH

All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present.

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David’s royal Son,
Who in the Lord’s name comest, the King and blessed One!
To Thee, before Thy Passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!
All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

BUNESSAN

(Please join in singing.)

*Christ be beside me, Christ be before me, Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me, Christ be above me, never to part.*

POSTLUDE

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

J. S. Bach

† Congregation will stand
**** Ushers will seat latecomers.

The Lenten greens in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. G. K. Smith by their family.

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PARENTS . . .

Nursery care is available on the first floor of the Clark Building for all services for children six weeks through three years old. Silent pagers are provided to parents in case one of our nursery staff needs to reach you. **If your child becomes restless or needs to leave the sanctuary for any reason, an usher can direct you to the Church Parlor as a place to stay with your child and still share in the worship service through our live video and audio.**

For Nursing Mothers: There are two locations that nursing mothers can use while they are here on Sunday mornings. The nursery in the Family Life Center (off the gym playroom) is open before and during MorningSong for nursing mothers. Room C103 on the first floor of the Clark Building is open from 8:15 a.m. through the end of the 11:00 service. Please follow the instructions in the room with respect to use of the changing tables and disposal of diapers. **NOTE: C-103 is a food-free room. Please do not take any food into the room with you.**

Rainbow worship bags are provided at the doors of the Sanctuary for your child to use during worship. Please return the crayons, book, puzzle game, bookmarks, and bag to the baskets at the conclusion of worship. The papers or leaflets are for your child to keep as a reminder of today’s scripture and message.

Staff

Dr. David A. Renwick, Senior Pastor; **Reverend L. Craig Foster**, Associate Pastor, Education/Discipleship; **Dr. William L. Arthur**, Parish Associate; **Reverend Ansley B. Page**, Parish Associate; **Reverend Laura E. Palmer**, Interim Associate Pastor; **R. Holt Andrews**, Director of Music; **Marcia C. Andrews**, Assistant Director of Music and Organist; **Scott J. Neely**, Pastoral Executive; **Nan McDaniel**, Interim Director of Children’s Ministry; **Carrie D. Williamson**, Director of Youth; **Ridgley I. Beckett**, Interim Assistant Director of Youth; **Bethany S. Cecil**, Parish Nurse; **J. Robert Bannan**, Director of Recreation; **Patricia L. Webster**, Church Hostess

Missionaries: *Salvador and Irma de la Torre, Kenya; Frank and Nancy Dimmock, Lesotho; Paul and Darlene Heller, Malawi; Mission Co-Workers Serving with Kurds; Mission Co-Workers Serving in the Middle East*

Shoe Drive For Haiti Thru April 22

Bring your gently-used shoes to First Presbyterian for a youth-led shoe drive for Haiti!

Shoe Drive for Haiti

- Bring all sizes and types of gently-used shoes
- Collection boxes in FLC Lobby, Church Office, Choir Room, and Youth Rooms
- Ends Friday, April 22
- Visit Soles4Souls.org to learn more!



Contribute Your Gently-Used Children's and Young Teen Books!

April 3 – 25

Help support summer reading at Cleveland Elementary, Houston Elementary, and Carver Junior High (soon to be Middle School).

- Bring your gently-used children's and/or young teen books to the church office between April 3-25.
- We will contribute them all to the Hub City Writer's Project Community Book Drive.
- This is a joint project of the Education and Discipleship Ministry and the Weekday School.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ~ JUNE 12-16

GALACTIC EXPEDITIONS

Contact Kellie Foster (kelliefoster@gmail.com) if you can help.

NEW THIS YEAR!

- Separate Preschool and Elementary Programs
- New VBS for those entering the Youth Program

THREE EXCITING THEMES

- ❖ Preschool: *Galactic Blast, Jr.*
- ❖ Grades 1-4: *Galactic Blast*
- ❖ Grade 5: *Galactic Missions*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Guides for Preschool and Elementary children
- People to greet, handle registration, direct traffic/parking

REGISTER NOW!!

See the church website for more details (www.fpcspartanburg.org).

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

Experience YOUR Journey on Wednesday, April 20, 6:00–7:10 p.m.
or Saturday, April 23, 3:30–6:00 p.m.

Experience Journey to the Cross, a six-scene dramatic presentation of the last week of Jesus' life on earth, with more than 100 cast members!

Walk from the Upper Room...
to the Garden of Gethsemane...
to the Temple Courts...to Pilate's Palace...
to Golgotha...to the Tomb.



MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY!

Contact the church office to sign up for your 25-minute slot (864-583-4531).

You can also sign up on Sundays in the Tower Room or Wednesday nights in the Family Life Center.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Maundy Thursday – APRIL 21

7:00 p.m. Worship – Sanctuary

This is a one-hour service of reflection and communion.
Nursery provided for ages 6 weeks to 3 years.

Good Friday – APRIL 22

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Prayer Labyrinth – Fogartie Hall

Scripture, Sermon, and Song ~ 12:10 p.m. – 12:50 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
Nursery provided for ages 6 weeks to 3 years.

Easter Day – APRIL 24

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service – Chapel
8:45 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary
8:45 a.m. Morning Song – Fogartie Hall
9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Adult fellowship on the lawn with traditional hot cross buns

10:30 a.m. Butterfly Release – Front Lawn

11:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary

Easter Sunday Cross of Flowers

Members and guests are invited to bring flowers or use the flowers provided to place on the "Cross of Flowers" on the church lawn on Easter Day. This cross, full of spring flowers, represents the new life we receive through Christ's resurrection.