

Palm Sunday

March 24th, 2024

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *March Triumphant Into Jerusalem* R. Thygeson

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP *from Mark 11*

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Hosanna!

All: **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

One: Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

All: **Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* #197

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we shout ‘Hosanna!’ We rejoice as Jesus enters Jerusalem. But, like the disciples, we fail to fully comprehend what it all means. We get caught up in the joy and ignore what lies ahead. We want to celebrate instead of focusing on the hard work of discipleship; so, we avert our gaze when there is suffering all around. We turn the other way when faced with things that ask something of us. We refuse to listen when we’re called upon to do better. Open our eyes, Lord. Awaken us to walk in your way, even when the way feels uncertain. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE

One: The one who rode into Jerusalem to cheering crowds knew that the cross awaited. In this way, we can know the great love that God has for us. Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, has defeated sin forever.

All: **Hear and believe the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

✠ RESPONSE *Come Sing to God* #805, v. 1

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Registration Pad found at the end of the row and pass it along.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward for the Time for Young Disciples. Following this time, children through 1st grade are invited to Children’s Church.

✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!* #198

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, power, and glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Jonah 1:1-6 p. 859 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Hosanna to the King of Kings* Lloyd Larson

GOSPEL READING Luke 22:39-46 p. 87 NT

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* arr. J. Innes

✠ Response *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #606

✠ Prayer of Dedication

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from The Confession of 1967*

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God’s reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God’s message of reconciliation and shares God’s labor of healing the enmities which separate us from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to this call.

✠ GOSPEL READING Luke 22:47-53 p. 87 NT

✠ HYMN OF SENDING *Go to Dark Gethsemane* #220, vv. 1-3

✠ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE *Lamb of God* Paris/arr. C. Hamlin

✠ PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT, AS YOU ARE ABLE

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Clara Hardin – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

John Lasater – Organist

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Tracy Horton, Henry Naff, and Leslie and Doug Matthews

Technicians: Matt Casey (video); Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: Our Lenten sermon series is called *Jesus’ Most Pointed Questions*. It is an examination of those questions that Jesus asks his followers that take some thought and reflection to answer honestly.

March 24 Luke 22:39-46 Jesus’ Most Pointed Questions:
Why Are You Sleeping?

March 28 John 13:1-16 Jesus’ Most Pointed Questions:
Do You Realize What I Have Done for You?

March 31 John 20:1-18 Jesus’ Most Pointed Questions:
Why Are You Weeping?

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God.

EASTER FLOWERS It’s your last chance to order Easter flowers in honor or in memory of loved ones. We will display lilies (\$13) and hydrangeas (\$26) on Easter Sunday. Deadline for inclusion in the Easter insert is noon TOMORROW. Scan the QR code to fill out our order form, available in the Narthex, Atrium and church office.



TODAY IS PALM SUNDAY: Everyone is invited to pick up a palm as they enter the sanctuary to wave during the first hymn. All children and their families are invited to come to the Narthex at the start of worship to receive palms and parade through the sanctuary during the first hymn.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE: This Thursday, March 28th, we will celebrate Holy Thursday with music, readings from scripture, and communion. The service will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER SERVICE: We will gather in the chapel at 12 noon this Friday, March 29th, for a reflective and contemplative prayer service. All are welcome.

THE FLOWERING OF THE CROSS: Everyone is invited to take part in our annual “Flowering of the Cross” on Easter Sunday morning! Bring flowers from your yard, garden, the store, or even the side of the road with you to worship. Then on Easter Sunday morning prior to the service, come and place your flowers on the cross as you enter the sanctuary before you take your seat. Following the service (weather permitting), the flowered cross will be placed in the courtyard for all to see.

EASTER EGG HUNT: There will be an Easter Egg Hunt NEXT Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the preschool playground area for our youngest disciples. All families with young children are invited to participate.

KIRKIN’ O’ THE TARTAN: On Sunday, April 14th, we will celebrate the Kirkin’ o’ the Tartan during the morning worship service. The Kirkin’ o’ the Tartan service celebrates our Presbyterian Scottish heritage in worship. If you are interested in participating by carrying a tartan and/or if you have a tartan at home, please contact Charles White at cwhite90@utk.edu.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are excited to have you with us today and hope you feel at home! We are honored you are here and pray you will feel God's presence in this place. If you do not have a church home, we would love for you to be a part of the 2nd Pres. Please let us know a bit about you by completing a Visitor's Card or by filling out your information in the Friendship Register. Children are welcome in worship. There is a **family worship area** down front. There is also a "crying room" next door in the Library where the service is live streamed. **Children's Worship Bags** are available in the Narthex. Children ages 2 through 1st grade are invited to **Children's Church** following the children's time in worship. A **nursery is available** beginning at 9:15 for infants and children through age 2. **Hearing Devices** are available if needed.

CONNECT

FELLOWSHIP TIME: All are invited to stay for coffee, cookies, and a time of fellowship following worship each week.

REALM CLASSES: Check the calendar for the class schedule (3rd and 4th weeks of each month). To register, please click on the registration link in the Friday e-News to sign up for the class of your choice or call Bonnie at the church.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN of Second Presbyterian Church have two exceptional opportunities for women ages 18 years old and older. Both opportunities have short deadlines for application.

1. Presbytery of East Tennessee annual spring gathering in Chattanooga on **Sat., April 20 from 9:00 a.m.–2 p.m. We will carpool to this event.**
2. National churchwide gathering of PW in St. Louis, Missouri, on **Aug. 8-11, 2024.** Delegates (church members only) would receive financial assistance.

Contact Helen Grant or Mary Farmer immediately if you are interested.

GROW

THE FAITH SCIENCE & THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS meets in the Barbour Room at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. This class studies current events through the lens of faith using a weekly curriculum called *The Wired Word*.

THE WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY is studying the book of Colossians. This will allow us to go deeper into discussion of the texts from the *Christianity Made Simple* sermon series. Those wishing to join via Zoom can do so by clicking the link on the home page of our website. Join us for fellowship and study in the library or on Zoom at 6:30 p.m.

GO

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING will be received today, Palm Sunday, and on Easter Sunday, March 31st. This offering will be divided between disaster assistance, hunger programs, and self-development of people.

SUPPORT

WI-FI NETWORK: Our Wi-fi network is for use by anyone who visits the building. The network is "Second Presbyterian Church", and the password is *Psalms100*.

GIVE ONLINE: Visit us at www.2ndpres.org/give, text *2ndPresKnox* to 73256, or scan the QR code.



THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, March 24th

- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
Faith, Science & The Future (Barbour Room)
Elementary School (Room 206)
Middle & High School (Youth Room)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, March 26th

- 9:00 a.m. Fish Pantry (Fellowship Hall)
1:00 p.m. GROW team meeting (Zoom)
5:30 p.m. Preschool Spring Musical (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, March 27th

- 10:00 a.m. Realm Leaders training (Small Conference Room)
6:30 p.m. Bible Study (Library)

Thursday, March 28th

- 12:00 p.m. Realm Leaders training (Small Conference Room)
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)

Friday, March 29th

- 12:00 p.m. Good Friday Prayer Service (Chapel)

Easter Sunday, March 31st

- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt (Preschool Playground)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

PRAYER CONCERNS

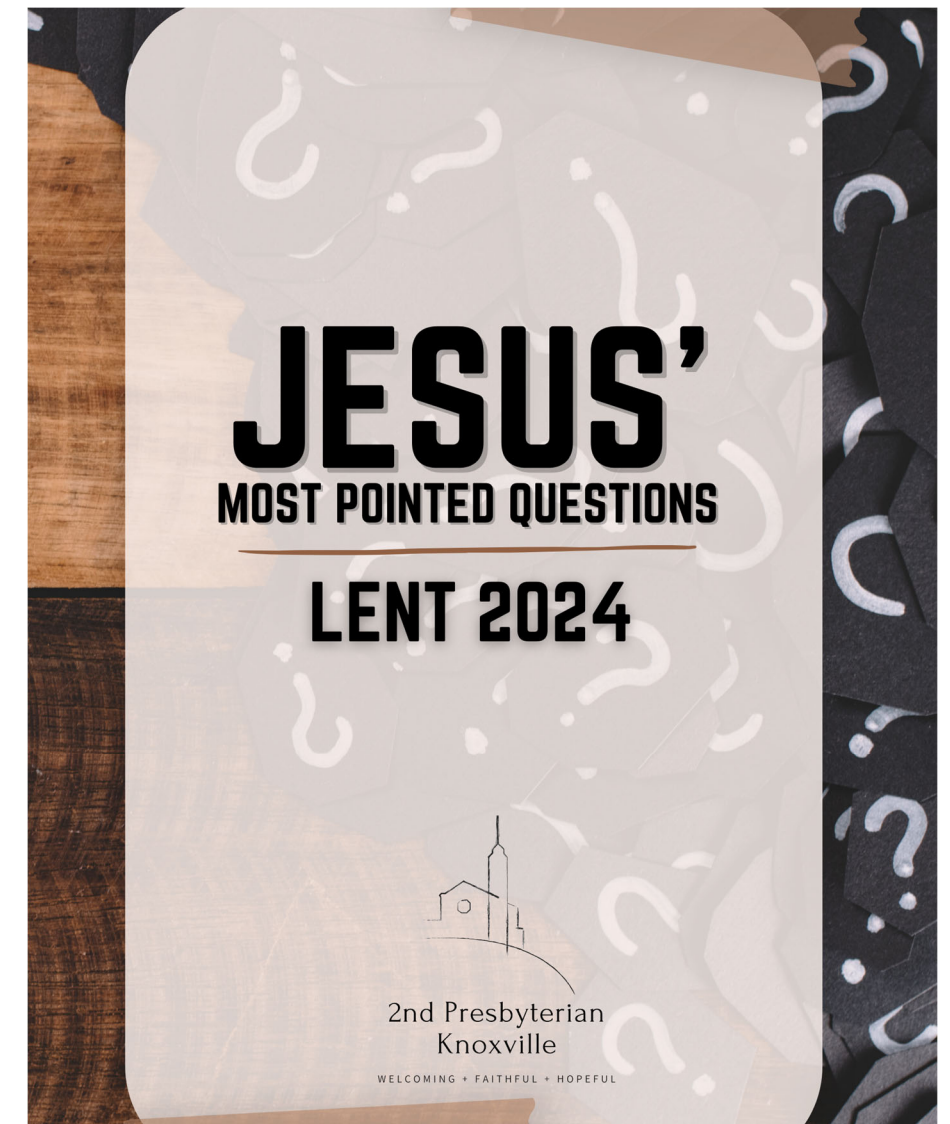
The families of Bonnie Beals and Pat Winger;
Frances Yow, Donna Downen, Doux Robertson,
Gerry Turner, Arlys Milligan, and Brice Gilmer

*Please notify the office if you are sick, in the hospital, or have a prayer request.
Names remain on the prayer list 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN STAFF

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we are a welcoming, faithful, and hopeful community,
following Jesus and serving him in the world.*

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