

# *Palm/Passion Sunday*

March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

*arr. Burkhardt*

## ***GATHERING AROUND THE WORD***

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

RECEIVING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Mark 11; Psalm 118*

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!**

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

**All: We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

VALET WILL IGH GEBEN

*All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!  
Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son  
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One*

### *Refrain*

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went  
Our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present

### *Refrain*

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise  
To thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, as we remember his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, we give you thanks for sending Jesus Christ to us. Even though we claim to follow him, we confess that in times of trial we find it easier to deny him. Forgive us and heal us, we pray. Help us to put our faith not in the princes of this world, but only in the Prince of Peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

*from Isaiah 50*

One: The Lord God helps us; we will not be disgraced.

**All: The Lord God helps us; who can declare us guilty?**

One: Sisters and brothers, beyond a shadow of a doubt, our sins are forgiven.

**All: By the mercy of Christ we stand together forgiven and free.**

RESPONSE

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

VALET WILL IGH GEBEN

*All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!  
The company of angels are praising you on high  
Creation and all mortals in chorus make reply*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

During this time, we invite you to pass the peace by texting or emailing a fellow church member, family member, friend, relative, or loved one.

***PROCLAIMING THE WORD***

HEBREW BIBLE READING                      Jeremiah 26:1-9, 12-15

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

***Hosanna to the King of Kings!***

*Lloyd Larson*

Hosanna to the King of kings! Lift your voice in praise and sing:  
He comes this day, O glorious day! Let your loud hosannas ring!  
Let the people shout, let the rocks cry out! He comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna to the King of kings! Sing hosanna to the King!

Lift up your heads, O mighty gates; open wide, you ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in! Let us worship and adore.  
Who is this King of glory who comes in the name of the Lord?  
He is the Lord Almighty! Sing hosanna to the King!

Hosanna, hosanna! Sing praise to Christ, the King!  
Hosanna, hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes today in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna to the King of Kings! Wave your palms and joyfully sing!  
See the King who comes on a donkey's colt. Let your loud hosannas ring!  
Rejoice, O people of Zion! He comes to set you free.  
Hosanna to the King of kings! Hosanna to the King!  
Sing hosanna to the King!

NEW TESTAMENT READING                      Acts 6:8-15

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

**Tim Reynolds**

***RESPONDING TO THE WORD***

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*from* The Confession of 1967

**The institutions of the people of God change and vary as their mission requires in different times and places. The unity of the church is compatible with a wide variety of forms, but it is hidden and distorted when variant forms are allowed to harden into sectarian divisions, exclusive denominations, and rival factions. Different orders have served the gospel, and none can claim exclusive validity. A presbyterian polity recognizes the responsibility of all members for ministry and maintains the organic relation of all congregations in the church. It seeks to protect the church from exploitation by ecclesiastical or secular power and ambition. Every church order must be open to such reformation as may be required to make it a more effective instrument of the mission of reconciliation.**

TIME FOR REFLECTION

***Hosanna, Laud Hosanna***

*arr. Burkhardt*

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION AND 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, forever. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 14:53-65

HYMN OF SENDING

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

ST. CHRISTOPHER

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand  
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land  
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way  
From the burning of the noon-tide heat, and the burden of the day

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see  
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me  
And from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess  
The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face  
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss  
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

*arr. David Chernien*

**SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Helen Grant – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

David Stultz – Asst. Director of Music/Organist

Emily McTyre – Media Coordinator

2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Chancel Choir

**Technicians:** Dale Henley (video), Paul Sexauer (audio)

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Kim Elrod, Alex Robinson, the Wilson family, Derryl Kasler,  
Peter Douglas Hamilton, Amy Cross, and Aggie Bell.

\*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.

## WORSHIP & CELEBRATION

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

**UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:** We are currently in a year-long sermon series on the book of Acts. Upcoming sermon texts/topics are:

Mar 28	Acts 6:8-8:3	Stephen's Martyrdom
Apr 1	Acts 8:4-25	The Gospel Isn't for Sale (Maundy Thursday)
Apr 4	Acts 8:26-40	The Ethiopian Eunuch
Apr 11	Acts 9:1-19a	The Conversion of Saul

**IN-PERSON WORSHIP UPDATE:** At their March meeting, the Session decided to resume in-person worship on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Please see April's *Second Edition* for more information and our reopening guidelines. For those who are still not comfortable worshipping in person, we invite you to continue to worship with us via our live stream.

**LENTEN CONCERTS FOR REFLECTION:** Every Wednesday at 12:00 noon during Lent, a Lenten concert for reflection will be posted to our YouTube channel and to the home page of our website. Our Director of Music & Arts, Matt Mimbs is coordinating the concerts for the congregation featuring musicians from our congregation and from the community. Each concert is 20-30 minutes in length. We hope that this helps you in your Lenten journey. This week will be the final Lenten concert.

**HOLY WEEK WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:** We will gather virtually every day this week as we celebrate Holy Week.

*Daily Holy Week Reflections:* Monday thru Thursday at 8:00 a.m., a 5-minute reflection on a portion of Stephen's speech (Acts 7) will be posted on our website and YouTube channel.

*April 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:15 p.m., Maundy Thursday Worship:* A live streamed service of Word & Sacrament. Self-contained communion cups are available in the narthex for those who wish to use them.

*April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 12:00 noon, Good Friday Prayer Service:* A live streamed service of worship and prayer. There will be Scripture readings, prayers, song, and silence. We encourage you to find a quiet, meditative place.

**EASTER SUNDAY DRIVE-BY FLOWERING OF THE CROSS:** On Friday afternoon the cross will be placed under the portico, where the ashes for Ash Wednesday and the palms for Palm Sunday were. We invite you to come by anytime Friday afternoon or Saturday and place flowers on the cross, just as we normally do during in-person Easter worship. On Sunday morning we will bring the cross into the sanctuary where it will be present for the worship service. Weather permitting, we will place the cross outside the sanctuary following worship and we invite anyone who wishes to come and take their picture with it to do so.

**COMMUNION CUPS** are available in the vestibule for pick up. Gluten free options are also now available!

## FELLOWSHIP & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**A PASTORAL CARE UPDATE PAGE** is on our website under the 'Members' tab. The password to access this area is the same as for the directory on the old site. Please contact the church office if you need it.

**COMPASSIONATE CUISINE** meals for the homebound: If you are interested in joining a cooking team to prepare meals for some of our homebound members, please contact Leslie Matthews at [flowlilly@gmail.com](mailto:flowlilly@gmail.com) or 865.765.0549.

## **DISCIPLESHIP**

**CHILDCARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are excited and looking forward to coming back to "in person" worship on April 18th. We are in need of 2 volunteers on Sunday mornings for the Nursery and Toddler/Preschool classes. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Holly Grimm at [hgrimm@2ndpres.org](mailto:hgrimm@2ndpres.org) or 865-243-6353.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Pastor Tim is currently leading us in a study of *The Book of Confessions*. A new lesson is posted on our YouTube channel and on our website each Thursday. We invite you to study the lesson at your leisure. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, we meet at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom to discuss the lessons from the previous month.

**FAITH, SCIENCE AND THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** meets at 9:30 a.m. by conference call.

## **SERVICE & OUTREACH**

**HABITAT BUILD POSTPONED:** Due to permitting delays beyond the control of Habitat or any of our building partners it has been necessary to postpone the start of our build from its previously scheduled start date of March 20th. A new start date has not been chosen yet. If you have previously volunteered, you do not need to do anything at this time. Once a new start date has been announced we will notify you so that you can volunteer for the new build dates. If you have questions you can contact Joe Clarke at either [jclarke859@gmail.com](mailto:jclarke859@gmail.com) or (865) 335-0421.

## **STEWARDSHIP**

**NEW WI-FI NETWORK:** We have a new Wi-fi network for use by anyone who visits the building. The network is "Second Presbyterian Church" and the password is *Psalms100*. This network covers the entire building, as well as the sanctuary courtyard and parking lot. Please feel free to save it as a network that connects automatically for your device.