

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 10, 2022



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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BLESSING OF THE PALMS AND PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME

All who are able are invited to gather on the plaza outside the sanctuary prior to both worship services. If weather does not permit, the Blessing of the Palms will take place inside the sanctuary.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE PALMS

PRAYER

Please join in reading aloud those parts of the service printed in bold.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
We praise and bless you, ever-living God,
for the acts of love by which you redeem the world
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
This day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem
and was proclaimed king
by those who spread their garments and palm braches
along his way.
Let these branches be for us signs of his victory;
and grant that we who bear them
may always acclaim Jesus Messiah
by walking the way of his suffering and cross;
that, dying and rising with him,
we may enter into your kingdom.
Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

Luke 19:28-40

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

When this symbol () precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.*

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

1. Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da vid's roy - al Son,
2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
3. To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
4. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Strong Savior,

we join voices in praise to you,
gladly proclaiming you as our King;
yet seek more to fulfill our own desires
than to accomplish your will.

We strive more to extend our influence
than to seek your kingdom.

Forgive us, for saying one thing,
while living another.

Help us by your Spirit
to walk in your way of the cross,
that we would love you with all our heart,
and our neighbors as ourselves.

We lay before God our own sins, the sins and brokenness of our fellow worshipers, the church universal, and the world.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Lord, for Your Tender Mercies Sake

MORNING SONG

Lord, for your ten - der mer - cy's sake for - give us we im - plore.
And by the grace of Christ our lives to your good - will re - store.
Trans - form our sin to righ - teous - ness, both now and ev - er - more.

Text: Michael Morgan

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Hear the Good News of Salvation

NETTLETON

Hear the good news of sal - va - tion: Je - sus died to show God's love.
Such great kind - ness! Such great mer - cy! Come to us from heaven a - bove.
Je - sus Christ, how much I love you! Je - sus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look u - pon me. Love me still and cleanse with - in.

Text: Native American, vers. Jane Parker Huber, 1989.
As found at Hymn No. 441, *Glory to God* hymnal.

***PASSING THE PEACE, LOVE, AND JOY OF CHRIST TO OTHERS**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISM (11:00): Bennett Bridges Sapp

PRESENTATION

Elders: Bob Lewis and Bob Hill

QUESTIONS TO PARENTS

David and Ann Bradey Sapp

1. Who is your Lord and Savior?
2. Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith and teach that faith to Bennett?
3. Do you intend Bennett to be Christ's disciple, to obey his word and show his love?

The astoundingly good news of our reconciliation to God through Jesus Christ frees our tongues to sing mighty praise to God.

We exchange reconciling words and gestures among the people of God.

4. Do you promise through prayer and example, to support and encourage Bennett to be a faithful follower of Jesus Christ?

QUESTIONS TO CONGREGATION

1. Do you, the members of First Presbyterian Church, in the name of the whole church of Christ, undertake with David and Ann Bradey the Christian nurture of Bennett, so that in due time she may confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?
2. Will you endeavor by your example and fellowship to strengthen Bennett's family ties with the household of God?

QUESTIONS TO THE CHILDREN

1. Will you be a friend to Bennett?
2. Will you let her know that she is welcome here?
3. If she gets lost, will you show her the way?
4. Will you share the stories and love of Jesus with her?

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE ACT OF BAPTIZING

INTRODUCTION OF BENNETT TO THE FAMILY OF FAITH

PRAYER

WELCOME AND CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

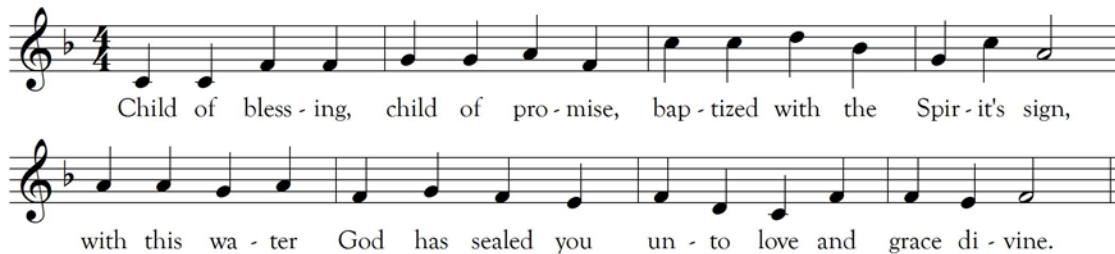
Bennett is now received into the one holy catholic church through baptism. God has made Bennett a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. I charge you to love her and to encourage her to be a faithful disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ.

With joy and thankfulness we welcome Bennett into Christ's church, for we are all one in Christ.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

STUTTGART



Child of bless - ing, child of pro - mise, bap - tized with the Spir - it's sign,
with this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.

Text: Ronald S.Cole-Turner, 1980

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 118

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,

"God's steadfast love endures forever."

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them

and give thanks to the Lord.

We listen for what God is saying to God's people through scripture, song, and sermon.

In the 11:00 a.m. service our Children's Music Gathering will assist.

This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.
**I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
**This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!
**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

The Lord is God,
and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.
**You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

ANTHEM (11:00)

The Simplest and the Best

Alfred V. Fedak (b. 1953)

*Children's Music Gathering
Women of the Chancel Choir*

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 earth and heaven 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.

Jeannette Threlfall (1821-1880)

GOSPEL READING: Luke 23:26-38

Large Print Pew Bible, page 108

Pew Bible, page 89

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: Winning the World Over with God's Love

Dr. Ron Shive

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE – NO. 212

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

MARTYRDOM

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

- from *A Declaration of Faith*

Religious leaders hated Jesus

because he criticized their hypocrisy

and reprov'd their neglect of justice and mercy.

They charged him with blasphemy and sedition

when he claimed to speak and act with God's authority.

One of Jesus' followers betrayed him.

Others abandoned and denied him

because they were afraid to stand with him.

Civil authorities condemned him

because he provoked unrest among the people.

He was sentenced, mocked, beaten,

and crucified as a common criminal.

We confess that in the execution of Jesus

the sin of the human race reached its depths.

The only innocent one was condemned and put to death,

not by the sinfulness of one nation,

but by the sinfulness of us all.

In the presence of Jesus,

who lived out what God wants us all to be,

we were threatened beyond endurance.

Blinded by our rebellion against our Creator,

we killed his Son when we met him face to face.

Our response to hearing God's Word includes singing and saying what we believe.

MOMENT FOR MISSION: One Great Hour of Sharing

Sarah Vincent

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

ACTS OF GIVING AND RECEIVING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

setting by Robert Leaf

(8:30) *Nan Wooten and Fredda Payne, altos*

(11:00) *Chancel Choir*

Mark Payne, clarinet

O sacred head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory,
What bliss till now was thine!
Yet, in this time of sorrow,
I joy to call thee mine.

-attributed to Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1153)

Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676)

translated by James Waddell Alexander (1804-1859)

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH



BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN — NO. 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDEROUS LOVE

Ronald L. Shive, D. Min., Pastor

Taylor Barner, M. Div., Associate Pastor for Student Ministries

J. Patrick Murphy, M. Mus., Organist-Choirmaster

Charlotte Nance-Allbright, M.A, C.C.E., Director of Christian Formation and Education

Mary Bryan, 8:30 a.m. acolyte

Eddie Bryan, 8:30 a.m. crucifer

Jack Wells, 11:00 a.m. acolyte

Bridget Vann, 11:00 a.m. crucifer

*Pennies for
Hunger Offering
is being received
today. The
collection is sent to
Salem Presbytery
where it is then
divided and
returned to local
food ministries.*

*God blesses and
sends us in
mission to the
world.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WARM AND CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all who worship with us this Sunday. We hope in this service you will encounter the living Christ and experience the warmth of our caring family of faith. Please take a moment to sign our friendship register when it is passed to you. If you are visiting with us and in search of a church home, we invite you to become a part of our church family here at First Presbyterian Church. Please let us know of your interest by way of the friendship register, or by speaking to one of our ministers. If you are not receiving the weekly e-newsletter, please feel free to pick up a copy today in the narthex and then contact the church office to be added to the weekly email list.

NAME BADGES: Do You Know where your Name Badge is? We sure hope you do and that you will begin wearing it each time you are at the church. Let's reach out and say "hello" to those around us by calling one another by name! If you cannot find your name badge, need a new one, or have never had one, please email Kathleen Seagroves (kseagroves@fpcburlington.org) to request one. Let's make new friends!

NARTHEX FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jane Macon Baird, Bobby Dale Garner, and Valeree Edith Byrd by Hannah and Zach Byrd who were married in the sanctuary on Saturday, April 5, 2022.

BULLETIN COVER: *Where the Way Leads*, Jan Richardson.

LIVE TELEPHONE WORSHIP: To listen to the worship service, simply call 888-969-5508 each Sunday. You will also be given an option of receiving a weekly call prior to each worship service. Please help us and pass this information along to any church member or community member who would benefit from this opportunity.

LIVE VIDEO STREAMING SERVICE: *Boxcast* will stream to our website and Facebook page each Sunday morning. Click here to view: [on our website](#) and on [the FPC Facebook page](#).

PASTORAL CARE INFORMATION: If you have a personal emergency, hospitalization, or pastoral care need, please call the church office. If it is after office hours or on the weekend, you may call the minister on call: 4/10-4/12 Taylor Barner (412-613-0835).

FEED THE HUNGRY FOOD COLLECTION: Our church can still reach out to help those in need by donating food. A collection bin is located outside the church entrance adjacent to the main parking lot and all you have to do is drive by and drop off your food donation. Thanks for doing whatever you can!

THE YOUTH FUNDRAISER is back again! The game is Cow Patty Bingo and there are prizes to be won! Cow Patty Bingo is exactly what it sounds like! The youth group will be selling squares on our "bingo board" and if the cow goes #2 on your square, YOU WIN! The grand prize winner will win a cash prize of \$1500! There are two options for purchasing a square. Randomly selected squares are \$100/square or you may select your square for \$125/square. Squares can be purchased in groups or as individuals and can be paid by cash, check, or online via the church website. A table will be in the narthex throughout April following the 11:00 a.m. service or you can contact Taylor to purchase a square and/or ask questions. We hope you will consider donating to support youth ministry here at FPC!

LUNCH BUNCH BOOK CLUB: Join the Book Club on Tuesday, April 12 at 12:00 p.m. in the John Knox Room for a conversation about "Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again" by Rachel Held Evans. Feel free to bring your lunch.

APRIL FRIENDSHIP GROUP: Bingo in the House!

Friends, our April Friendship Group promises to be a Fun-filled morning! Your favorite Bingo caller will be the infamous Greg Lunsford (an insurance agent by day...a wild, funny man by night...and a Bingo caller in-between!)

Mark your calendar for Thursday, April 21 at 11:00am in the Witherspoon Room as we gather for Bingo with great prizes, followed by a most delicious lunch, all tied up with a ribbon of laughter and fellowship! Make your RSVP by Friday, April 15 to secure your lunch! 336-228-1703 OR pmurphy@fpcburlington.org.

Holy Week

TAIZÉ FOR HOLY WEEK: As we begin the Holy Week journey on Sunday, April 10, a service in the Taizé tradition will be held this evening at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. This service, filled with candlelight, will offer time for silent prayer and reflection, sung prayer, and thoughtful words to help us begin this journey to the Cross.

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE – 7:00 p.m. – Sanctuary – Thursday, April 14

Thursday of this week is called “Maundy Thursday.” This term is derived from the Old French *maunde* and from the Latin *mandatum novum*, “a new commandment.” This new commandment of Christ was to love one another and was given on the night before his death (John 13:34). On this night we remember and celebrate the final supper Jesus shared with his disciples in the context of Passover. This event, which reveals the holiness of all subsequent meals eaten in his name, institutes the mystery of his abiding redemptive presence in the church’s celebrations of the Lord’s Supper. This evening also marks the beginning of the most solemn and joyful celebration of the entire Christian Year.

Join us for this Holy Week communion service as we enter what Augustine referred to as “the triduum (three days) during which the Lord died, was buried, and rose again.” Communion will be served.

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE – Noon in the Sanctuary – Friday, April 15

This brief service commemorates the suffering and death of Christ. Dating from the 8th century, Tenebrae was originally celebrated on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of Holy Week. Tenebrae is Latin for “shadows” and a Tenebrae Service is one in which light fades into darkness, as the sanctuary candles are extinguished with each of the scripture readings that tells the story of the betrayal and death of Jesus. This is symbolic of the physical darkness that fell over the earth as the Son of God was crucified; symbolic of the fading spiritual light of the world as Christ, the Light, was leaving it; and symbolic of the fading of loyalty of the disciples and our own betrayal of Christ. With its movement from light to dark, the Tenebrae Service prepares us to receive the Light of Easter morning ~ to celebrate the joyous news of the resurrection.

EASTER SUNDAY – 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary – Sunday, April 17

On this day celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we join with the community of believers in every time and place as the Gospel is proclaimed, the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper is shared, and hymns and anthems are sung, accompanied by brass, timpani and organ. Communion will be served.

EASTER SUNDAY FLOWERING THE CROSS: Bring fresh flowers of the season on Easter Sunday, April 17, to “flower the cross,” which will be planted in the Davis Street lawn.

EASTER ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN: All children are invited to attend Sunday school in Room 224 at 9:45 a.m. on Easter morning (April 17) to “Live Like Jesus” and participate in the rock-n-egg hunt. If you have friends and family visiting for Easter, bring them to Sunday school! Parents/Grandparents/Guardians are invited to help hide the rocks and eggs for the hunt. Contact Charlotte Nance-Allbright (callbright@fpcburlington.org) for more information or to volunteer.

EASTER SUNDAY ANNUAL BUTTERFLY RELEASE: – Sunday, April 17

The Children’s Ministry Committee will host the annual Butterfly Release on the front lawn at 10:40 a.m. All are invited to join us as we celebrate the resurrection through the symbolism of the butterfly.

EASTER FELLOWSHIP: The Fellowship Team invites you join in a time of fellowship after both services on Easter. A coffee station will be set up on the top plaza of the Mary Helen Long Garden for the 8:30 a.m. worshipers and those coming for Sunday school. Lemonade will be available on the front plaza after the 11:00 a.m. worship.

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 10

8:30 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
9:15 a.m. Welcome Center Opens
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for Adults
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for Children
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for Youth
10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:45 a.m. Session meets for prayer — Board Room
11:00 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class — Room 404
5:00 p.m. PW Circle #1—John Knox Room
5:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group — Calvin Hall
6:30 p.m. Taize Worship — Sanctuary
6:45 p.m. High School Youth Group — Calvin Hall

Monday, April 11

11:00 a.m. PW Circle #2 — Witherspoon Room
5:00 p.m. Personnel Team Meets — Room 203

Tuesday, April 12

8:00 a.m. Meditation Group via Zoom
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting — Room 203
Noon Book Club — John Knox Room
7:00 p.m. Soul Feast Book Study via Zoom
7:00 p.m. PW Circle #4 Meets via Zoom

Wednesday, April 13

7:30 a.m. Meditation Group Meets
9:00 a.m. Andrews Snack Packing — Witherspoon Room
5:30 p.m. ReEntry Task Force Meets via Zoom
6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 14

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry — Room 201
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service — Sanctuary

Friday, April 15

Noon Good Friday Worship Service — Sanctuary

Saturday, April 16

9:00 a.m. Brass Rehearsal — Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary



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