

First Presbyterian Church
Salem, Ohio

March 24, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Palm/Passion Sunday



Worship will be live streamed on
Facebook: First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio,
You Tube: www.youtube.com/FPCSALEM; and
our website, www.fpcsaalem.org.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

All Glory, Laud, and Honor (Organ)
Two Trumpet Tunes (Brass)

Dale Wood
Henry Purcell

*Let us silently turn our hearts, minds, and
bodies to the worship of God as the
light of Christ is brought forward.*

PRELUDE

Ayre (Brass)

Henry Purcell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please take a moment to sign and pass the Attendance Pad.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*John 12:12-16*)

¹² The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.

¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord – the King of Israel!"

¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

¹⁵ "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord – the King of Israel!"

Let us worship God.

*HYMN 88

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Unison*)

Almighty God, Creator and Ruler of all creation, You dwell in the holiness of Your glory and You order all things according to the Your will. You sent Your Son, the Beloved and Chosen One, to turn Your people away from self-destruction, to lead Your people in love, to shepherd Your nation to the dwelling-place of peace. We confess that we have sinned against You and the Son. We have been self-willed by rebelling against Your commands, and mouthing words of charity while failing to show kindness, mercy or compassion to the poor, the weak and the vulnerable. How can we ask for forgiveness except in the name of Jesus Christ, Who entered the city as Your Anointed (the Messiah), Who was crucified for our sins, and Whom You raised in triumph over evil and death? Grant us true repentance so that we follow our Savior, the King of Glory. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“[N]ow that we have been justified by [Christ’s] blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.” (*Romans 5:10*)

Believe the Good News!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***GLORIA PATRI** (*Unison; Hymn 579*)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD AMONG US

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Unison*)

Christ entered Jerusalem as the peaceable ruler Whose mission was and is to set Your people free. Grant us a true understanding of Your word so that we praise our Savior, not only with our lips, but with our lives, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens — wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

The Haviland Choir, Brass

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Shelton Ridge Love

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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 amid a joyful crowd.
with palm branch waving, 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.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!

THE GOSPEL READING

Mark 14:32-42

³² They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” ³³ He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. ³⁴ And he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.” ³⁵ And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.” ³⁷ He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? ³⁸ Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ³⁹ And again he went away and prayed, saying the

same words. ⁴⁰And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. ⁴¹He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

This is the Gospel of the LORD!

Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

"Behold Your God"

Rev. Dr. Frank Lewis

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 282

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison, The Nicene Creed, Ecumenical*)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and

apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

MOMENT FOR CELEBRATION

Lynn Zocolo

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

My Inmost Heart Doth Yearn

Johannes Brahms

*RESPONSE HYMN 592 (*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

You gave Your Son for our salvation. Your Son gave Himself for our salvation. How can we offer anything but ourselves in gratitude? We dedicate to You our lives and a portion of what You provide to us in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND SUPPLICATION / LORD'S PRAYER (*sins*)

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE ENTER THE WORLD AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN 98

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (*Hymn 2162, Sing the Faith, Grace Alone*)

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,
every difference we will make is only by his grace.
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,
every blessing left behind is only by his grace.

Grace alone which God supplies,
strength unknown he will provide.
Christ in us our Cornerstone;
we will go forth in grace alone.

*Please remain standing as the Light of Christ
is carried into the world.*

POSTLUDE

*“Hornpipe” from Water Music (Brass)
Allegro (Organ)*

*G.F. Handel
John Stanley*

*Please stand if you are able.

Question for thought:

What would our response be if Christ came to town today?

*Today’s appearance by the Western Reserve Brass
is underwritten by the many donors to our Music Fund.*

Musicians: *Brandon Ritchie, Trumpet; John Veneskey, Trumpet;
Rob Cole, Horn; Jonathan Willis, Trombone; Lauren Zetts, Tuba;
Ken Alexander, Timpani*

Liturgist: Lynn Zocolo

Acolyte/Light-Bearer: Joseph Seefeldt

Bulletins have been given anonymously in appreciation of the Elders, past and present.

Flowers have been given by Lois Dunn in memory of Louis Weirick’s Birthday; and by Paul and Barb Fennema in honor of Dan Fennema’s Birthday.

Preschool Fundraiser – Little Critters Soda from Kast Iron

Four Flavors – Root Beer, Orange, Black Cherry, Blue Raspberry
One for \$3 / Two for \$5, Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour

Our Presbyterian Preschool is planning an Easter Egg Hunt that will take place this **Tuesday morning, March 26**. We are looking for some people who would like to help our preschoolers enjoy that fun Easter Tradition by filling plastic Easter eggs. The Christian Education Committee has informed us that there are lots of plastic eggs available for us to use. All you would have to do is fill them. If you would like to help fill some eggs, please contact Carol Ricciardi for details.

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday service on March 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday service on March 29 at 12:15 p.m.

Easter Sunday service on March 31 at 10:30 a.m.

*The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on
Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday.*

Annual Church Garage Sale – Saturday, April 27 (7 a.m. – 3 p.m.)
Please help by looking for clean, usable items you no longer need. There will be tables for Kitchen, Music, Holiday, Working Lamps, Linens, Garage, Jewelry, Kids and Toys, Small Furniture, Bikes etc., Antiques, Books, and Pictures. PLEASE: No Clothing, No Shoes, No Electronics, No TVs, No Computers, No Upholstered Furniture, No Food, No Open Toiletries or Makeup. Place all donation items in the Garage Sale boxes on the stage in Fellowship Hall no later than Sunday, April 21. Need pick-up? Call Melissa at 330-853-1955. Proceeds to LOGOS/Sunday School Mission.

Preschool Scholarship Fund

The First Presbyterian Preschool has started an initiative to provide financial assistance to preschool aged children whose parents may need some monetary help in attending preschool this fall. A separate church fund has been established as a means for church

members, community members as well as organizations to contribute to this fund to support this project. The fund is called “Preschool Scholarship Fund”. The Preschool Board is also discussing ways to support the funding through fundraisers, etc.

If church members wish to help in this effort to assist parents who need some financial support to send their child to our preschool this fall, you may do so by contributing through your church contributions. Putting the words “Preschool Scholarship Fund” on your check would indicate that you are supporting this fund. Money in church envelopes could also be designated on the envelope with the words “Preschool Scholarship Fund”. The Preschool Board thanks you in advance for your consideration in supporting this important preschool scholarship initiative.

Sunday, March 24

11:30 Environmental Team (L)

6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Scout Room)

Monday, March 25

6:00 Scouts Troop 3 (S) and 2003G (209)

Tuesday, March 26

Preschool Easter Egg Hunt in the morning

Wednesday, March 27

6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)

7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

Maundy Thursday, March 28 – *The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper*

7:30 Maundy Thursday Service and Tenebrae

Good Friday, March 29

9:00-12:00 Church Office Hours

12:15-12:45 Good Friday Service

Easter Sunday, March 31

9:00 Church School for Grades 6-12 (209)

9:00 Church School for Adults (L)

10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)

10:30 Service of Worship – *The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

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