

BUCKINGHAM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PALM SUNDAY

April 2, 2023

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:00 A.M.

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

Music Director – Gregory Fraser

*\* Congregation please stand as you feel comfortable*

CHIMING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE– *Lead Me Lord* – Choir

WELCOME

PROCESSION/SONG: *Hosanna! –kids (insert)*

SHEEP PEN MESSAGE: Palms Up!

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 118)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**All: his love endures forever.**

Leader: Let Israel say:

**All: “His love endures forever.”**

Leader: Let the house of Aaron say:

**All: “His love endures forever.”**

Leader: Let those who fear the Lord say:

**All: “His love endures forever.**

Leader: Let us worship our good and loving God!

**All: Hosanna! Alleluia!**

\*OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray: **All: Gracious God, as we enter this Holy Week, strengthen us to move beyond the festive parade and to follow Jesus into the way of the cross. Make us one with him and all the faithful, so that one day all may see the new thing He makes possible. We may praise you, Holy God, with Christ and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN: All Glory, Laud and Honor (PH #88)

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Leader: Let us confess our sin to our God, trusting that God's steadfast love endures forever. Let us pray: **All: God of heaven and earth, we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ in your name. Even though we profess to follow him, we confess that in times of trial we too often 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.**

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear this wonderful news: because of the grace we've received in Christ, we have nothing to fear!

**All: Because of Christ we are Forgiven and freed! This we believe; for this we are forever grateful. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*RESPONSE: GLORIA PATRI

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE:

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with all of you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Because Christ has done this great thing for us, we do this small thing by sharing some sign of Christ's peace with one another.

WORDS & GESTURES OF PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE: I'll Praise My Maker (PH #253)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Leader: Let us join in prayer, asking for the Scriptures to be opened to us:

**All: Eternal God, quiet within us all mortal voices, that by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING:

**Gospel: Matthew 11:1-11**

RESPONSE TO THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

LENTEN SERMON SERIES: *Boot Camp for the Soul*

MESSAGE “Boot Camp Graduation (with all Palms and Circumstance)”

NEW MEMBER WELCOME:

**John Falcone**

**Brandon & Kayla Hoffmann along with their sons, Kade & Kolton**

**Ned & Sunny Raffelt along with their daughters, Georgia & Hannah**

HYMN: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (PH #89)*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Brief Statement of Faith –insert (remain standing)

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS (Please be seated)

PASTORAL PRAYER: Leader: God of Mercy; **ALL: hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY *We Sing Hosanna (insert)*

DOXOLOGY/ DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER – (insert)

\*CLOSING HYMN: *Sing a New Song Unto the Lord (insert)*

\*BENEDICTION / \*RESPONSE:

STRIPPING OF THE ATLAR: *Were you there?* – (insert)

*Hosanna*  
in the highest!

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The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"



**Maundy Thursday – 6PM – “Re-Membering Jesus Together” in Taylor Hall** (with communion service around the table and small dish pot-luck) Celebrate the Lord's Supper in a unique way that brings home the message of what it means for us to “re-member” Jesus together. You are invited to bring foods to share that are special to your remembering Easter with family and friends.

**Good Friday – 6PM – Reading of the Passion and Tenebrae Candle Service in the Chapel**

Come to hear and reflect on Jesus's Passion and listen to the seven last statements He makes from the cross. As we do, we'll be reminded that He is the light of the world which shines in the darkness; the light which no darkness can overtake.

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**CHORUS**

**SOMETIMES IT CAUSES ME TO TREMBLE,**  
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**CHORUS**

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**(CHORUS)**

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**(CHORUS)**

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THE SON OF DAVID, HAD FINALLY COME,  
A GIFT FROM GOD, HIS ONLY SON.

**(CHORUS)**

PASSOVER WAS ALL AROUND,  
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THE PHARISEES, WOULD NOT SEE,  
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**(CHORUS)**

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