

Large Print Bulletin & Announcements

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
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11:00pm



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Order for the Public Worship of God
April 2, 2023
Palm/Passion Sunday
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Phoenix Processional” Dan Locklair

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION — King’s Kids Karlee Wright

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Matthew 21:5,9, responsive*)

Leader: Look, your King is coming to you, humble and mounted and a donkey.

People: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Leader: Hosanna in the highest heaven! Let us worship God!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)

*HYMN #197 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” ELLACOMBE

**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, the 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.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*based on Psalm 130, together*)

Abba God, Father of Jesus, forgive our lack of respect and attention as your son enters this most painful of weeks. We, like the disciples, fall asleep when Jesus asks us to stay awake and pray. Our minds wander as he sets his path straight for Jerusalem to speak truth on our behalf. We are careless with our faith, while Jesus acts with extraordinary love. Forgive our inattention, our careless and self-serving attitudes. Remind us, this Holy Week, of the salvation you offer in Jesus Christ. Let us not take this gracious gift for granted. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

GLORIA PATRI

**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**

ANTHEM

“The Palms” Faure (adapted by Dudley Buck)

*O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay are strewn this day, in
festal preparation.*

*Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away, E'en now the throng to
welcome Him prepare;*

*Refrain: Join all and sing, His name declare, let every voice re
sound with acclamation:*

*Hosanna! Praise to the Lord! Bless Him who cometh
to bring us salvation!*

*His word goes forth, and people by its might once more regain free-
dom from degradation.*

Humanity doth give to each his right, while those in darkness are restored to light. Refrain

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORDS 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY—#606

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:5-11 (NRSV)

*HYMN

“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”

PARKER

**Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;
things I would ask Him to tell me if He were here:
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.**

**First let me hear how the children stood round His knee,
and I shall fancy His blessing resting on me;
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,
all in the love-light of Jesus’ face.**

**Into the city I’d follow the children’s band,
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;
one of His heralds, yes, I would sing
loudest hosannas, “Jesus is King!” Amen.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:1-11 (NRSV)

SERMON

“Palm Sunday Vibrations”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #223 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross ” HAMBURG

**When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled
down;
did e’er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “The Old Rugged Cross” arr. Dan Miller

**Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you,
feel free to remain seated.*

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist