

# DIVINE WORSHIP

## 8:30 A.M. AND 11:15 A.M.

*After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"*

(Revelation 7:9-10, ESV)

**VOLUNTARY:** *The God of Abraham Praise* Arr. Michael Cox

The Brass Ensemble

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHORAL INTROIT:** *Hosanna to the Son of David* Thomas Weelkes

Hosanna, hosanna to the Son of David.  
Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Thou that sittest in the highest heav'ns.  
Hosanna, hosanna in excelsis Deo.

The Chancel Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Mr. Lauten (8:30) Mr. Squires (11:15)

+ **HYMN 81:** *O Love of God, How Strong and True* JERUSALEM  
*Trinity Hymnal* Stanza 4 Arr. Michael McCarthy

+ **INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, which 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.

+ **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary;  
suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried;  
He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven;

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

+ **GLORIA PATRI** Henry Greatorex

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.

**CHILDREN'S SERMON** 8:30 a.m.: **"Celebration"**

**CHILDREN'S HYMN** 8:30 a.m.: *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!* ST. DROSTANE  
*Trinity Hymnal*, no. 237, stanzas 1 and 5

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry;  
O Savior meek, pursue your road  
With palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
Bow your meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O God, your pow'r and reign.

**CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Mr. Bult (8:30) Dr. Thomas (11:15)

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(Larger Catechism No. 152 and I John 1-2, ESV)

**MORNING PRAYER**

+ **HYMN 235:** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* ST. THEODULPH  
*Trinity Hymnal*

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY:** *Ride On, King Jesus* African-American Spiritual  
Arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

Ride on, King Jesus, no man can hinder me.  
I was but young when I begun.  
But now my race is almost done.  
Ride on, King Jesus, no man can hinder me.

King Jesus rides on a milk-white horse.  
The river of Jordan he did cross.  
Ride on, King Jesus, no man can hinder me.

If you want to find your way to God,  
The gospel highway must be trod.  
Ride on, King Jesus, no man can hinder me.

+ **DOXOLOGY** OLD HUNDREDTH  
*Trinity Hymnal*, no. 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(During the 11:15 a.m. service, K4 and K5 children may leave for Children's Church. Parents should come for them in the Thomwell Education Building, Room 107.)

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** John 12:12-19  
(Pew Bible page 899)

**SERMON:** *That You May Believe*  
"Little Donkey" Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas

**PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD OF GOD**

+ **HYMN:** *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER, arr. Robert Hobby



Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim



Till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1. Come, Christ - ians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
2. Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.  
As thou hast prom - ised, draw men un - to thee.  
Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

+ **BENEDICTION**

+ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*Benediction* WYCLIFF

May the grace of Christ our Savior and the Father's boundless love,  
With the Holy Spirit's favor, rest upon us from above.

**VOLUNTARY:** *Fantasia on ST. THEODOLPH* J.S. Bach

+ Congregation Standing

# SERMON NOTES

“Little Donkey”

John 12:12-19 | Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas

## WELCOME

We extend our cordial greetings to all who are visiting us today and hope that you will join us again for worship. We ask our guests to sign the Friendship Register along with members of the congregation and to give us an address so that we can send you information about the First Presbyterian Church.

**The palms in the Sanctuary** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nell Lightsey Laffitte by her family.

**The flowers in the Sanctuary** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Sheldon Paschal III by his family.

## WORSHIP AT FIRST

### Things to consider

- ☞ **Thank you for turning off cell phones during the worship service.**
- ☞ **Please leave any food or drink outside of the Sanctuary.**
- ☞ Those who have been detained are asked to take their places either during the first hymn or during the organ interlude following the singing of the “Gloria Patri.”
- ☞ The 8:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast on WISW 1320 AM and [www.wisradio.com](http://www.wisradio.com) at 11:00 a.m. Sundays. All services are available on live streaming audio at [www.firstprescolumbia.org](http://www.firstprescolumbia.org).
- ☞ The Audio Ministry provides CDs of today’s 8:30 a.m. service in the Narthex after the 11:15 a.m. service. All sermons preached by our ministers are available from the church website at [www.firstprescolumbia.org](http://www.firstprescolumbia.org).
- ☞ If able, please make room in your pews for others. This helps the ushers as they seat people.
- ☞ **The Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask deacons for a receiver.**
- ☞ First Presbyterian Church uses two hymnbooks. *Trinity Hymnal* is the blue hymnbook, and *The Hymnbook* is the red hymnbook.
- ☞ Nurseries for children to the age of four are provided in the Thornwell Education Building.
- ☞ A quiet room with a live video feed of the service is available in Thornwell, Room 113. There, mothers may attend to the needs of their children.

## MINISTRY STAFF

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PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019 8:30 A.M. AND 11:15 A.M.

## **O Love of God, How Strong and True**

**O love of God, how strong and true,  
Eternal and yet ever new,  
Uncomprehended and unbought,  
Beyond all knowledge and all thought!  
O love of God, how deep and great,  
Far deeper than man's deepest hate;  
Self fed, self kindled like the light,  
Changeless, eternal, infinite.**

**O heav'nly love, how precious still,  
In days of weariness and ill,  
In nights of pain and helplessness,  
To heal, to comfort, and to bless!  
O wide embracing, wondrous love!  
We read you in the sky above,  
We read you in the earth below,  
In seas that swell and streams that flow.**

**We read you best in him who came  
To bear for us the cross of shame;  
Sent by the Father from on high,  
Our life to live, our death to die.  
We read your pow'r to bless and save,  
E'en in the darkness of the grave;  
Still more in resurrection light  
We read the fullness of your might.**

**(over)**

## **O Love of God, How Strong and True**

**O love of God, our shield and stay  
Through all the perils of our way!  
Eternal love, in you we rest,  
Forever safe, forever blest.  
We will exalt you, God and King,  
And we will ever praise your name;  
We will extol you ev'ry day,  
And evermore your praise proclaim.**

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## **All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

**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!**

**The people of the Hebrews  
With palms before thee went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems  
Before thee we present:  
To thee, before thy passion,  
They sang their hymns of praise;  
To thee, new high exalted,  
Our melody we raise.**

**Thou didst accept their praises;  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest,  
Thou good and gracious King!  
All glory, laud, and honor  
To thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring!**

## **John 12:12-19**

**The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. 13 So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” 14 And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,**

**15 “Fear not, daughter of Zion;  
behold, 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 about him and had been done to him. 17 The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. 18 The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. 19 So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”**

## **Lift High the Cross**

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

**Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.  
*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name.***

**Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combined.  
*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name.***

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As thou hast promised, draw men unto thee.  
*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name.***

**So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory!  
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## **Benediction**

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