

PALM SUNDAY

April 10, 2022

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Click Peters, Liturgist

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

*OPENING PROCESSIONAL HYMN #211

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Threlfall

*OPENING PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you call, but we have listened half-heartedly, or not at all. We sing that you love us, but we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. Forgetting our songs of Hosanna, we give our attention to rulers and empires which seek to rival the kingdom of God. Too easily seduced by their displays of power, incessant fearmongering, slick propaganda, and loud promises, we turn from the way that Jesus leads us; lending our support to those who condones evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of truth and light, awaken us from our hypnosis, that we might see our situation clearly to admit our sin. With your gracious and unconditional love, accept our confession, inspire our repentance, and enable our return to you where we can receive the forgiveness that you alone can give. Restore and empower us, O Lord, that we might love God and neighbor as we follow Jesus Christ, the One who is Lord and King. (Silent Prayer). Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear and believe the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

Joyful Response #43

"Glory Be To The Father"

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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: As God in Christ forgives us, let us forgive one another.
The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share the Peace of Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"La Grace"

G.P. Telemann

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

KID'S CHURCH (5th grade and younger)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM READING:

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

ANTHEM

"On That Day When He Rode Into Jerusalem"

M.K. Beall

GOSPEL READING:

Luke 19:28-48

SERMON

"Well, He's Here Now"

Dr. Walker

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*HYMN #62

"O For A Thousand Tongues"

C. Wesley/C.G. Gläser

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Come Christians Join to Sing"

Arr. D. Hustad

(*) *We stand as we are able.*

*The palm arrangements in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and
in remembrance of my husband Donald, my sister Betty
and my friends Pearl and Alice
by Joyce Laabs.*

Announcements

Monday, April 11 at 7 p.m. PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN EVENING CIRCLE

Tuesday, April 12 at 10 a.m. PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MORNING CIRCLE

Tuesday, April 12 at 5:30 p.m. MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. THEOLOGY ON TAP: MOULTRIE BILLIARDS

Wednesday, April 13 at Noon FINANCE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 13 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH SUPPER

Thursday, April 14 at 7 p.m. MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Friday, April 15 at Noon GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, FRONT LAWN

Sunday, April 17 at 10 a.m. EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 17 at 11 a.m. EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Monday, April 18 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, April 18 at Noon CORNERSTONES MEETING

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: APRIL CIRCLES

Monday, April 11 at 7 p.m. - Evening Circle, Dr. Shirley Chandler's house,
135 Southlake Dr., Moultrie GA 31768.

Tuesday, April 12 at 10 a.m. - Morning Circle, Vereen Parlor. We will study Psalm 118.
Debbie Peters will be hosting and teaching.

PREPARING FOR OUR EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 17 at 10 a.m. on the playground. Donations of candy and eggs are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the church office.

LENTEN STUDY & OFFERING CONCLUDES NEXT SUNDAY

The Presbyterian Women's Lenten study and Columbia Friendship Circle offering will be wrapping up Easter, April 17th. **Make checks payable to PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEACON OF THE MONTH: Karen Carver

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Melody Jenkins

HELPING HANDS BOX: HOPE HOUSE MOMMY MALL

A new quarter has begun and it is time to change the mission we support through the Helping Hands Box in the Fellowship Hall. We will be collecting baby goods for the new moms to purchase at Hope House with the "Mommy Money" and "Daddy Dollars" they earn in parenting classes, Bible studies, and attending church. Currently the biggest need is for clothes, from newborn to 4T size (some of the children are pretty large age three at the time their moms finish the classes. Training pants are also needed as well as baby shampoo. .

Another need is for volunteers to work with women in online parenting classes. These have recently been started and 20 new moms and dads have signed up.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS) - SPECIAL OFFERING

Collecting throughout the month of April

This offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. **In fact, it is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.** Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable through three life-saving programs: #1) **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters and supports refugees. #2) **Presbyterian Hunger Program** takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed. #3) **Self-Development of People** invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues.

Ways to Give: #1) Write separate check to First Presbyterian and put OGHS on memo line
#2) On line at pcusa.org/give-oghs #3) Text OGHS to 91999

Please make your reservation for WATCH SUPPER

MENU for APRIL 13, 2022

REGULAR/CHILDREN: Beef Brisket, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, White Peas, Broccoli Casserole, Rolls, Cranberry Salad

DIET: Baked Chicken, Steamed Vegetables, Salad Bar

DESSERTS: Coconut Cake, Strawberry Cake, Cookies, Ice Cream

Name/Family: _____

Permanent Reservation: _____ This week only: _____

How many? Regular _____ Diet: _____ Children: _____

THE STORY OF A TREE

The rough, rugged cross that stands in our Sanctuary this morning was at one time a beautiful Chrismon Tree, standing in the very same spot! That Chrismon Tree was sparkling with hundreds of tiny white lights (symbolizing Jesus as the light of the world), it's evergreen branches symbolizing everlasting life, and its ornaments symbols of God's most precious gift to mankind-the gift of His Son, our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

That same tree was then stripped of all its beauty, its light and life, its branches cut off to the very trunk of it. It was fashioned into the shape of a cross. It stands today, stark and naked, adorned merely with a crown of thorns. It serves as a reminder of what the World (of which we are a part) did with God's most precious Gift, and what we continue to do today.

But the story of that tree is not over! On Easter Sunday Morning, that cross will be covered from top to bottom with greenery and beautiful white lilies! This time it will again give testament to God's most precious Gift to us. This time it will testify to the Glorious Resurrection of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ! - His victory over Sin and Death, His perfect love, mercy and forgiveness, His sacrificial Gift of Salvation - to this sinful and dying world.

All glory be to God!!!