

When Jesus entered Jerusalem during the last week of his life, the people shouted “Hosanna,” which means “save us now.” But these voices were only barely heard before Jesus was betrayed, arrested, tortured, and crucified. We celebrate triumph and recognize tragedy today.



# palm Sunday

## *Service for the Lord's Day*

April 14, 2019  
Palm/Passion Sunday

### *Gathering Around the Word*

**Prelude** *Organ Chorale No. 3* Cesar Franck

**Welcome**

**Striking of the Hour**

**Choral Introit** *Antiphonal Hosanna* G. Alan Smith

*We Rise in Spirit and in Body*

#### **Call to Worship**

We celebrate a 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary today;

**Good years, during which this congregation has labored and loved, always striving to become the people God created us to be.**

The hopes of pioneer explorers on the Cumberland Trace, the encampments of Presbyterian revivals nearby, and the renowned industry of Scots-Irish settlers fill our history.

**The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God is our heritage.**

A church originally built in a cemetery, in a little town with muddy streets and a cold limestone spring hard by the Barren River: more promising than it sounds!

**The maintenance of divine worship has lifted our hearts and spirits, throughout our history.**

Sharing the vitality of Christ; loving, serving, welcoming all.

**The preservation of the truth is our heritage.**

Great women and men of the past; it was said that “the pride of Virginia came to Kentucky.”

**The promotion of social righteousness is our great end.**

We thank God for these years of ministry.

**God's mercy never ceases!**

**Processional Hymn 196** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN  
*Please Participate by Waving a Palm Branch*

**Call to Confession**

Palm Sunday occurred on April 4<sup>th</sup> in 1819, the year and month our church was founded.

Confession on Palm Sunday acknowledges the glory of the Triumphal Entry and the weakness of our faith.

### **Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

**Loving God, we are the ones who greet the Lord this day! We sing, and shout, and are glad to welcome Jesus. But some of us will turn away later, and let our excitement ebb to nothing. We will mistake Jesus' humility for defeat, and his servanthood for weakness. We will betray ourselves by going along with the crowd. We will accept Jesus' stunning self-sacrifice, but will not be moved to change anything we do.**

**Forgive us for our failings, small and large, O Lord! Help us to follow Jesus to his Easter triumph, in obedience and love.**

*A Silence is observed for Personal Confession*

**Response Hymn 704**

*To My Precious Lord*

TO MY PRECIOUS LORD

**Declaration of Good News**

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Children's Music**

Ellie Osborne, director

### *Hearing the Word*

*All Sit*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading (Responsive)**

Isaiah 50:4-9

The 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.**

The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. **I 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.**

The 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; he who vindicates me is near.**

Who will contend with me? **Let us stand up together.**

Who are my adversaries? **Let them confront me.**

It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? **All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.**

**Anthem**

*Every Generation*

Carson P. Cooman

*All Stand*

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 19:29-40

When he had come near the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "**I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.**"

The Suffering Servant received the Lord's blessing. The Servant is Israel, and he is Christ.

Even if Jesus' disciples are silenced, the very earth will glory in the gift of Jesus.

All Sit  
**Sermon**

*Triumph Before Tragedy*

Dr. J. Herbert Nelson  
Stated Clerk, The Presbyterian Church (USA)

***Responding to the Word***

All Stand  
**Response Hymn 106**

*Prepare the Way, O Zion*

BREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

**Affirmation of Faith**

From: A Brief Statement of Faith

**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.**

All Sit

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's 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.**

**The Offering**

**Offertory**

*Alleluia, Praise*

L. Cherubini/arr. Douglas E. Wagner

**Doxology**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World***

**Closing Hymn 727**

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

THE SERVANT SONG

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*  
Hymn: RUSTINGTON

Charles Callahan

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**WELCOME VISITORS!**

*We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the Right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by ministers, officers, and congregation.*

*If you have a fussy baby or are coughing, etc., the worship service may be viewed from the parlor via television (across the hall from the Sanctuary). Loving childcare is available in our children's center for children 3 and under on Sundays, and children's activity packets are available in the narthex.*

**Our church Elders:** Karol Ahmed, Mark Bigler, Pam Bratcher, David Coverdale, Mary Evans, Rob Hale, Matt Hunt, Mike Kanan, John Kernohan, Stuart Kernohan, Tim Leigh, Nancy Moore, Pamela Napier, David Sears, and David Thomison. **Our church Deacons:** Rider Allen, Sally Calkins, Judy Clark, Rocky Cooper, Shannon Dyche, Ray Elms, Cathey Green, Jean Harris, Linda Leigh, Tom MacMillin, Debbie Morse, David Muffett, Teri Polen, Charlotte Prow, Ken Royse, Susan Thomison, and Debbie Trickey.

What words would you use to describe the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Buck in a Basket Offering for this month will support our Food Pantry.

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## ***The Presbyterian Church Staff***

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## ***Announcements***

**USHERS:** The Simmons, Humphrey, and Moore families

**LAY READER:** Jim Harris

**MEDIA PERSONNEL:** Barbara Solberg-Hale and Matt Hunt

**CRUCIFER:** Larry Warden

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS:** Alisia Mosley and Kimberly Watkins

**LIBRARIAN:** Arnie Petrus, [arfranpe@msn.com](mailto:arfranpe@msn.com)

**CHILDREN'S MUSIC:** Ellie Osborne

**THE REVEREND DR. JAMES HERBERT NELSON, II** serves as Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). As Clerk, he is the chief executive officer of the largest Reformed denomination in the United States. He was elected at our denomination's 222nd General Assembly (2016) in Portland, Oregon. Nelson's service to the Presbyterian Church and to the wider Christian church is varied. He has been a pastor, an administrator, and an educator. Theological Seminary; Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary; and Johnson C. Smith University. Nelson and his wife, the Reverend Gail Porter Nelson, have an adult daughter, Alycia Yvette Nelson.

**LECTIONARY FOR NEXT SUNDAY, April 21, Easter:** Acts 10:34–43 or Isaiah 65:17–25; Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24; Corinthians 15:19–26 or Acts 10:34–43; John 20:1–18 or Luke 24:1–12.

**DEACONS OF THE WEEK** this week will be Debbie Morse and Jean Harris. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

## **Calendar**

### **Sunday, April 14**

8:30 a.m. Fellowship  
9:00 a.m. Children's Music  
9:45 a.m. Sunday Morn. Circle  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
4:30 p.m. Pioneer Cem. Ceremony  
5:30 p.m. La Gala event begins

### **Monday, April 15**

12:00 p.m. Worship-Christ Episcopal  
1:00 p.m. CUICHM  
5:00 p.m. Round Table Pulpit

### **Tuesday, April 16**

11:00 a.m. Special Care  
12:00 p.m. Worship-Presbyterian Ch.  
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting  
6:15 p.m. Chairs of Session  
7:00 p.m. Session

### **Wednesday, April 17**

12:00 p.m. Worship-1<sup>st</sup> Christian Ch.

### **Thursday, April 17**

12:00 p.m. Worship-SSUMC  
6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday  
Dinner and Worship

### **Friday, April 17**

12:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship

## *Announcements (continued)*

**THE FLOWERS AT THE COMMUNION TABLE** are dedicated to the Glory of God and are given in honor of eight generations of the Rabold Family, who have been associated with the Presbyterian Church since its founding in 1819.

**ANOTHER ANNIVERSARY** Today, we offer congratulations to Vera and John Gramling, who are celebrating their 73<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary.

### **TODAY:**

**A ROUND TABLE PULPIT** continues on Mondays, 5:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Come read and study the scriptures for the next Sunday – enhance your biblical knowledge and possibly help shape the sermon. The Rev. Dr. Matthew Covington leads.

**THE BANNERS** now hung in the sanctuary are in celebration of The Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Artists Peg Truman and Myra Dwyer have fashioned two blank canvases into a historical timeline of our church from 1819 to 2019. The banner on the left side of the sanctuary depicts the buildings of our church throughout time, and the banner on the right has vignettes that depict the life and mission of our church.

**DIRECTIONS TO PIONEER CEMETERY CERMONY April 14<sup>th</sup>:** (State and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.) Parking along State Street; possibly behind SKYPAC entering from 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.; in La Gala lot across from SKYPAC. The nearest gate is probably on 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. where there is a concrete walk leading to the burial vault (actual main gate on State St.). Some chairs will be available. Even if you are not registered for the banquet, you are welcome at the remarks and ceremony at the cemetery site of the original church. The ceremony will begin at 4:30pm with words, prayers, and laying of wreath on the Rev. Joseph B. Lapsley vault. Following the ceremony, folks may walk across the street to La Gala in preparation for the banquet festivities...

**A NOTE FOR OUR 200 CELEBRATION** - 90% chance of thunderstorms on Sunday but really, who can forecast Kentucky weather accurately? **If it is raining at 4:30**, the Pioneer Cemetery program will be held at La Gala. Parking is available on the street, small lots near venue, parking structure, and behind SKYPAC.

### **COMING UP:**

**HOLY WEEK WORSHIP AND LUNCHEs:** Join us for a time of worship with our sisters and brothers here in town. From Monday to Thursday we gather at a different downtown church for worship, followed by lunch (donations). Tomorrow Christ Episcopal Church, Tuesday The Presbyterian Church, Wednesday First Christian Church, Thursday State Street United Methodist Church. Noon is worship, followed by lunch fellowship provided by the church for a donation. Everyone welcome!

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SEASON** is upon us. One of four special offerings of the PC (U.S.A.), OGHs is celebrating 70 years of making a difference in the world. Our gifts fund three important ministries: The Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Self-Development of People. Especially with the recent disasters in Africa with the cyclone, the floods in the Mid-west and ongoing recovery in Puerto Rico, Florida and other hurricane-impacted areas, the funds from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance are especially needed. There will be an envelope in the bulletin on Easter Sunday or you may put 'OGHS' in the memo line of your check. Thank you for your generosity!

**MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER AND WORSHIP:** this year we gather at 6:00pm on Thursday April 18. We begin our time with scripture and worship around the Passover celebration, then we will have dinner. Following our meal, we move to the sanctuary to pick up our worship time around the Last Supper (including stripping of the church). Reservations for dinner are required by NOON Tuesday April 16. Our menu: Rosemary Roasted Chicken, Sweet and Sour Beef Brisket, Candied Carrots, Roasted Beets, Asparagus, Passover Apple Squares. \$10 per adult, \$6 for youth/child, \$25 family max (one or two adult and children under 18). If you don't wish to eat, you are welcome to come for worship (which does begin at 6:00pm!).

**GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP** will occur on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon in our Sanctuary. All are welcome, come by and bring a friend or co-worker.

**EASTER BREAKFAST:** Join us for fellowship over breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 21. Breakfast will be served beginning at 8:30 (It immediately follows the 7:30am Sunrise Service) and conclude at 10:00am. **SUNDAY SCHOOL IS ON BREAK.** Breakfast is \$6 per person, \$20 family (one or two adults with children/youth). Sausage casserole, fruit, biscuits/gravy, French Toast Casserole.

**NEXT SUNDAY** we will have the Public Profession of Faith/Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows by our Confirmation Class during worship. Following worship, please come to the Fellowship Hall for a few minutes to greet this wonderful group of 10 young people who have worked hard since September preparing for this moment. We will have a reception in their honor with cake and punch.

**OUR YOUTH GRADUATE SUNDAY** will take place on May 12th. Come along and join us as we celebrate our Youth who are graduating. This service will be planned and led by the Youth, so we hope you can come along to appreciate all the hard work they have put in to planning it. Also-- If you have a graduate in the family, please send their information to David Clarke **as soon** as possible. (Cheryl will be on vacation in May and all bulletin info will be printed early!)

**MAY 5TH IS OUR TACO BAR** youth Fundraiser! Please come along for some food and fellowship. You will be helping to fundraise for our youth summer trips. If you would like to donate food, sign up here or speak to David Clarke: <https://perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=VAQX7765&v=6ecc47c647>

**OTHER NEWS AND COMMUNITY NEEDS:**

**THERE IS SUCH A THING AS A FREE MEAL.** Help needed with set up and clean up for Maundy Thursday. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094aa9ab2ca7f49-lenten> is the place to go to sign up - and if you help, **YOU EAT FREE!** Questions? See Leslee Kirkconnell.

**THE FOOD PANTRY** needs dry beans, white rice, peanut butter, soup, canned fruit/vegetables (easy open cans as possible). Donations may be left in the drawers under the stairs marked 'Food Pantry.'

**MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!** Our 3 Cents a Meal collection on March 31 brought \$486.91! \$162.30 will stay to benefit our Food Pantry, the remainder will go to the Presbyterian Hunger Program. With the steady need for food aid in our community, these funds are much needed and appreciated!

**MANNA MART NEEDS-** Family size laundry detergent, full size shampoo/conditioner, bar soap, toothpaste/brushes, lotion are in particular demand. Please put in the drawers under the stairs marked 'Manna Mart.'

**MANY MANY THANKS TO ALL** who contributed candy, cupcakes, brownies, cookies, etc for yesterday's Easter Egg Hunt. Fun was had by all!

## **Holy Week Worship Schedule for Noon Services**

Monday

Host - Christ Episcopal Church  
Preacher - The Rev. Gary Chapman

Tuesday

Host - The Presbyterian Church  
Preacher - The Rev. Becca Kello

Wednesday

Host - First Christian Church  
Preacher - The Rev. Fred Brown

Thursday

Host - State Street United Methodist Church  
Preacher - The Rev. Megan Huston