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PALM SUNDAY

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.



Palm Sunday

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Gathering

VOLUNTARY

Fanfare for Palm Sunday

Improvised

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Conrad (8:00)

Rev. Sanderford (9:30)

Rev. Dr. Monnett (11:00)

FAITH IN ACTION

One Great Hour of Sharing

Susan Cares (8:00)

Bob Wallin (9:30)

Helena Prince (11:00)

INTROIT (9:30/11:00) *Come to Us, Lord Jesus*

Hal Hopson

Lift up your heads. All the gates lift high. Christ the Lord will soon be here.

Joy will fill the city, the place where Jesus comes.

Lord Jesus, come, quickly come. Come within our hearts.

Come to us, Lord Jesus. We claim the prophet's word.

Children's Choir and Youth Ensemble:

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates, behold, the King of glory waits;

The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!

Please remain seated and join the children's choir singing.

Fling wide the portals of your heart;

Make it a temple, set apart

From earthly use for heaven's employ,

Adorned with prayer, and love, and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide.

Let me Thy inner presence feel; Thy grace and love in me reveal.

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 24:7-10

One: Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

**All: Who is the King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle.**

One: Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

**All: Who is the King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.**

HYMN 88 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Please remain seated as the children process.

Stand to join the children singing when indicated.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children through grade five are invited forward.

Rev. Rogers (9:30)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we admit that like your first followers, we are quick to change from shouts of praise to adamant denials of your claim on our lives. We renounce you when we turn our backs on our brothers and sisters who are in need. We deny you when we put our interests before those of our neighbors. Forgive us, we pray, and make our faith resolute, that we may worship you in all our decisions and praise you in all our actions. We pray in Christ's name and for his sake.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as forgiven people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ruth Barnard (8:00)

Andrew Martin (9:30)

Mary McKeever (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 118:1-2; 19-29

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 12:12-19

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Rodawla (8:00)

Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30/11:00)

Responding

* HYMN 90

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

THE KING'S MAJESTY

WELCOME

Rev. Riegel (9:30)

Rev. Roederer (11:00)

Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others sitting nearby.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Ride On, King Jesus

Spiritual

Arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

Ride on, King Jesus, no man can a-hinder me.

I was but young when I begun,
But now my race is almost done.

King Jesus rides on a milk-white horse.
The river of Jordan He did cross.

If you want to find your way to God,
The gospel high must be trod.

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Hans Leo Hassler, 1601

Harm. J. S. Bach, 1729

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns Thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

* **Doxology**

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

* **Prayer of Dedication**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:00)

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.

 **Sending** 

* **HYMN 76** (stanzas 1-4) *My Song Is Love Unknown* LOVE UNKNOWN

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine;
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.**

* **VOLUNTARY** *A Lamb Goes Forth, Our Sins to Bear* Marcel Dupré

* Please rise in body or spirit.

Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in **bold type**. Hearing-assistance devices and large-print bulletins are available from the ushers.

Welcome to all! Please know that all, including visitors and newcomers, are invited to share in the life of the church. A full description of church events may be found online at www.firstpresbyterian.org. If you have questions, please visit the **Welcome Center**, just outside the Social Hall. Greeting you there today are Dean Gilchrist and John Yodhes. **Church Office volunteers** are Sarah Mohrlock and George Hendrickson.

Greeters are Polly Pan and Pat Elkington at 9:30 a.m., and Gwen Alexander at 11:00 a.m.

The **prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano, after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Prayer team members are Sue Beutler and Martha Kershaw at 9:30, and Ginny Rezmierski and Angie Miller at 11:00. After the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available at

the Communion Table for prayer. “Prayer is not merely an occasional impulse to which we respond when we are in trouble: prayer is a life attitude.” – Walter A. Mueller

Ushers are Bill Austin (head) and Dale Leslie at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Olivier Jolliet (captain), Len Rezmierski, Nicole Jolliet, Angela Yang, Cyndy Colton, Dean Gilchrist, Dick Cooke, Jinx Cooke, Kay Fuller, and Chris Wahl at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Brady West (captain), Bev Pelletier, Jim Douglass, Alice Gaujanian, and Rohn Federbush at 11:00 a.m.

Musicians providing music leadership for today’s worship (9:30/11:00) include: Children’s Choir, Youth Choir, and Chancel Choir.

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of James F. and Margaret P. Brinkerhoff by the Brinkerhoff-Sample family.

TODAY’S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00 a.m. and 7:07 p.m. in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. **Radio Worship service is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.**, on WAAM (1600 AM), and on WAAM’s website, www.waamannarbor.com.

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Enjoy a cup of Fair Trade coffee and a cookie. Cookie bakers are Betsy DiMaggio, Diane Hockett, and Jane Myers. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

Children’s Ministry Opportunities:

Sunday School classes are held for crib through fifth graders at 9:30 a.m., and for crib through young five-year-olds at 11:00 a.m. Worship activity totes and the Busy Hands activity baskets are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary for children attending worship at 11:00 a.m.

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

Munch & Mingle meets in the 100 level hallway for donuts and connection at 9:20 a.m. **Sunday School classes** begin at 9:35 a.m.

Youth Choir will not rehearse today. There is no **Youth Dinner** today. These activities return to our schedule April 12.

Mids, our 6th–8th grade youth group, meets in the Curtis Room, 5:30–6:30 p.m. **Keystones**, our high school youth group, meets in the Youth Room, 5:30–7:00 p.m.

Campus Ministry Opportunities:

All college students are invited to our *free* Campus Dinner on Sunday nights at 6:00 p.m. in the Vance and Lewis Rooms.

Adult Education Opportunities:

The Bible @ 9:30 meets in the French Room/Library. Come explore Genesis, the first book of the Old Testament. Presented by Rev. Ed Koster.

First Couples meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Lewis Room for spiritual growth, learning, fellowship, and support for couples and individuals. The current series explores *24 Hours That Changed the World*, a DVD presentation filmed in Israel about the last 24 hours of Jesus’ life.

Exploring the Faith meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall to explore the topic “Religion and Revolution in Cuba,” presented by Silvia Pedraza, UM Professor of Sociology in American Culture.

Common Ground meets in the Lewis Room at 11:00 a.m. to explore “Belhar: A New Confession for Presbyterians.” Our PCUSA General Assembly moved to include the Belhar Confession – described as “a cry from the heart” – to our *Book of Confessions*. This three-part class looks at the influence of apartheid and themes of unity, reconciliation and justice. Presenters are Rev. Sanderford and Ned Simpson, an Elder at Westminster Presbyterian Church and a skilled interpreter of Belhar.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The annual One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received on Easter Sunday. This year our Session has voted to designate 30% of the collection for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in Vanuatu, a Pacific Island nation hit by tropical cyclone Pam on March 14. First Pres members Tim and Marti Wendler have worked in Vanuatu and were contacted by the Presbyterian Church there with a request for outreach at this time of extreme need.

Mature Singles meet for dinner this Friday, April 3, at 5:30 p.m., at Olive Garden, 445 E. Eisenhower Parkway. All are welcome!

Sign up to have your portrait taken now. Lifetouch Studio will be here for one final week Wednesday, April 29 through Saturday, May 2. If you have not yet had your photo taken for the new directory, please sign up on the church website or call the Church Office for an appointment.

Fair Trade Coffee order forms are now available in the Welcome Center. Complete an order form and drop it off in the Church Office. Orders are filled the next business day and can be picked up in the Church Office. Coffee can also be purchased in the Church Office during the week and during Coffee Hour on the first Sunday of each month.

The Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by the Deacons is Monday, April 13, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Curtis Room. Help save the lives of others by donating blood. Sign up either online at www.redcrossblood.org or at the Blood Drive table during Coffee Hour. If you have questions contact John Yodhes at jyodhes@gmail.com or Susan Sweet Scott at 320-5819, or sweetscott@comcast.net.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Maundy Thursday worship is April 2, at 10:30 a.m. at Glacier Hills in the Hanson Room and at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper, and is the time when the discipline of Lent is concluded with forgiveness. Jesus' love for all people is shown by his service to others, as well as in his gift of himself for our salvation. All are welcome to worship with our older members at Glacier Hills. The evening service is a family-friendly service.

Good Friday worship is April 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

On Good Friday, we emphasize a time of reflection, intercession, and adoration of Christ as the sacrificial lamb. This Tenebrae service, a somber service of shadows conducted in a darkened church, commemorates the suffering and death of Christ.

Easter Sunday worship is April 5 with five worship services.

The days of fasting and reflection in Lent are over. The celebration begins! Christ is risen; he is risen indeed!

Sunrise worship is at 6:45 a.m. on the Circle Terrace, weather permitting, or in Monteith Hall. This is a 30-minute service led by our resident ministers.

Traditional worship services are at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Rev. Dr. Fair will preach. Musical leadership includes Chancel Choir, brass quintet, organ, and timpani. The services will end with the congregation singing Handel's "Hallelujah" chorus.

A new offering this year is for those for whom a less-crowded worship experience is preferred. **A worship service at 10:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall** will be led by Rev. Roederer. This service will include a sermon and music led by a soloist.

Please note that there is not a 7:07 worship service on Easter.

Please make considerate parking choices to leave open as many spaces near the church as possible for people with mobility issues. Handicapped spaces will be designated in the parking lot on the Hillemonds Chapel side of the church. Parking is permitted on Washtenaw and Hill Streets on Sunday mornings and free parking is available in the nearby parking structure at 650 S. Forest Avenue.

Bring fresh flowers to add to our Flowering Crosses located outside the Sanctuary on the front steps and in the Monteith Hall vestibule. Store-bought flowers are welcome!

Easter lilies will grace the Nave on Easter Sunday. Sign up in the Church Office or on our website by Monday, March 30, at 5:00 p.m., to donate a lily in memory or honor of a loved one. The cost is \$17. After Easter worship, our deacons will deliver the lilies to members and friends of our congregation who are ill, grieving, or shut in.

Easter morning fellowship is 7:15–8:00 a.m. in the Narthex with hot cross buns and Fair Trade coffee, and 9:30–10:00 a.m. outside Monteith Hall with Easter refreshments and Fair Trade coffee.

Easter Sunday is Family Worship Day. Childcare, for crib through young five-year-olds, is available for the 9:30, 10:00, and 11:00 a.m. services, and for the 8:00 a.m. service by reservation.

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Reverend Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, Pastor/Head of Staff
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