

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 9, 2017

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

(In preparation for worship, please silence all mobile devices.)

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS

Minute for Mission
Ritual of Friendship

Marilyn T. Hedgpeth
Rebecca Reyes

PRELUDE

What Wondrous Love Is This
Fred Raimi, cello

Raymond Haan

INTROIT (*Handbells and Children's Choir*) *Hosanna! Blessed Is He*

Hosanna! Blessed is he, hosanna! Blessed is he who comes,
who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord!
Carry him now, little donkey, through the crowded street;
Carry him as the people lay palm branches at his feet.
Carry him now, little donkey, carry God's own Son;
Carry him gently, donkey, he is the Holy One.
Hosanna! Blessed is he, hosanna! Blessed is he who comes,
who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord!

Michael Bedford

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from *Psalm 118:26a*)

Chris Karnadi

Leader: Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!

People: **Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!**

Leader: Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!

People: **Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!**

All: **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

***SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 21:1-11

(Pew Bible, NT page 23)

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 196** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Mindy Douglas

(The children may return to the nursery or join their parents in the pews.)

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Mindy Douglas

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,

People: **And the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.**

Leader: Through him all things were made;

People: **Without him nothing was made that has been made.**

Leader: In him was life, and that life was the light of all.

People: **The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.**

(Silence)

Leader: As we extinguish these lights, we acknowledge the darkness and pain of illness and disease in the world.

(Six candles are extinguished.)

** Those who are able, please stand*

Leader: Let us confess our sin before God and one another:

All: **Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly. Shine upon us with your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Torrell Armstrong

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Holy God, you reveal the truth about your people and the ways of our world in the suffering of the Son and his steadfast love. Show us again the image of humility you desire for us, and teach us obedience, so that self-emptying may be our pathway, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

(Pew Bible, OT Page 681)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 2: 5-11

Jean Cary, reader

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

(Pew Bible, NT Page 197)

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Matthew 26:14-30

(Silent reflection)

Hymn No. 527

Eat This Bread

Berthier

Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread; drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst. (repeat)

Matthew 26:31-36

(Silent reflection)

Hymn No. 204

Stay with Me

Taize Community

Stay with me, re-main here with me; watch and

The image shows the first two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Stay with Me'. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics 'Stay with me, re-main here with me; watch and' are written below the notes.

pray, watch and pray.

The image shows the second two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Stay with Me'. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics 'pray, watch and pray.' are written below the notes.

Matthew 26:37-75

(Silent reflection)

Hymn No. 218 (verse 2)

Ah, Holy Jesus

Herzliebster Jesu

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?

Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.

'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.

Matthew 27:1-5

(Silent reflection)

Kyrie

Jackson Hill

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Matthew 27:11-46

(Silent reflection)

Hymn No. 210

Lord, Why Have You Forsaken Me

Distress

*Matthew 27:50-66 (Please stand as you are able.)

(Silent reflection)

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please be seated.)

ANTHEM

Were You There?

Raymond Haan

Lesley Curtis, soprano

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Sometimes it causes me to tremble.*

*Were you there when he bowed his head and died?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Sometimes it causes me to tremble.*

*Were you there when he rose up from the tomb?
Sometimes it causes me to tremble.*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from *A Declaration of Faith*)

Sam Miglarese

We believe that in the death of Jesus on the cross God achieved and demonstrated once for all the costly forgiveness of our sins. Jesus Christ is the Reconciler between God and the world. He acted on behalf of sinners as one of us, fulfilling the obedience God demands of us, accepting God's condemnation of our sinfulness. In his lonely agony on the cross Jesus felt forsaken by God and thus experienced hell itself for us. Yet the Son was never more in accord with the Father's will. He was acting on behalf of God, manifesting the Father's love that takes on itself the loneliness, pain, and death that result from our waywardness. In Christ, God was reconciling the world to Godself, not holding our sins against us. Each of us beholds on the cross the Savior who died in our place, so that we may no longer live for ourselves, but for him. In him is our only hope of salvation.

***THE PEACE**

Chris Karnadi

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Marilyn Hedgpeth

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my song

People: **And has become my salvation.**

Leader: Let us pray.

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)

... 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.

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem

Anima Christi

Michael Burgo

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, heal me.

Blood of Christ, drench me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me. Good Jesus, hear me.

In your wounds shelter me. From turning away keep me.

From the evil one protect me. At the hour of my death call me.

Into your presence lead me, to praise you with all your saints forever. Amen

*Doxology

Love Unknown

John Ireland

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.

*CLOSING PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 221

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Passion Chorale

(The congregation departs in silence.)

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship here. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. So that we may better know each other, please sign the *Ritual of Friendship pad*, pass it along the center pew across to the shorter side pew, and then return it to the starting point, noting the names of those sitting near you. On Sunday, April 2, we welcomed 19 visitors to worship.

We welcome to worship today **Rebecca Reyes** (M.Div. MSW), chair of the Self-Development of People Committee (SDOP) for the PCUSA. SDOP ministry is about transformation by participating in the empowerment of economically poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged people, seeking to change the structures that perpetuate poverty, oppression, and justice. For more information about this ministry, go online to: www.presbyterianmission.org/sdop. On next Sunday (Easter), April 16, we will collect the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities. The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent of undesignated One Great Hour of Sharing gifts, while the Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Relief each receive 32 percent.

Special thanks to **Fred Raimi** for providing music on the cello, and to **Steve Rimmer** for his leadership with the readers of the Passion text: **Jennie Alwood, Torrell Armstrong, Homer Ashby, Bob Breitweiser, Sue Fricks, Michael Honeycutt, Parker Klinck, and Bob Yoder.**

Hearing Assistance Receivers are available from the ushers. Before you leave the sanctuary, please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle or return to an usher.

Nursery care for infants to 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. There is a changing table in the narthex, located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

Worship bags and activity bulletins are available in the foyer for children and youth. Books are on the pews in the narthex which young children can read and enjoy if they need to take a break from the worship service.

Portions of today's **worship texts** were reprinted from *Book of Common Worship* and *Feasting on the Word*.

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgists: **Torrell Armstrong, Jean Cary**

Acolytes: **Charlotte Maxwell, Aurelia Klinck**

Crucifer: **Grace Abels**

Narthex Greeter: **Maxie Honeycutt**

After Worship Greeters: **Lenore Champion** (side/font); **Gray Wilson** (rear/narthex)

Ushers: **Kathy Krahenbuhl** (head), **Lucie House** (flowers), **Karen Swope, Alissa Miles, Jane Williams**

~ **Our Concerns** ~

Added this week: *Elinor McCorkle*, mother of Mac McCorkle

Sarah and Pete Finbow

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham): *Julian Boswell*

Eno Pointe Assisted Living (Durham): *Helen Garrison*

Croasdaile Village: *Bette Conroy, Joanne Harrar, Betty Jelstrup, Bob Keever, Bob Rankin*

Forest at Duke: *Fran Bryant, Ken Goldner, Peaches McPherson*

Family and Friends of FPC Members:

<i>Don & Gail Champion</i> , uncle & aunt of Lenore Champion	<i>Shade Mecum</i> , stepfather of Katherine Higgins
<i>Charles Cummings</i> , father of Drew Cummings	<i>Peggy Mordecai</i> , mother of Beth Eisenson
<i>Doug Fisher</i> , friend of FPC	<i>Roberta Post</i> , friend of Jeanne Hervey
<i>Gera & Joe Fleming</i> , parents of Christyn Klinck	<i>Janice Rattray</i> , friend of Robert & Jane Brawley
<i>Richard Glica</i> , uncle of Jane Brown	<i>Ron Smith</i> , husband of Katharine Smith
<i>Mike Gray</i> , cousin of Linn Lopez	<i>Shade Mecum</i> , stepfather of Katherine Higgins
<i>Rick Hager</i> , friend of Celia Dickerson	



MAUNDY THURSDAY (April 13)

7:00 p.m. Worship with Communion (*The Chancel will be stripped.*)

Supper will be served at 6:15 p.m.

Donations will be received to offset the cost of the meal.

GOOD FRIDAY (APRIL 14)

12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross

(Begins at St. Philip's Episcopal Church; ends at First Presbyterian)

The Stations of the Cross is a family-friendly walking liturgical pilgrimage in our downtown Durham context that reenacts Christ's journey to the cross.

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service

An ancient service that makes use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles. This increasing darkness symbolizes the approaching darkness of Jesus' death and of hopelessness in the world without God.

EASTER / RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (APRIL 16)

8:30 a.m. Prayer Service in the Memorial Garden

9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. Fellowship Brunch


11:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Flowering the Cross: As part of our Easter tradition, everyone is invited to bring flowers or greenery to church on Easter Sunday to decorate the cross outside the Memorial Garden. You may add your flora to the cross as you enter the glass doors on your way to worship. Since spring has come in force, we should have a beautiful display of God's creation.



H O L Y · W E E K

The sanctuary will be open for midday prayer during Holy Week.

<p>Later Today <i>After Worship:</i> New Officers' Training 5:00 – 8:00 PM Youth Groups</p>	<p>April 10 <i>Monday of Holy Week</i> 5:00 PM Bell Choir</p>	<p>April 11 <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i> 1:30 PM Plan Worship 2:30 PM FPC Staff</p>	<p>April 12 <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i> 7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p>April 13 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 7:00 PM Worship and Communion (Supper served at 6:15 PM prior to the service)</p>	<p>April 14 <i>Good Friday</i> 12 Noon Stations of the Cross (begins at St. Philip's Episcopal Church and ends at FPC) 7:00 PM Tenebrae Service</p>	<p>April 15 <i>Saturday of Holy Week</i></p>	<p> <i>Resurrection of the Lord</i> <i>Flowering the Cross</i> <i>The One Great Hour of Sharing offering received</i> 8:30 AM Prayer Service in the Memorial Garden NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM Worship with Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship Brunch 11:00 AM Worship with Communion No Evening Youth Groups</p>

CHURCH STAFF

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
Robert Daye, Sexton
Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff
Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate
Sarah Finbow, Youth Minister
Lyn Francisco, Administrative Assistant



Marilyn Hedgpeh, Associate Pastor
Cheryl Henry, Parish Associate
Chris Karnadi, Ministry Intern
Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator
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Kathy Parkins, Minister of Music

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