

Announcements

- ♦ Join us for our **Fellowship Lunch** following the Annual Congregational Meeting. The menu for lunch is fried chicken, potato salad, pasta salad, tossed salad, bread, and assorted desserts.
- ♦ The Loose Offering for TODAY will go to Neighbor to Neighbor.
- ♦ FPC Session will meet TODAY in the large adult Sunday School class room in the Ed. Bldg immediately following lunch.
- ♦ Central Session will meet today in the Session room immediately following lunch.
- ♦ FPC will be hosting Trinity Village Vespers at 4:00pm TODAY.
- ♦ Monday March 28, 2016 Visioning Task Force will meet in McColgan Hall at 11:00am.
- ♦ Monday March 28, 2016 Mission and Outreach Ministry Team will meet in McColgan Hall at 5:15pm.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

**PALM
SUNDAY
MARCH 20
9:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:30 WORSHIP**

**MAUNDY
THURSDAY
MARCH 24 AT 5:30PM
CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN**

**GOOD
FRIDAY
MARCH 25 AT 5:30
FPC CHAPEL**

**EASTER
SUNDAY
MARCH 27
9:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:30 WORSHIP**

Prayer Concerns for the Week of March 20, 2016

Presbytery of Arkansas

First United, Fayetteville / Lyon College, Batesville

Members

Jo Brown, Lawrence Dawson, Margaret Ann Dawson, Pud Harris, Jody Henslee, Bettye Jean Hutt, Coy Nixon, Jimmie Don Norsworthy, Jeanette Purnell, Joey Richardson, Stephen Roberts, Norma Roberts, Linda Taylor, Sue Trulock.

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family Martha Andrews, who joined the Church Triumphant, Friday February 26, 2016. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection was held Friday March 4, 2016 at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary of First Presbyterian.

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family John Byus, who joined the Church Triumphant, Thursday March 3, 2016. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held Monday March 14, 2016 at 10:00am at First Baptist Church.

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family Cindy Williams, whose mother Jetty Edwards Barefield joined the Church Triumphant, Tuesday March 8, 2016.

Friends of the Church

Larisa Kwong Abazia, Sarah Cox, Robert Davidson, Adrienne Freeman, Cheryl Fox, Kim & Wes, Beverly, Leon & Justin, Marty Gilbert, Nicholas Hayman, Margie Johnson (Vicki Taylor's Mom), Scott McGeorge, Ramona McKinney, Dorothy Soto, Kelly Spence, Lynn Trulock Ravelette, Mari & Matthew Vought.

Missionaries

Jan & Pablo Feliciano—Chiapas, MX
Gwenda & John Fletcher—Congo

Marilyn & Dan Wilson—Iraq
Cindy & Les Morgan—Bangladesh

TO OUR VISITORS

We are happy to have you worshiping with us today, and we pray this service will be both a blessing to you and an opportunity to encourage you in your relationship with our faithful and steadfast God. If you would like to know more about our church family, you are invited to speak to our pastor at the front door following worship. You may also indicate your interest when you fill out the Friendship Folder, which is located in the pew pocket. Fellowship Lunch is served each Sunday immediately following worship in McColgan (except on holiday weekends), and is provided "by donation." As a first time visitor to First Presbyterian, however, you are invited to be our guest! Please come and join us for a delicious meal and wonderful fellowship. All are welcome!

THE SESSION

CLASS OF 2016

Don Harris, Jr.

Corinne Hunter

Barbara Rhinehart

Jay Sturgeon

CLASS OF 2017

Mary Evans

Steve Matthews

Don Neal

Rick Ragans

CLASS OF 2017

Jay Needler

Laura Norsworthy

Debbie Robinson

Kitty Rubenstein

Clerk — Pete Ahlgrim

CHURCH STAFF

Reverend Susan Carter Wiggins, *Transitional Pastor*

Emma Butram, *Organist, Choir Director*

Debby Ahlgrim, *Day School Director*

Justine Anton, *Administrator*

Pete Ahlgrim, *Facilities Manager*

Anthony Gooseberry, *Head Sexton*

Agnes Wagner, *Sexton*

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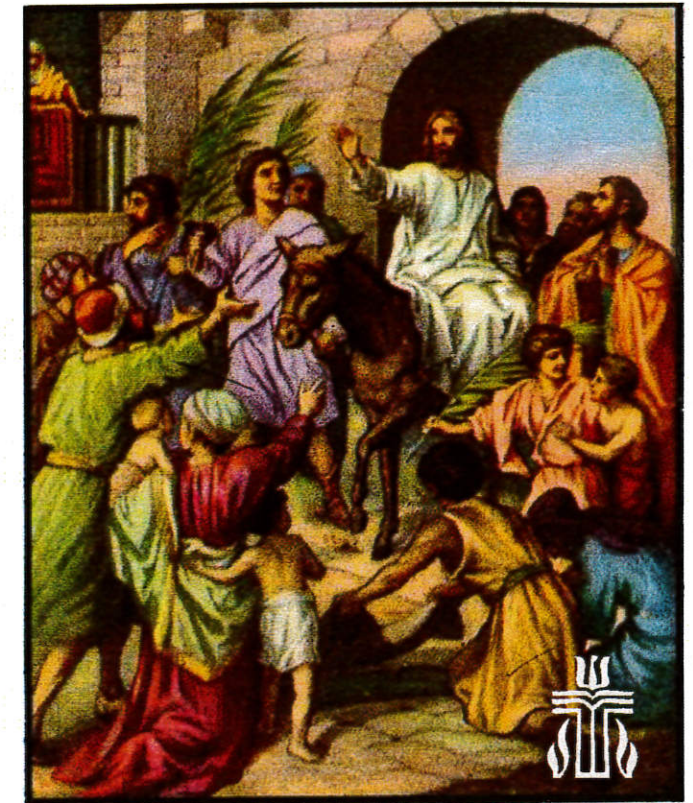
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PALM SUNDAY



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2016 10:30 A.M.

GATHERING

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

TRINITY CHIMES

SHARING OUR LIVES TOGETHER

This is the day the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

OPENING PRAYER

The People
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.

PRELUDE

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
(arr. Lani Smith)

Mrs. Emma Butram, piano
Mr. Marty Shell, organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 118:26a*
Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!
Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!

Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!
Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Come, let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE
"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
Glory to God No. 197

CALL TO CONFESSION
Ruling Elder Neal

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Luke 19:38; 22:61; Psalm 118:9*
God of heaven and earth,
we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ
in your name.
Even though we profess to follow him,
we confess that in times of trial we too often deny him.

Forgive us and heal us, we pray.
Help us to put our faith not in the princes of this world,
but only in the Prince of Peace.
in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS
It is the Lord who helps us; who will declare us guilty?
Because of the grace we received in baptism,
we have nothing to fear.

Forgiven and freed,
let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI
Glory to God Hymnal No. 581

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Ruling Elder Cosner

ANTHEM
"Hosanna! Blessed is He"
(by John F. Wilson)
The Sanctuary Choirs of
Central Presbyterian
and First Presbyterian,
Mrs. Butram, Mr. Shell

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
*The children under age 6 are invited to go to extended care
with Ms. Amanda following Children's Message*
Reverend Susan Carter Wiggins

READING FROM THE PSALMS
Responsive
(led by above Ruling Elder Cosner)
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Give thanks unto our gracious God, whose love endures forever;
The Lord, our strength and song shall be,
from whom no fault can sever.

Sing mighty songs of victory, both now and for eternity,
for God will leave us never.

I shall not die, but I shall live, and sing God's grace with elation;
Though I deserve no more than death,
God blesses me with salvation.

The gate that should unyielding be, is open wide to welcome me,
Give thanks and adoration!

Upon the stones the builders judged imperfect, weak and tender,
Now rest the corners of God's house,
still unsurpassed in splendor.

This is the day the Lord has made;
God is my sun and God is my shade;
Rejoice, and praise gladly render!

The Word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE GOSPELS
Matthew 21:1-11
(NRSV, Pew Bible page 23)
Rev. Wiggins

SERMON
Who IS This
Rev. Wiggins

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
The children are invited to sit on the carpet in front of the font.

PRESENTATION *Matthew 28: 18-20; Ephesians 4:4-6*
(*To the congregation*) ...
Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ,
promise to guide and nurture Evelyn
by word and deed,
with love and prayer,
encouraging her to know and follow Christ
and to be a faithful member of his church?
We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

RENUNCIATIONS

... With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
Apostles' Creed
Glory to God Hymnal page 35

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE BAPTISM

LAYING ON OF HANDS

WELCOME
Let us welcome Evelyn to the family of God, and to Christ's ministry with us!

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you, Evelyn and Emma, into
Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in
Christ.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE AND WELCOME
"Baptized in Water"
Glory to God Hymnal 482

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
Rev. King

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY
"In Christ Alone"
(arr. Larry Shackley)
The Sanctuary Choirs of
Central Presbyterian
and First Presbyterian
Mrs. Butram, Mr. Shell

*DOXOLOGY
Glory to God Hymnal No. 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
The People
(led by Rev. Wiggins)

Holy One, we give you thanks for the great deeds of salvation that
you have done and continue to do. Bless these offerings of
thanksgiving that they may further your kingdom in this world;
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

SENDING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF SENDING
"All Glory, Laud and Honor"
Glory to God Hymnal No.196

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
Rev. Wiggins

*POSTLUDE
"Hosanna"
(Wachs)
Mr. Shell, organ

This morning we are blessed to welcome Evelyn Lorraine Butram into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own forever, Evelyn becomes a member of the household of God to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Evelyn is the daughter of Emma and Garland Butram. Her grandparents are Linda and Bobby Swayne of Montgomery, Alabama, Don Butram of Little Rock, and Melissa Self Scott, also of Montgomery. Eveyln's great-grandmother is Vernita Self of First Presbyterian, Pine Bluff. Welcome, Evelyn!

Hymn Stories

All Glory, Laud, and Honor: TEXT: Theodulph or Orleans, c. 820; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851, alt. MUSIC: Melchoir Teschner, 1614; arr. William Henry Monk, 1861; TUNE: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN. 7.6.7.6. D. These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century..
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna: TEXT: Jennette Threlfall, 1873, alt. MUSIC: *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle*, 1784; alt. TUNE: ELLACOMBE. 7.6.7.6.D. The opening two stanzas narrate the firs Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shift to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.
Worship Resources: *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 1* © Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013; "Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday," *Feasting on the Word*