



The Weekly Bulletin
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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Please sign and pass the Register of Friendship during this time.

PRELUDE

Prelude on 'All Glory, Laud, and Honor'

Dale Wood

*CALL TO WORSHIP AND PALM PROCESSIONAL

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord,

People: **God's steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: Let the house of Aaron say,

People: **God's steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: Let those who fear the Lord say,

People: **God's steadfast love endures forever!**

*CHORAL INTROIT

Hosanna March

Susan D. Parsons

Youth Club Trusty Travelers

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Ellacombe

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silent
Unison
Loving God, you pave the way to the kingdom, but we prefer to wind down the roads of distraction. Although your way would fill us to the brim, we prefer the paths that leave us hungry and thirsty. Have mercy on us, O God. May we empty ourselves of everything which keeps us from following you. May we accept your healing for our brokenness, your peace for our troubled lives, and your hope for our fearful minds.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the Children's Greeting, parents may take preschool children to the nursery.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, whose word silences the shouts of the mighty: quiet within us every voice but your own. Speak to us through the life and death of Jesus, that by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may receive **grace to show Christ's love.** Amen.

PSALTER READING

Psalm 118:1-2;19-29

Pew Bible, page 534

ANTHEM

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Lloyd Larson

Youth Club Faith Explorers and The Chancel Choir
(The congregation will sing stanza 1 on cue from the director.)
*All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and Blessed One.*

GOSPEL READING

Mark 11:1-11

Pew Bible, page 44

SERMON

Humility in the midst of Grandeur

Mr. Drumheller

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Confession of Belhar*

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects, and cares for the church through Word, and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire **human family.** We believe that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death. Amen.

*HYMN 200

A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd

Christian Love

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Georg F. Kaufmann

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

hymnal, page 606

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

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN 106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Bereden väg för Herran

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Hosanna

Christian Gregor

*POSTLUDE

Postlude on 'Hosanna in the Highest'

Albert L. Travis

*All that are able may stand.

We rejoice that you are worshiping with us today. If you are a member of this church, please seek out those who are visiting and welcome them to this family of faith. If you are visiting and would like to know more about the church and membership here, please speak with one of the ministers following worship.

The acolyte today is Lee Boone. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Thanks to the Trusty Travelers, Faith Explorers, and The Chancel Choir for their participation in worship today.

Ushers: John Howell, captain; Al Andrew, Jay Andrew, Brad Boone, Lee Boone, Kalyn Caudle, Bill Hall, Robin Howell, Adam Jolly, Greg Lisk, Ben McLeod, Isabel McLeod, Barbara McManus, and Joe Snuggs
Nursery: Jana Sanderson Toddler Room: Cici Ly; Caroline Snyder
Preschool Partners: Laura McLeod; Ben McLeod
Nana & Papa Team: Barbara & Bill Lindley
Children's Church: No Children's Church

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Becky Carter (at home; Hospice Care), Peter Henkenjohann, Lathan & Katherine Cox (parents of Sherrie Richards), Greg Johnson (son of June Johnson; recovering from foot surgery), David Sanges (brother of Nathan Sanges). See newsletter for complete list.

Easter Eve Camping at Morrow Mountain on April 4... If you want to camp on Easter Eve, contact Ken Knight (704-985-6277 or kbknight17@gmail.com). We'll have a great evening of fellowship and trek to the sunrise service together.

EASTER EGG HUNT & COOKOUT
SUNDAY, MARCH 29
4:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M.
AT CITY LAKE PARK

On March 29, SNL will host the annual Easter Egg hunt and cookout at City Lake Park. All are invited to come celebrate Palm Sunday and Easter by hunting for Easter eggs, enjoying a delicious cookout, and playing outside together! Families are asked to bring a bag of chips and/or drink to share.

NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP

April newsletters are available for pick-up in the pit stop and the common area outside the church office. Newsletters are available for those without email addresses. One per family, please.

Palm Sunday Fair
 in the Church Gym
 Sunday, March 29, 2015
 9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.
 Intergenerational Event for ALL!!!
 Continental Breakfast
 Educational stations for Children, Youth & Adults
 * Bread-Making for Holy Week
 * Walk the Labyrinth
 * Create Passports for Holy Week
 * Fold a Palm Frond Cross
 * Visit one of the Spirituality Centers (Adult & Intergenerational)
 * Weaving the Cross Station
 * Prepare Toiletry Sacks for Community Inn Guests
 Join in the celebration of the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem
 and
 prepare your hearts and minds for Holy Week.

 Montaña de Luz Informational Meeting on Sunday, March 29. This will be the 10th year that First Presbyterian Church has commissioned mission representative to work with the children in Honduras with HIV. You are invited to meet following worship Sunday, March 29 in the church parlor to learn more about this year's July 22-29 trip. No obligation required at the meeting.

Scholarship Applications are available on the counter in the common area outside the church office or online. The deadline to return completed applications is Thursday, April 9.

Easter Lilies
 Deadline: Sunday, March 29

If you would like to contribute to the purchase of Easter Lilies as an Easter Memorial or Honorarium, please fill out the form below exactly as you wish the memorial or honorarium to read, attach a check in the amount of \$20.00 and place in the offering plate or leave in the church office no later than Sunday, March 29. Checks should be payable to "First Presbyterian Church" and designated "Easter Lilies." All memorials/honorariums received by March 29 will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 5.

 Easter Lilies

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

- I plan to take my lily after worship on Easter.
- I will leave my lily for delivery to a homebound member.

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY...MARCH 29

We will welcome Jesus to Jerusalem with palm branches and shouts of praise.

***NOON PRAYER IN THE CHAPEL
MONDAY-FRIDAY (MARCH 30-APRIL 3)***

Fifteen minutes of prayer and scripture will focus our minds and hearts on the meaning of the week.

MAUNDY THURSDAY...APRIL 2 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE GYM

We'll have a covered dish dinner and worship around the tables in the gym. Please bring a couple of your family's favorite dishes to share. Drinks will be provided. After dinner, we will share the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and foot and hand washing as Jesus did with his disciples. Plan to share in the evening with your church family. Childcare provided for infants and toddlers.

GOOD FRIDAY...APRIL 3

10:30 a.m. Cross Walk (Meet outside the sanctuary on North Street). We'll follow the cross through Albemarle and pray together where people gather.

12:00 p.m. Noon Prayer in the Chapel

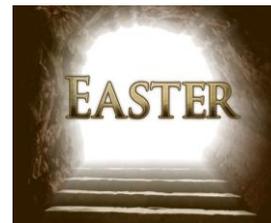
8:00 p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Childcare provided in the nursery. *'Twas the Night Before Easter* Veggie Tales movie will be shown in the theater for children 4 years old-5th grade.

The choir will lead this solemn service which focuses on the declining loyalty of the disciples and the fading light of the world as Jesus departs from it.

We will share the **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.**

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
Morrow Mountain State Park
Sunday, April 5 at 7:00 a.m.**



We'll gather in the early dawn at the shelter at the top of the park. A roaring fire and hot coffee will greet you. Dress for the weather (blankets are welcome). Bring a flashlight and a lawn chair. A light breakfast will be available on the mountain following worship.

**EASTER WORSHIP
In the Sanctuary at 11:00 a.m.**

The choir will lead us in singing praise to God whose mercies are always new. We'll celebrate the power of God in raising Jesus from the dead. We will have Sunday School as usual on Easter morning.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on Easter Sunday (April 5)...By supporting One Great Hour of Sharing, you are sustaining programs that provide disaster relief, food, clean water, training, and resources to people all over the world. When you give, you are changing lives! Give to One Great Hour of Sharing to support these Presbyterian Mission Agency ministries as they strive to help all of God's people find resilience, hope, and faith in the face of challenging circumstances. Please give generously.



BREAD FOR THE WORLD
Letter Writing Sunday, April 26

Question: Do you remember when federal child nutrition programs began?

Answer: If you were in school in 1946, you may remember the National School Lunch Act and the beginning of hot lunches at school. At that time, it was seen as a *measure of national security, to safeguard the health and well-being of the nation's children.*

Question: Do you know the connection between national security and concern for child nutrition programs?

Answer: Recruits needed for World War II were unable to pass the physical examination due to malnutrition. Those eighteen year old recruits began life during the Great Depression. After nearly 70 years, one in five children in the United States live in households that struggle to put food on the table, even though many of the parents have a job and work hard.

In Matthew 7:9, Jesus asks, *Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will you give a stone?*

Question: What do you think He would ask us?

BIG THANK YOU!

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all of you who made our Morning of Mission a **BIG SUCCESS!** After a delicious hot breakfast prepared by the Fellowship Committee, work teams headed out to sites in and around Albemarle and Badin to clean gutters, trim bushes, prune fruit trees, install grab bars, put up a storm door, rake leaves, repair storm door locks, and pressure wash porches and siding. More than 25 members of all ages of First Presbyterian worked with energy, enthusiasm, dedication, and good will! The *wheel chair ramp* team will be building a ramp this week for a lady in North Albemarle. Are we ready to start thinking about doing it again in May? Thanks again!



The Humble Jesus
by Witt Snuggs

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday

Deadline for Easter Lilies

No Children's Church

9:30 am *Palm Sunday Fair (gym)

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm Montaña de Luz Trip Informational Meeting (parlor)

4:00 pm-6:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt & Cookout at City Lake Park

Monday, March 30

12:00 pm Noon Prayer in the Chapel

8:30 pm Senior High Bible Study at Elizabeth's

Tuesday, March 31

12:00 pm Noon Prayer in the Chapel

7:00 pm-8:30 pm Confirmation Class (Session Room)

Wednesday, April 1

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

9:30 am *Pray & Play

12:00 pm Noon Prayer in the Chapel

12:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)

3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff/Handbells Ensembles

7:00 pm *Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 2

Maunder Thursday

9:00 am Muffins & More

10:00 am Staff Meeting

12:00 pm Noon Prayer in the Chapel

6:00 pm *Potluck Dinner & Worship around the tables in the gym

Friday, April 3

Good Friday

10:30 am Cross Walk

12:00 pm Noon Prayer in the Chapel

8:00 pm *Good Friday Worship in the sanctuary

Saturday, April 4

Camping at Morrow Mountain; come when you can

Sunday, April 5

Easter

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering

7:00 am Sunrise Service at Morrow Mountain

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

*childcare provided

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MARCH

29-Claude Harwood

31-Mandy Brown

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

APRIL

01-Leslie Kinley

Kent Newport

02-Judith Gilbreath

04-Wes Eudy

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

APRIL

02-Michael & Kristen Laton

Lynn & Martha White

SCCM NEED FOR

MARCH:

CANNED MEAT

(Tuna, Chicken, Spam)

Lent Scripture Readings

March 29 Mark 14:43-52

March 30 Mark 14:53-65

March 31 Mark 14:66-72

April 1 Mark 15:1-20

April 2 Mark 15:21-47

April 3 Mark 16:1-11

April 4 Mark 16:12-13

April 5 Mark 16:14-20

FYI...

The Adult Discussion class will not meet on Palm Sunday (March 29) and Easter (April 5).