First Presbyterian Church
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 25, 2018

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND HYMNS FOR PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

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

WELCOME (Children gather in the narthex for the palm branches processional.)
Minute for Mission: One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
Mindy Douglas
Karolyn Mangeot

SETTING THE STAGE
Holy Week
(poem by Ann Weems)
Mindy Douglas

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Prelude
Ride On, King Jesus
Dennis Janzer

Gospel Reading
Mark 11:1-11
Sarah Finbow

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: Hosanna to the Son of David!
People: Hosanna in the highest!
Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
People: Hosanna in the highest!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 196
All Glory, Laud, and Honor
Valet Will Ich Dir Geben
(Children will process behind the choir and gather at the front of the sanctuary.)

*BLESSING OF THE PALMS (in unison)
O God, who in Jesus Christ triumphantly entered Jerusalem, heralding a week of pain and sorrow,
be with us now as we follow the way of the cross. In these events of defeat and victory, you have
sealed the closeness of death and resurrection, of humiliation and exaltation. We thank you for these
branches that promise to become for us symbols of martyrdom and majesty. Bless them and us that
their use this day may announce in our time that Christ has come and that Christ will come again.
Amen! Come, Christ Jesus!
(The children are dismissed to the nursery or may join their parents in the pews.
There is no Children’s Choir rehearsal today.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE PASSION STORY

A FITTING ENTRANCE
Donkey Theology
(Poem by Koloma Make)
Sam Henry

THE CHANGING SCENE
Lent, 1991
(Poem by Maren C. Tirabassi)
Cris Rivera

* Those who are able, please stand.

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HYMN NO. 166 (verses 1,4)  

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days  
St. Flavian

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,  
teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.

Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past,  
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

THE BETRAYAL  

Renderings  
(Poem by J. Barrie Shepherd)  
Mindy Douglas

(Please stand, as you are able.)

*LITANY OF CONFESSION

Leader:  Judas, slave of jealousy, where are you?  
People:  I am here.
Leader:  Peter, slave of fear, where are you?  
People:  I am here.
Leader:  Thomas, slave of doubt, where are you?  
People:  I am here.
Leader:  People of Jerusalem, enslaved to mob rule, where are you?  
People:  I am here.
Leader:  Pilate, slave of expediency, where are you?  
People:  I am here.
Leader:  The story of Christ’s passion and death mirrors for us much of our own weakness and sin.  
We all come here as people who have missed the mark and who are alienated from God and our neighbors near and far. We seek God’s forgiveness.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader:  Hear the Good News: Even Judas was included in that last supper with Jesus.  
People:  Even when we are languishing in the depths, Christ offers his grace.

*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader:  The peace of Christ be with you.  
People:  And also with you!

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem  
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross  
Gilbert Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

(The Hunger for Change Offering will be received following the anthem.)

*Doxology (Hymn No. 209, verse 5)  

Love Unknown

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.
THE LAST SUPPER

The Foot Washing
(Poem by G.E. Lyon)
Holy Communion
(Poem by Ann Weems)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Leader: Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.
People: Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.
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.

IN THE GARDEN

Gethsemane
(Poem by Ella Wheeler Wilcox)

HYMN NO. 220 (verse 1)

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter’s power;
your Redeemer’s conflict see; watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

HYMN NO. 215 (verses 1,2)

What Wondrous Love Is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!
When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

THE TRIAL

Fair Is Fair
(Poem by Ann Weems)

HYMN NO. 218 (verses 1,2)

Ah, Holy Jesus

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted!

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.

PETER’S DENIAL

The Courtyard Scene
(Poem by Ann Weems)

HYMN NO. 220 (verse 2)

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of life arraigned;
O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
JESUS IS CRUCIFIED

Mark 15:20b-39

Mindy Douglas

ANTHEM

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Thomas Dorsey
arr. Howard Helvey

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light, take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord linger near,
When my light is almost gone; hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall,
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone; at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

(Silence)

*HYMN NO. 221

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Passion Chorale

*BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

*POSTLUDE

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Malcolm Archer

The Durham CROP Hunger Walk is today at 2:30 p.m. FPC walkers should meet at 2:00 p.m. in front of the statue at Duke Chapel for a group photo. Remember to wear your CROP Walk t-shirt.

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, March 18, we welcomed 21 visitors to worship.

Name Tags: Church and visitor name tags are now available on Sunday mornings in the foyer (lower level, elevator alcove). If you enter the sanctuary through the narthex (rear of the sanctuary), your name tag can be picked up and dropped off there (add a yellow dot to the back of your tag to indicate this location). Remember to wear your name tag on Sunday mornings, and as you leave the sanctuary after worship, drop it in the containers provided. We encourage everyone to wear a name tag, including our visitors. Thank you for your cooperation.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Heather Wallace and Michael Schultz in celebration of the birth of their child Juneau David Schultz Wallace on January 14, 2018.

Easter Lilies will grace our sanctuary again this year on Easter Day, Sunday, April 1. If you would like to honor someone or remember someone in the worship bulletin on Easter, please fill out a lily card (available in the foyer / narthex) and return it to the church office. TODAY is the deadline.

Nursery care for children 3-6 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. 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.
**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.

Portions of today’s **worship texts** were reprinted from *Book of Common Worship* and *Glory to God*.

Copies of recently transcribed **sermons** are available from the table in the foyer.

The **bulletin cover image** “King of Kings” is a painting by artist Mark Jennings. Retrieved March 22, 2018 from: https://pixels.com/featured/king-of-kings-mark-jennings.html

**These Days** devotional booklets for April – June 2018 have arrived. Regular and large print copies are available from the tables in the foyer and narthex, while supplies last.

~ **OUR CONCERNS** ~

We extend condolences to **Scottie Seawell and Phil, Erin, Rachel and Lauren Boyle** on the death of Scottie’s mom and FPC member, **Dorothy Graham**, who died March 18. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held Saturday, March 31 at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary of FPC. The family will receive friends at a reception in Watts-Hill Hall following the service.

**Added this week:** **Anna Gerwe and her family**, granddaughter of Barbara and Rod Gerwe

**Marsha Hussung**, sister of Brent Curtis

**Carsey Family**
**Mary Clark**
**Paul Cornsweet**
**Julie Maxwell**

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham): **Julian Boswell**
Croasdaile Village: **Bette Conroy, Bob Rankin**
Croasdaile Pavilion: **Bob Keever, John Kerr, Florence Shackelford**
Pruitt Health at Carolina Point (Durham): **Helen Garrison**
The Forest at Duke: **Fran Bryant, Peaches McPherson**

**Family and Friends of Church Members and Staff:**
**Tom Birchfield**, step-father of Wil James
**Claiborne Clark**, son of Arthur and Mary Clark
**Marc Crawford**, friend of Brianna and Ricky Bennett
**Kim Cummings**, father of Drew Cummings
**Heath, Rebecca, and Julia Huberg**, friends of Kathy Parkins and Mary Kay Robinson
**Patricia Kost**, grandmother of Jack Kost
**Ben Johnston-Krase**, pastor of Durham’s Farm Church
**Dell McMillian**, brother-in-law of Valerie McMillian
**Sue Noel**, resident at Croasdaile Village and friend of Bill Hendrickson
**Jonathan Pratt**, son of Lanny Pratt
**Vickie Tobey**, niece of Mickey Velkey and cousin of Beth Brockman
**Anne Turlington**, aunt of Jack Kost

~ **Serving Today** ~

Liturgists: **Sam Henry, Cris Rivera, Torrell Armstrong**
Narthex Greeter: **Chris Williams**
After Worship Greeters: **Jane Williams** (rear/narthex), **Gray Wilson** (side/font)
Ushers: **Kathy Krahenbuhl** (head), **Mary-Jo Keenan** (flowers), **Jo Bernhardt** (assisting),
**Jennie Alwood, Amy Dillon, El Hess**
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.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received on Easter Day. Your generous gifts to this offering provide relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and help empower the poor and oppressed around the world. See today’s bulletin insert for more information about this PCUSA special offering. Specially marked envelopes will be available on next Sunday for this offering.

Maundy Thursday - March 29
7:00 p.m. Joint Worship at Covenant Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian, Beacon Light Missionary Baptist, and Covenant Presbyterian churches of Durham will join together for worship with holy communion and foot-washing or hand-washing at Covenant Presbyterian Church (2620 Weaver Street, Durham) to commemorate Jesus’ last supper. Childcare will be provided. Supper will be available at 6:00 p.m. before worship. Joint choirs will rehearse Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at Covenant and sing during the service.

Good Friday - March 30
Stations of the Cross - 12 Noon in Downtown Durham
A spiritual pilgrimage of the Holy Week texts in Durham’s downtown context, beginning at St. Philip’s Episcopal Church and ending at FPC.

Easter Day - Sunday, April 1
8:30 a.m. Prayer Service in the Memorial Garden
9:00 a.m. Worship and Communion in the sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Brunch in Watts-Hill Hall
11:00 a.m. Worship and Communion in the sanctuary
All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
2 The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
3 To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
4 Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One.
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!
Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

1 Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay. win, O give us strength to persevere, in you to conquer sin.

2 As you with Satan did contend and did the victory tide, yes, ever more, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

3 And through these days of penitence, and through this Passion past, an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

4 Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be
My Song Is Love Unknown

1. My song is love unknown, my Savior’s love to me, love to the loveless shown that they might love­ly stow; the world that was his own would not its Sav­ior sing, re­sound­ing all the day ho­san­nas to our way, a mur­der­er to save, the prince of life to vine: nev­er was love, dear King, nev­er was grief like be. O who am I that for my sake my know. But O my Friend, my Friend in­deed, who King. Then “Cru­ci­fy!” is all our breath, and slay. Yet stead­fast he to suf­fer­ing goes, that thine. This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I

2. He came from heav­en’s throne sal­va­tion to be­me.

3. Sometimes we strew his way, and his sweet prai­ses

4. Un­heed­ing, we will have our dear Lord made a-

5. Here might I stay and sing, no sto­ry so di-

Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
at my need his life did spend! for his death we thirst and cry.
he his foes from thence might free.
all my days could glad­ly spend.
Go to Dark Gethsemane

1. Go to dark Geth-sem-a-ne, all who feel the
   tempt-er's power; your Re-deem-er's con-flict see;
   watch with him one bit-ter hour; turn not from his
   griefs a-way; learn from Je-sus Christ to pray.

2. Fol-low to the judg-ment hall; view the Lord of
   life ar-raigned; O the worm-wood and the gall!
   O the pangs his soul sus-tained! Shun not suf-fering,
   shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
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bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!
1 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
2 Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?

that we to judge thee have in hate pretended? By foes de-
A-лас, my treason, Je-sus, hath undone thee. Twas I, Lord

rid-ed, by thine own rejected; O most afflic-
Je-sus, it was denied thee; I crucified thee.
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

1. 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 forsaken, I joy to call thee mine.

2. What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain:
   mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
   Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;
   look on me with thy favor, and grant to me thy grace.

3. What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
   for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
   O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,
   Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.
THE HUNGER FOR CHANGE OFFERING

Hunger has become more prevalent, particularly since the recession. First Presbyterian Church of Durham has a long history of involvement in hunger-related mission, most notably Pennies for Hunger and the Durham Crop Walk. In addition, we coordinate volunteers for the Community Kitchen at Urban Ministries of Durham, collect food for the members at Iglesia Emanuel Presbyterian Fellowship, and the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. Our youth sponsor the annual Souper Bowl of Caring to raise money for hunger-related missions. We also encourage giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing Hunger Offering on Easter Sunday which funds mission activities related to disaster assistance and hunger programs locally and around the world.

The funds received from our Hunger for Change Offering go to the New Hope Presbytery for the Presbyterian Hunger Relief Program and are divided as follows:

- 50% - International Hunger Relief Programs
- 40% - Local Hunger Programs
- 10% - Administration.

These funds are dispersed through local grants to hunger relief programs based on a grant application process. Urban Ministries of Durham, Presbyterian Urban Ministries and Iglesia Emanuel have been frequent recipients.

If your family committed to saving a Penny/day each month, you’d be donating about $0.30 per month or $3.65 for the entire year. That’s not much in the face of the rising need. Save a Nickel/day, and you can contribute $1.50 per month. A Dime/day will generate $3.00 and a Quarter/a day will generate $7.50 per month.

The fourth Sunday of each month is designated to receive the Hunger for Change Offering. Please consider supporting this hunger relief effort with a generous offering each month.
**HOLY WEEK**

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

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<td>Joint Worship with Holy Communion and hand/foot-washing at Covenant Presbyterian Church</td>
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<td>(6:00 PM Supper and joint choir rehearsal before worship)</td>
<td>10:00 AM Bible Study: <em>What's Nice About Vice &amp; Greed?</em></td>
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Tom Bloom, Business Administrator  
Robert Daye, Sexton  
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Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate  
Sarah Finbow, Youth Minister

Marilyn Hedgpeth, Associate Pastor  
Cheryl Henry, Parish Associate  
Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator  
Sam Miglarese, Associate Pastor  
Kathy Parkins, Minister of Music

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