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PALM / PASSION SUNDAY
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

(As we prepare to worship, please silence all mobile devices.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Robert Powell

INTROIT

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Ellacombe

*Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.*

*“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Esther Hethcox

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

People: **Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

People: **Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

Leader: Lo, your king comes to you;

People: **triumphant and victorious is he,**

Leader: humble and riding on a donkey

People: **on a colt, the foal of the donkey.**

All: **Come, let us worship God!**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 19:28-40

(Pew Bible, NT page 83)

John Weicher

*HYMN NO. 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

TIME WITH CHILDREN

John Weicher

(Children may go to the nursery with caregivers or remain in worship for the remainder of the service.)

*Those who are able, please stand.

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

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.

Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

***REGATHERING HYMN NO. 157**

I Danced in the Morning, v.4

Lord of the Dance

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.

It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.

*They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on.*

Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be;

I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,

and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,

and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Amy Dillon

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: Let us pray.

All: **Eternal God,**

whose word silences the shouts of the mighty,

quiet within us every voice but your own.

Speak to us through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ

that by the power of your Holy Spirit

we may receive grace to show Christ's love

in lives given to your service. Amen.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

(Pew Bible, OT page 681)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Amy Dillon

People: **Thanks be to God!**

REFLECTION

“Formed by the Journey”

Mindy Douglas

GOSPEL READING

Luke 22:14-23:56

(Pew Bible, NT page 86)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!*(Silent reflection)****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Philippians 2: 5-11

(Pew Bible, NT page 197)

**Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
 who, though he was in the form of God,
 did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
 being born in human likeness.**

Esther Hethcox

**And being found in human form,
 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.
 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,
 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.**

HYMN NO. 209My Song Is Love Unknown**Love Unknown***DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

Invitation to Give

John Weicher

Offertory Anthem

*Jacob's Ladder**Trad. Spiritual, arr. Andrew Clarkson**We are climbing Jacob's ladder, lead me to the cross.**Every rung goes higher, higher, lead me to the cross.**Climbing up to fires above me, lead me to the cross.**In the dark a light is shining, lead me to the cross.**One step closer up to heaven, lead me to the cross.**We are climbing Jacob's ladder, lead me to the cross.****Sung Response Hymn 218***Ah, Holy Jesus (verses 4 & 5)**Herzliebster Jesu*

***For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,
 thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation,
 thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
 for my salvation.***

***Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
 I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
 think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
 not my deserving.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Esther Hethcox

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

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.**

*HYMN NO. 221	<i>O Sacred Head, Now Wounded</i>	<i>Passion Chorale</i>
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		Mindy Douglas
POSTLUDE	<i>Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said</i>	<i>American Tune, arr. Edwin T. Childs</i>

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY!

Children's Music (Following Worship): The children who are attending the music program can follow Kathy Parkins upstairs to begin rehearsal.

Youth Burning of the Bogg (5:00 – 7:00pm): For those youth not on the service retreat to Charlotte, we're Burning the Bogg this week. Bring a food to share (bonus points if you can cook it over a fire) and something that needs burning in your life. (Note: We never burn images of people.) We'll gather at 5 pm at FPC, done at 7. Friends are welcome, as always. This is John's last youth group before his sabbatical.

Meaning in the Middle Fellowship (8:00pm via Zoom): MnM is a faith formation group and a fellowship community of adults in their late 20s to 40s – single or with life partners. Learn more in the newsletter at <https://firstpres-durham.org/weekly-newsletter/> to learn more. New friends are always welcome!



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We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Jesus Christ. First Presbyterian welcomes individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender identity, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. So that you may know who is sitting nearby, please sign the *Friendship Pad*, pass it along the pew, and **then return it to the starting point**, noting the names of those sitting near you.

The *flowers* today are given to the glory of God and in memory of **Frances** and **Will Kennedy**, *Emily Wilkins'* parents.

This anthem is dedicated to the memory of those who lost their lives on 9/11. The composer went to Manhattan with his choir from Trinity Church Boston, two weeks after 9/11 to sing for the firemen at the fire stations that were most affected. At the third fire station, the choir was singing "O Beautiful for

Spacious Skies” and the composer/conductor looked up to see a fireman coming down a long stairway in the fire house. The fireman stopped halfway down the staircase and began weeping and stayed there for the duration of the of the singing. The composer learned that this was the Captain of the station and that he had been in the basement of the North Tower when the South Tower collapsed. The next day, a Sunday, the reading for the church service was the story of Jacob’s Ladder. The composer wrote this setting as a new lens through which to see the stairways of 9/11 and a new way to see angels ascending and descending, always aware that “in the dark, a light is shining.”

Childcare: A staffed nursery and children’s playroom are available on the second floor of the education building during worship. **Activity bags** are available in the foyer for children. Please return bags to the foyer at the end of worship.

Restroom locations: To the left and right as you exit the rear of the sanctuary; on the second floor of the education building; and on the first and second floors of the church house. There is an infant changing table in the restroom area located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

The **Lenten Banner** was completed in 1990 and dedicated in 1991. It depicts traditional Lenten symbols. The banner was made possible by funds donated in memory of **Bess Bryant** and by the stitching of many devoted members of this congregation.

The **Pulpit Paraments:** In 2012 First Presbyterian Church commissioned Laurie Wohl to design and create paraments to be hung from the pulpit and lectern during Lent and Advent. Wohl is an internationally known fiber artist who exhibited her work at the church in spring of 2012. Her liturgical projects emphasize the “threads that bind” and the unity of the Old and New Testaments. We are grateful that the bequest of **Anne ‘St. Clair’ Williams** made it possible to enhance our sanctuary with these beautiful works of art.

Today’s **bulletin cover** was created by 11th grader **Mason Armstrong**.

Portions of today’s worship resources were reprinted from: *Book of Common Worship and Feasting on the Word*. Music is reprinted under Onelicense.net: A.713926.

These Days devotional books for April-June (regular and large print) are available in the foyer.

Easter Lilies will grace our sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 20. If you would like to remember or honor someone in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, **complete and return the donor card** (by the offering plate) **with your donation today**.

One Great Hour of Sharing will have a special offering on Easter Sunday, April 20. Share God’s love with our neighbors in need.

~Celebrations and Concerns of the Congregation ~

Condolences - We extend our care and concern to:

Jenni and Wil James upon the death of their brother-in-law **Alan Petersburg** on Monday, April 7.

Elizabeth Hildreth and *Christy Burch*, upon the death of their father **Brown Gardner** on April 5.

We remember in prayer:

Michael Gilmer, neighbor of Becky Martin, who has been diagnosed with cancer.

Kerry Holbrook, is recovering at home after a night in the ED.

Susan Cyr, recovering from oral surgery on Friday.

Tony Brown

Dennis Buckley

Paul Cornsweet

Sam Crabtree

Lee House

Ann Huff

Jenni James

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Diane Lesman

Jen McGonigle

Madge McKeithen

Laura McNab

Harriett Mitchell

Franzi Rokoske

Keith Rokoske

Alfred Tisdale

Phyllis Verhey

Care Communities

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Dub Gulley, Harvey Estes*

Durham Ridge: *Phillip Herndon*

Hillcrest Convalescent: *Carol Wills*

Pruitt Health - Durham: *Fred Callaway*

Brookdale Senior Living: *Debbie Mathews*

Family and Friends of the Congregation

Julia Allen, grandmother of Amy Wilson

Evan Breyer, grandson of friends of Jo Ann Moore

Francisca Cristobal, relative of Al and Judy Arrowwood

Jacqueline Culver, niece-in-law of Mary Jo Keenan

Kim Cummings, father of Drew Cummings

Linda Foster-Momsen, mother of Deborah Momsen-Hudson

Cheryl Fowler, friend of Cheri Reece

Doug Hervey, son of Jeanne Hervey

Jennifer Hervey, daughter-in-law of Jeanne Hervey

Donna Johnson, mother of Ann Huff

Katie Jackson, wife of Matthew Hirsch


Aaron Pritchard, friend of Kathy Parkins

Wu-Chou Su, father of Claire Su

Logan Tice, friend of the congregation

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

This Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today</p> <p>12:15 PM Children's Choir (Choir Room)</p> <p>5:00 PM Youth Group: Burning of the Bogg</p> <p>8:00 PM MnM's Fellowship (via Zoom)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, April 14</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1:30 PM Worship Planning (Mindy's Office)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:00 PM Property Committee (Room 205) Christian Education Committee (via Zoom)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:30 PM Service & Mission Committee (Zoom/Watts-Hill Hall)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 PM Worship & The Arts Committee (via Zoom)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, April 15</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:00 PM First Presbyterian Day School Board (via Zoom)</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, April 16</p> <p>1:00 PM All Staff Meeting (Daye Meeting Room)</p> <p>4:30 PM Yoga (Room 201)</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir (Choir Room)</p>
<p>Thursday, April 17</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 PM Evening Service w/Holy Communion (Sanctuary)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Friday, April 18</p> <p>10:30 AM Yoga (Room 201)</p> <p>Noon – 3:00 PM Open Sanctuary</p> <p>Noon St. Philip's Episcopal will host the Way of the Cross</p> <p>7:00 PM St. Philip's Episcopal Good Friday Liturgy</p> <p>7:30 PM Duke Chapel will observe Good Friday with a Tenebrae ("Darkness")</p>	
<p>Saturday, April 19</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, April 20 <i>Easter Sunday</i> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt</p> <p>10:15 AM Easter Brunch</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship; Mindy Douglas, Preaching</p> <p>12:15 PM No Children's Music</p> <p>8:00 PM MnM's Fellowship (via Zoom)</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>	

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