



First Presbyterian Church

For Christ in the Heart of Charlotte

Founded in 1821

Order of Worship

*Palm Sunday
April 10, 2022
11 a.m.*

Preparation

Prelude

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Johann Sebastian Bach

Words of Welcome

The Reverend Pen Peery

Chiming of the Trinity

Adoration

Choral Call to Worship

Will Young

The earth is the Lord's and all that is therein. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and the King of Glory shall come in. Amen.

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

Confession

Call to Confession

The Reverend Anna Dickson

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we prefer that you ride in majesty. We like the image of you high up the horse, basking in the adulation of the crowd. But like the crowd, we confess that we tend to turn away when things get difficult. We turn to other sources of strength when faith leads to suffering. We avert our eyes so as to not see the reality of your pain.

Forgive us, we pray, and give us courage to follow you, especially this Holy Week as we witness the lengths to which you will go to demonstrate your love.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Response to Pardon (Hymn No. 197, stanza 1)

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.

Sacrament of Baptism

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Hunter Duke Weeks

Walker Dylan Weeks

Kenneth Durham Weeks, IV

*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Children ages 3 through first grade may leave for First Church. They will return to the sanctuary during the last hymn. Older children are encouraged to stay and worship with their families.

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Luke 19:28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Meditation

"A Face in the Crowd"

The Reverend Pen Peery

Anthem

"Lift Up Your Heads" from *Messiah* George Frideric Handel

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the king of glory shall come in. Who is this king of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty in battle. Who is this king of glory? The Lord of hosts. He is the king of glory.

Scripture

Luke 23:13-25

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

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The 11 a.m. service is televised over WAXN-TV, Channel 64 this morning and streamed live at www.firstpres-charlotte.org and on Facebook Live.

All the palms are given to the glory of God and in honor of the baptisms of their children by Nazy and Durham Weeks.

Hunter, Walker, and Wilder are the sons of Nazy and Durham Weeks.

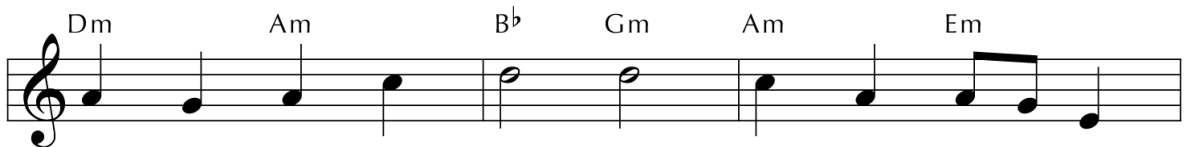
The Elder assisting with the baptism today is K.D. Weeks.



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing
 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to
 on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of
 I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful



bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
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 be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!
 sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
 on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Response

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Actionnel Fleurisma

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.

Stewardship of Life

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Offertory Anthem

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

arr. 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.

*Doxology (Hymn No. 606)

OLD HUNDRETH

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

*Prayer of Dedication

Sending Forth

*Hymn No. 264

"At the Name of Jesus"

KING'S WESTON



1 At the name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
2 Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name
3 Bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
4 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,

(C) (G) (Am) (C) (Dm)
F C Dm F Gm



ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;

(G) (Em) (Am) (G) (D) (G)
C Am Dm C G C



'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,
faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast,
for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,

(Am) (G) (Em) (Dm) (C) (G) (Am)
Dm C Am Gm F C Dm



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

"Amen"

DANISH

Postlude

"Have Mercy, God, Holy Ghost"

Johann Sebastian Bach

First Presbyterian Church Announcements

We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

We welcome all to First Presbyterian Church as we worship together, knowing that each of us is a beloved part of the body of Christ.

Our Pastors

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Pastor on call
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HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday, April 14, 7:30 p.m., Wood Fellowship Hall and Livestream

This service will recreate aspects of the passion story using scripture, solemn hymns, and the gradual darkening of the church as candles are extinguished.

Easter Sunday Community Sunrise Service, April 17, 7 a.m., Romare Bearden Park

An outdoor service partnership with local churches and a breakfast fellowship following.

Traditional Easter Worship and Flowering of the Cross, April 17, 11 a.m., Wood Fellowship Hall and Livestream

Plowshares Book Discussion, April 21, 6:30 p.m., Zoom

"Tomorrow's Bread," a historical novel by Charlotte native Anna Jean Mayhew, is based upon the destruction of the Brooklyn neighborhood in Charlotte in the 1960s. A limited number of free copies of the book will be available in the Historic Lobby before and after worship through April 17. | To register, email fkcampbell@gmail.com.

PW Birthday Dinner Registration, through April 27

The annual PW Birthday Dinner will be held on May 5 at 5:30 p.m. in Wood Fellowship Hall. | Register at fpc.tiny.us/pwbirthday22

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