

First Presbyterian Church

Mount Holly, North Carolina

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Transitional Pastor
Director of Music

March 29, 2015

Eleven O'Clock

Palm Sunday

THE CHURCH GATHERS AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "The Palms" arr. Smith

WELCOME AND CONCERNS *(Please sign the Ritual of Friendship Pad and greet those around you.)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!

People: Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!

Leader: Come with your branches, hosannas, and song!

People: Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!

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

INTROIT "Blessed is the King! Hosanna!" arr. Larson

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 89 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, how well you know our hearts, and you still love us and you love us to the end. We have denied you, and we have denied your calling to serve one another. We have betrayed you, and we have betrayed your commandment to love one another. Pour out your spirit of grace upon us. Teach us to love and serve you faithfully and to love and serve one another by the example you have set for us; in your holy name we pray.

(Silence is observed – a few moments for personal confession of sin.)

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 50:4-9a p. 681

ANTHEM "Hosanna! Blessed Is He" Edwards

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 2:5-11 p. 197

SERMON **Philippians 2:5-11**

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER *(Please hold the elements until all are served.)*

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

The Prayer after Communion

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Nicene Creed p. 15

ORGAN INTERLUDE AND SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE OFFERING "You may place your 5 Cents a Meal Offering in the basket."

Offertory

*Doxology

*Offertory Prayer

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THE CHURCH BEARS AND FOLLOWS THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN NO. 88 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (stanzas 1 & 4)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: "May the Lord Bless You" Congregation & Choir

POSTLUDE: "The King in Triumph" Anderson

*The Congregation will please stand.

A worship nursery is provided for young children.

The Arrangement of Palms is placed in the Sanctuary today
to the Glory of God and In Celebration of Palm Sunday
by the Presbyterian Women.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, March 29, 2015

9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Morning Worship Service/Palm Sunday/Communion/5 Cents A Meal Collection
4:00–6:00 PM Community Egg Hunt/Hot Dog Supper

Monday, March 30, 2015

10:30 AM Ministry of Prayer Group

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

5:00 PM Confirmation Class
7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 2, 2015

7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Friday, April 3, 2015

12:00 PM Cross Walk (beginning at First United Methodist)

Usher In Charge: Harman Poplin Nursery Workers: Harman & Nancy Poplin

This afternoon our church will be having an Easter Egg hunt for the community from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM. There will be crafts for kids and the egg hunt. We will also have a Hot Dog supper for the children and adults. Our congregation is invited to stop by for a hot dog and greet the families.

On Thursday of this week we will be having a Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7:00 PM. Communion will be served by intinction. Be sure and ask a neighbor or a friend to attend this meaningful service with you.

The Cross Walk (Seven last sayings of Jesus) will begin at the Methodist Church at noon on Good Friday and continue through downtown. The fourth stop will be at our church with Rev. Hovey having a devotion and prayer.

MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU

(to the tune of "Edelweiss")

May the Lord, Mighty God bless and keep you forever; Grant you peace, perfect peace; courage in every endeavor. Lift up your eyes and see His face and His grace forever. May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever. Amen

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Anita Jones and our shut-ins.

Our partner church in Palin, Guatemala and Presbytery's Prayer Church-West Asheville