

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Palm Sunday

March 25, 2018



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*God Most High, gracious and glorious,
blessed is the one who comes in your name.
Lead us now on the road to the cross.
May we follow with faithfulness and joy,
shouting hosanna in the highest heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Fantasia on "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

J. S. Bach

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; let the faithful come and worship God. Let us
worship God.

*PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

Mark 11:1-10

*SONG OF PRAISE

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Hymnal, No. 196

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

God of mercy,

you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.

**We confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your way.**

We are misled by pride,

**for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,
and great when we are small.**

We have failed in love,

neglected justice,

and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.

**Return us to paths of righteousness
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

(Time for silent reflection)

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Lenten Gloria

TAKE ME AS I AM

John L. Bell MWYeager

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Glo - ry to the Son,
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Glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, A - men.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Karen Girdner

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from
the house of the Lord.**

The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

**You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will
extol you.**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

ANTHEM

Blessed is He
(Congregation to join)

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang.
Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang;
to Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to His breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:5-11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE

Why? What?

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Hymnal, No. 203

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery
which the Scriptures describe in various ways.**

**It is called the sacrifice of a lamb,
a shepherd's life given for his sheep,
atonement by a priest;**

**again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt,
vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty,
and victory over the powers of evil.**

**These are expressions of a truth
which remains beyond the reach of all theory
in the depths of God's love for humankind.**

**They reveal the gravity, cost,
and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.09

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:...In your steadfast love, **O Lord, have mercy on us.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

My Song is Love Unknown

*DOXOLOGY

Lenten Doxology

ST. FLAVIAN

5 Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow, Praise God all crea-tures here be-low, Praise
God a-bove ye heav'n-ly hosts, Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd Hymnal, No. 200

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE
CHORAL BENEDICTION Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

*POSTLUDE The Royal Banners Forward Go Wilbur Held

*Please rise in body or spirit.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for April 1: Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8.

The **Food for Friends** item of the month for March is **cereal**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

Ushers for today's service are Bruce and JoBeth Bailey.

Join the Norman community for midweek Lenten worship and lunch. This week's worship will be held at First Baptist Church, 211 W. Comanche St. Dr. Charles Kimball, of the University of Oklahoma, will preach.

Easter is coming! We will have our annual potluck and egg hunt on Sunday, April 1 at 9:30am. Sign up for the potluck in the hallway.

If you can **donate wrapped candy for our egg hunt**, please drop it off in the office by Wednesday, March 28.

SUNDAY

March 25

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Palm Sunday Worship Service

WEDNESDAY

March 28

- 3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club
- 4:00 P.M. – Children's Choir
- 6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY

March 29

- 7:00 P.M. – Maundy Thursday Service

SUNDAY

April 1

- 9:30 A.M. – Easter Potluck & Egg hunt
- 10:55 A.M. – Easter Worship Service