

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Palm Sunday

April 14, 2019

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Everlasting God,
in your tender love for the human race
you sent your Son to take our nature,
and to suffer death upon the cross.
In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will
and in the glorious victory of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*OPENING SENTENCES

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

Hosanna in the highest!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

Luke 19:28-40

*SONG OF PRAISE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Hymnal, No. 197

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**God our Redeemer, we confess
that we are people of ashes and dust.
We join the parade and shout hosanna,
then deny our Lord in his hour of need.
We wave the palms and sing praise,
then hand our Savior over to die.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Our lives are in your hand—
deliver us from evil.
Save us, by your steadfast love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**
(Time of Silent reflection)

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! Hymnal, No. 198

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the steadfast love of God,
the abundant grace of Jesus Christ,
and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit
be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus:
If any wish to be my disciples
let them take up the cross
and follow me. **Amen.**

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*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 21: Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12.

The **Food and Shelter** item of the month for April is **pasta**. 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 Mike and Joan Cole.

Please welcome our **guest organist today, Luke Staisinnas**.



ABLE generously gives us 10 lilies every year for Easter. If you would like to order additional lilies, they are \$12 each. Please make checks payable to ABLE. Have all money turned into the office today.

The Norman Ministerial Fellowship is hosting its annual Lenten series. On Wednesday, April 17, Alameda Church of Christ will host the worship and lunch, which begins at noon. Pastor Mike Butler, CrossPointe Church will give the sermon. A \$5 donation is suggested for the lunch.



If you can **donate wrapped candy for our egg hunt**, please drop it off in the office by Wednesday, April 17.

Easter is coming! We will have our annual potluck and egg hunt on Sunday, April 21 at 9:30am. Sign up for the potluck in the hallway.



SUNDAY	April 14
9:30 A.M. – Sunday School	
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments	
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service	
12:00 P.M. – MY Group	
MONDAY	April 15
7:00 P.M. – Lent Bible Study	
TUESDAY	April 16
7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting	
WEDNESDAY	April 17
12:00 P.M. – Lenten Series	
3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club	
5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir	
THURSDAY	April 18
7:00 P.M. – Maundy Thursday Service	
SUNDAY	April 21
9:30 A.M. – Easter Potluck & Egg hunt	
10:55 A.M. – Easter Worship Service	

KNOWN JOYS & CONCERNS

Those who seek healing

Lola Carroll
Sandy Clarke
Jim Eckel
Laura Eckel
Doug Forsyth
Alice Lanning
Jayelle Martin
Joan Thraikill
Jona Thiessen
Karen Upton
Harry Wright
Darrell Hinson (Karen Upton's father)
Paul Gallagher (Karen Upton's biological father)
Carole Jo Evans (Tracy Evans' mother)

Those who Experienced Recent Loss

Betty Silman whose husband Bill Silman died on March 17.
Harry Wright whose daughter Tracy Garland died on March 30

Donna Vint, whose brother Gordon died February 2.

Seminary Student

Samuel McCann, Pittsburgh Theo. Seminary

We lift up in prayer the country of Cameroon and pray for the unrest our brothers and sisters are experiencing there.

Birthdays

April 14 – Ara Pennington

Charlotte Lovett

Alex Leseney

April 16 – Stephen Eyabi

April 19 – Doug Forsyth

April 20 – Noline Jangha

Jeremy Bales

Anniversaries

April 16 – Charles & Alison Baker

April 16 – Steve & Angie Martin

As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week: **Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine**

We are thankful for:

- the distinctive icons, art, literature and music that have come from this area
- the faithful witness of churches under the reign of Communism, and their revitalization since then, after decades of official atheism
- all those who help to alleviate the suffering of people due to the conflict in Ukraine and who try to counteract and overcome divisions
- those who work for democracy and openness in government.

We pray for:

- guidance, as these nations work to reconfigure political and economic structures
- compassion and integrity for all peoples in these nations with such diverse ethnic histories
- those who suffer from alcoholism, HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis and other life-threatening diseases
- the large numbers of people who now live in poverty and are unemployed
- those in Belarus and Ukraine who suffer from the continued effects of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster
- those who struggle for democracy and truthfulness in the media.