

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
April 9, 2017
Passion/Palm Sunday

8:30 and 11 a.m.

Welcome to worship this morning.

- First Presbyterian Church welcomes families with young children. Staffed nursery care is available during worship. Audio from the worship service can be heard in the library (adjacent to the sanctuary) and social hall.
- If you are visiting because of medical treatment at Mayo Clinic we offer our prayers for healing.
- Our activities and programs are open to all, member and friend alike.
- We invite you to join us for coffee and fellowship in the social hall and atrium following the 8:30 service and in the atrium following the 11:00 service.

** As a courtesy to others, please silence cell phones. **

Gathering

Prelude

Processional

William Mathias

*Our worship begins with the prelude. Let the power of the music speak to you of God's glory;
let its quietness tell you of God's peace; let its beauty lift your hearts in prayer.*

Greeting and Welcome

Please sign the Opportunity for Friendship Register and pass it to the person next to you.

Minute for Mission for One Great Hour of Sharing

(8:30) Eileen Hay
(11:00) Fabian Luna

Minute for Easter Egg Event and Easter Brunch

Rick Morris

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Blessed is the coming kingdom
Hosanna in the highest!

Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem

Mark 11: 1-6

Blessed is the coming Kingdom
Hosanna in the highest!

The People welcome Jesus

Mark 11: 7-11

Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting
(The people respond while waving their palms.)

Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the coming kingdom
Hosanna in the highest!

◆ **Hymn 196**

All Glory, Laud and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

◆ Please stand if you are able.

Call to Reconciliation with God (please be seated) (8:30) Sara Kluck
(11:00) Dee Tiedeman

Let us confess our sins to God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Silent Confession

Kyrie 430 (stanza 1) Remember Not, O God SOUTHWELL

Unison Prayer of Confession

O Lord, we confess that we have sinned and although we would like to deny it, we have forsaken you. We are horrified by the suffering we cause — to you, ourselves, and the world you have created. Open the gates of your forgiveness and restore us in your love, for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Life

The Lord God helps us; we will not be disgraced.

The Lord God helps us; who can declare us guilty?

Sisters and brothers, beyond a shadow of a doubt, your sins are forgiven. By the mercy of Christ, know that you are forgiven and free. Amen.

◆ **Response 447** We Are Forgiven WE ARE FORGIVEN

◆ Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us share a sign of the peace of Christ with one another!

Anthem (8:30) Hosanna in the Highest South African Melody
Chancel Choir; Robert Jacobson, soloist arr. Hal Hopson

Sanna, sannanina sanna, sanna, sanna. Hosanna, sanna.

Hosanna, loud hosanna, little children sang; through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang; the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of Heav'n, our King. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in this blissful presence eternally rejoice.

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(11:00) Hosanna! Hosanna! Hoiland and Wright
Calvin Choir; Katie Kruger, director; Barbara Depman, accompanist

Hosanna! Hosanna! Let all the people sing to our King.

Open wide the gates of Jerusalem. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Time for All Our Young Worshippers

Hymn 487 (stanza 1) These Treasured Children PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

These treasured children present now are bound to us by sacred vow:
with love, we make a heartfelt claim to welcome them in Jesus' name.

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Pass Prayer Cards to the aisle. An usher will collect them.

Children through third grade may go to room E206 for Kids' Zone or are welcome to stay with their parents in worship. Children above third grade should stay in worship.

The Passion of Our Lord

The Anointing at Bethany Mark 14: 1-9
Hymn 201 (stanza 1) A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

The Passover with the Disciples Mark 14: 10-25
Hymn 202 (stanzas 1-2) An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare O WALY WALY

In the Garden of Gethsemane Mark 14: 26-42
Hymn 220 (stanzas 1-2) Go to Dark Gethsemane REDHEAD

Jesus before the Council		Mark 14: 43-72
Hymn 218 (stanzas 1-3)	Ah, Holy Jesus	HERZLIEBSTER JESU
Jesus before Pilate		Mark 15: 1-20
Hymn 221	O Sacred Head, Now Wounded	PASSION CHORALE
The Crucifixion of Jesus		Mark 15: 21-39
Hymn 228 (stanzas 1-5)	Were You There	WERE YOU THERE
The Death and Burial of Jesus		Mark 15: 40-47
◆ Hymn 223	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	HAMBURG

Our Response

- ◆ **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)
**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.**

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer (using 'debts' and 'debtors')

Offertory (8:30) Sanctus Craig Courtney
Chancel Choir
Holy Lord God of Sabaoth. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Voluntary (11:00) When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Martin Hotton

- ◆ **Offertory Response** KINGDOM
For the gifts which you have given, for the love which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.

- ◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**
**Holy God, we give thanks for your saving love made known to us in the life,
death, and resurrection of Christ. Bless these gifts that they may bring life on
earth as in heaven; in Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Sending

- ◆ **Hymn 198** Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! ST. DROSTANE
- ◆ **Benediction**
- ◆ **Benediction Response 215** (stanza 1) What Wondrous Love Is This WONDROUS LOVE
- Postlude** Lift High the Cross David Cherwien

Those who wish may be seated for the postlude. Our music is offered to the glory of God; if you want to express your appreciation, a spoken "Amen" or "Praise God" is appropriate.

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We invite you to share in our Holy Week activities . . .

Services of Worship

Sundays at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

April 16 Easter Sunday services of worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Special Services

- April 13 Maundy Thursday service of Tenebrae and Communion at 7 p.m. (Child care provided)
- April 14 Good Friday Ecumenical Service at 12 noon at Zumbro Lutheran Church

***Calendar for the week of April 9 – April 16
(and beyond)***

SUNDAY – April 9

We thank all who are sharing their ministries in worship today.

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Mary and Mike Harper in memory of Mary’s dad, James Bastron. The **atrium flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Holly Ebel in memory of David Ebel.

A **nursery** for infants through 3-year-olds is staffed throughout the morning. We also offer a space for nursing mothers. An usher will be happy to direct you if you don’t know where the nursery is located.

Education hour:

- 9:40-10:45: Nursery - preschool (3-years-old)
- 9:40-10:45: Sunday school/education hour for grade 6 – adult education
- 9:40-10:20: Calvin Choir for grades 2-5
- 9:40-10:20: Sunday school for age 3-grade 1
- 10:20-10:50: Cherub Choir for age 4-grade 1
- 10:20-11:00: Sunday school for grades 2-5

Adults:

- 9:40 a.m.: *Current Issues: Current Events: the Pros and Cons* in the lounge (E-207).
- 9:40 a.m.: *Kerygma Bible Study of Matthew* in south fireside room (A-104)

Chancel Choir rehearses at 9:45 a.m.

One of our **parish nurses** will be in the library between services today and available to take your blood pressure.

WEDNESDAY – April 12

Lenten Bible Study Opportunity. Rev. Parlette is concluding his Lenten Bible study on “The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul” from 6:30-8 p.m. in the lounge.

Kitchen Guild will meet at 1 p.m.

Wednesday Activities	
4:15	Alleluia Ringers (grades 2-5)
5:00	Youth Choir (grades 6-12)
5:45	Middle School youth group (grades 6-8)
5:45	Senior High youth group (grades 9-12)
6:30	Bible study – “The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul” led by Rev. Parlette.
7:00	Joyous Praise handbells (intergenerational)

THURSDAY – April 13 (Maundy Thursday)

Prayer Shawl group at 1 p.m. in the lounge.

Jubilate Deo bells rehearses at 6 p.m.

Chancel Choir rehearses at 6:30 p.m.

Worship and communion at 7 p.m.

One Great Hour of Sharing will be received.

Your gifts support the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Self-Development of People. You may contribute to One Great Hour of Sharing through April.

Chancel Choir rehearses Easter music at 8 p.m.

FRIDAY – April 14

Ecumenical **Good Friday service** at noon at Zumbro Lutheran Church.

Sitter Service from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Sign up in the atrium on Sunday, April 9; in the office by Tuesday, April 11; or contact Gayle Jones (993-2443).

SATURDAY – April 15

Easter Egg Event for children through 5th grade from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Kids should bring their own hard boiled eggs to dye own and a basket for their candy and prizes. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to come with their children, particularly preschool age children.

Ruth Circle will meet at 10 a.m. in the lounge.

SUNDAY – April 16 (Easter)

Easter worship services at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Note: the times of the services have changed from previous years and there are only two services this year.

Easter Brunch will be served between 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Easter Sunday. No reservations are necessary. A freewill offering will be taken for a local organization that will be selected by the youth group.

No Sunday School on Easter Sunday but **Calvin Choir, Cherub Choir, and Chancel Choir will rehearse at their usual times.** Chancel Choir will sing at both services and Calvin Choir and Cherub Choir will sing at the 11 a.m. service. A movie will be showing in the KidZone (Room E206) between services.

MONDAY – April 17

Items for the May newsletter are due in the office or by e-mail to fpc_carol@hotmail.com .

The church office will be closed.

The church building will probably be open in the morning so Deacons can pick up a plant for their CARE member.

Esther Circle will meet at 1 p.m. in the lounge.

SATURDAY – April 22

The Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women in the Twin Cities Area Presbytery will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Stillwater, on Saturday, April 22. PW will pay for the registration, which includes lunch, for all who wish to attend. Please register with Peg Parsons, PW treasurer, by April 13. The theme is "Caring for Yourself and Others." The mission project for spring is baby kits that will go to the Rural Health Initiative in Sierra Leone.

SATURDAY – April 29

Bdecan Mission Team welcomes help with fleece blankets! Saturday, April 29 from 8:30-12:30, the Bdecan Mission Team invites you to be part of the "prep team" for our work on the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation in July. This year we will be making fleece blankets for newborns and preparing fleece to be tied into blankets by the children in the VBS program. As part of our lesson on Noah, the children will be making rainbow-colored fleece scarves and we'll also be cutting pattern pieces from fleece for these creations. All are welcome to come and help!

For Your Information

Celebrate our **Easter Garden** with a donation of \$15. To contribute, put your check (note for Easter flowers) in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. After Easter services the Deacons will deliver the plants to our C.A.R.E. members.

The **P.W. rummage sale** is scheduled Saturday, May 20. Donations may be brought to church beginning Monday, May 8. Many volunteers will be needed the week of May 15! We are particularly looking for an additional co-chair to work with Judy Kruesel and Sally Brooks. Please call Judy (250-5128) or Sally (281-5802) if you are interested.

Free Books. The Christian Education Committee is in the process of revitalizing the church library. As we take inventory and weed out old books, these books will be available FREE through the end of April. During the week they're in the church library in boxes labeled "FREE"; on Sundays they'll be in the foyer/atrium. Help yourself! After April we will make an effort to donate the remaining books. Contact Rev. Rowland or Al Dollerschell for more information.

An Invitation from B’Nai Israel Synagogue

Yom Ha Shoah

On Sunday, April 23, we will gather at 1 p.m. at the Synagogue to remember victims of the Shoah/Holocaust in our annual observance of Yom Ha Shoah. The sacred act of remembering the victims binds us to them and ensures that they will never be forgotten.

This is an occasion for all to come together in the sacred act of remembrance. Your presence would mean a great deal to our community. Please join us if you can. This event is open to the public, and community members are most welcome to attend.

B’Nai Israel Synagogue (150 Seventh Avenue SW)



About Our Church

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