

April 14, 2019

Eleven O'clock

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME HOME

We're delighted that you're here! With the open arms of Christ, we welcome those of every age, ability, income, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity fully into the life of the church, just as we have been welcomed.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We begin worship with the musical prelude and lighting of the candles, reminding us of Christ's presence with us. Please use this time to make the transition from getting here to being here.

PRELUDE *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* arr. Humphrey Turner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hosanna! Praise be to God!

Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Tell the rabble to be quiet, we anticipate a riot... this common crowd is much too loud.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Why waste your breath moaning at the crowd? Nothing can be done to stop their shouting. If every tongue was stilled, the noise would still continue. The rocks and stones themselves would start to sing!

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 597 *Sanna, sannanina* SANNANINA
(Holy, Most Holy Lord)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of all people, in Christ Jesus you know our hearts – yet still you love us, even unto death. We have denied you, and denied your calling to serve one another. We have betrayed you, and betrayed your commandment to love one another. Have mercy on us! Teach us to love and serve you faithfully, and to love and serve others as you would have us do. As we begin this holy week and prepare to walk the road ahead with you, we lift our silent prayers of confession to you...

*KYRIE 578 *O Lord, Have Mercy* ORÉ PORIAJÚ VEREKÓ



O Lord, have mer - cy; O Christ, have mer-cy; O



Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*GLORIA 447 *We Are Forgiven* WE ARE FORGIVEN



We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to



God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.



We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FOCUS ON CHILDREN Patti Winter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 50:4-9a

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALTER HYMN 811 Psalm 31 GLAUCIA

ANTHEM *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna from "Covenant of Grace"* arr. J. Martin

GOSPEL READING Luke 19:28-40

Holy wisdom, holy word

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Great Expectations* Rev. Cat Goodrich

DEDICATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN 220 *Go to Dark Gethsemane, v. 1-3* REDHEAD 76

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

FOCUS ON MISSION One Great Hour of Sharing

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Part of your offering today is the gift of your presence. Please acknowledge your presence by signing the welcome book at the end of your row. If you would like to make a gift electronically, scan here to be directed to our online giving site:



OFFERTORY *Pastoral* C. Wesley

*THE DOXOLOGY
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise....

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest....

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & POURING OF THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Please come forward to the station nearest you, take a piece of bread, dip it in the juice, and eat. The far station on each side contains Udi's gluten-free, dairy free bread.

After receiving, continue to the Prayer Mosaic, and place your stone as a sign of prayer.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 218 *Ab, Holy Jesus* HERZLIEBSTER JESU

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Voluntary of Fugue* W. Selby

*Please stand as you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME VISITORS Your presence enriches our community. We hope the service held meaning and beauty for you. If you are returning to a distant home, we wish you God's grace and a safe journey. However, if you live in the area and are seeking a faith community, we hope you will return soon so that we may get to know you better. To learn more about opportunities for spiritual growth and service, visit us on the web at www.fpcbham.org. May God's peace and blessing be with you.

IF YOU ARE SEEKING A CHURCH HOME, our Session meets on the *first Sunday of the month* in the Chapel following the 11:00 worship service to welcome new members. If you are looking for a faith community, we hope you will make First your home.

FOR CHILDREN: Children's bags and bulletins are available in the Narthex (ushers can locate them for you). Please empty and return the bags after worship. We love having kids in worship, but the following alternatives also are available: *Nursery* is provided for infants (at least six weeks old) and toddlers. After the *Focus on Children*, children ages 3-7 will go to the balcony, where they experience a little of what worship is like while doing learning activities related to the scripture with coloring, puzzles, books, children's bulletins and more. When the sacraments of the Lord's Supper or Baptism are celebrated, children will return to the sanctuary. We invite those in second grade and above to remain in the sanctuary and participate in the entire worship service.

LET THE BELLS PLAY! Our 37-bell Rushton Memorial Carillon was the first such instrument in Birmingham and the third in the United States, when installed in 1924.

PRAYER REQUESTS Please use the Prayer Request and Information Change cards, found in the pew rack, to relay information to the church office. Print your name and any other information you may need to relay to the office and place it in the offering plate.

SERMONS are available from our website at www.fpcbham.org.

The LITURGIST for today is Will Marble.

***adapted from [Feasting on the Word: Lenten Companion](#), David L. Bartlett, Barbara Brown Taylor, and Kimberly Bracken Long, eds.*

Have you remembered the church in your will?

MISSION CENTERS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIRST LIGHT, INC. is a mission center of FPC, giving shelter and support services for homeless women and children. If you would like to help, speak to our pastors or call Ruth Crosby, Executive Director (323-4277). First Light's website: www.firstlightshelter.org

RUTH AND NAOMI SENIOR OUTREACH (RNSO) has as its mission to become spiritual companions to isolated older adults and to call, equip, and support others to do so as well. Contact chaplain@ruthandnaomi.org.

THE RUSHTON CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER provides quality childcare in a loving, nurturing environment – accredited by NAEYC and licensed by the Department of Human Resources. Call the CDC office at 322-8310. The Center's website is www.eprcdc.com

FAITH IN ACTION ALABAMA, a faith-based community-organizing effort FPC shares with faith communities throughout the city, works to improve quality of life for all our citizens. Faith in Action is a PICO network affiliate and can be reached at daniel@faal.org.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOUNDATION provides support to First Presbyterian Church for the maintenance and upkeep of this historic sacred space built in 1889. 10% of the Foundation's annuity payment aids mission selected by session. Contact Mark Aldridge for more information.

THE REV. TERRY HAMILTON-POORE, Pastor and Head of Staff

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