



PAW CREEK

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY

April 2, 2023

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Palm Sunday - The Sunday of the Passion

April 2, 2023

Eleven O'clock

The Service of the Palms

Entering Into God's House

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Congregation: **Hosanna in the highest!**

Chimes of the Trinity

The Story of Palm Sunday

Matthew 21: 1-11

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

*Processional with Palms

Hymn 196

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Palm Sunday Prayer

Leader:

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As we are united with Christ and all the faithful, may we one day enter in triumph the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever.

Congregation:

Hosanna in the highest!

Welcome and Announcements, Joys and Concerns

The Story of Salvation

Prelude to the Story

“Lead Me to Calvary”

arr. Dan Forrest

Prayer for Illumination *(in unison)*

Eternal God, whose word silences the shouts of the mighty: Quiet within us every voice but your own. Speak to us through the life of Jesus Christ, that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may receive the grace to show his love in lives given to your service. Amen.

* Hymn 159

“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

The Life of Jesus in Pictures, Scripture and Song

The First Window

“Good News of Great Joy to All People”



In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

– Luke 2: 8-14

“God So Loved the World”

John Stainer

The Second Window

“I Must Be in My Father’s House”

Reader - Donna Hall



When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, “Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.” He said to them, “Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”

– Luke 2: 45-49

“Christus Paradox”

arr. Alfred Fedak

The Third Window (in the balcony stairwell)

“With You I Am Well Pleased”

Reader - Frances Lyerly



Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

– Luke 3: 21-22

*Hymn 482

“Baptized in Water”

The Fourth Window

“Your Reward is Great in Heaven”

Reader - Riley Moore



When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

– Matthew 5: 1-12

*Hymn 172

“Blessed Are They”

The Fifth Window

“It Is to Such As These That the Kingdom of Heaven Belongs”

Reader - Karen Cathey



Then little children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; but Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.” And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

– Matthew 19: 13-15

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

“I Am His Child”

Moses Hogan

The Sixth Window (in the Sound Room)

“I Have Eagerly Desired to Eat This Passover With You”

Reader - Debbie Taylor



When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!” Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

– Luke 22: 14-22

“According to Thy Gracious Word”

Mozart

The Seventh Window

“Not My Will But Yours Be Done”

Reader - Gene Hall



He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, “Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.” Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.” When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”

– Luke 22: 39-42, 45-46

“Thy will Be Done”

Craig Courtney



So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, The King of the Jews.”

– John 19: 16-19

“Crucified”

Craig Courtney

Silence

Passion Prayer (*in unison*)

Eternal God, as we are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ, so give us the grace of repentance that we may pass through the grave with him and be born again to eternal life. For he is the One who was crucified, dead, and buried, and rose again for us, Jesus our Savior. Amen.

* Hymn 216

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

“The Old Rugged Cross”

arr. Lloyd Larson

Upcoming Sermon Titles & Scriptures

Thursday, April 6

Maundy Thursday - 7pm - CFC Dining Room

Table Service of Communion and Candlelight

Friday, April 7

Good Friday - 7pm - Sanctuary (will also be Live Streamed)

Tenebrae - Service of Shadows

Sunday, April 9

Easter Sunday - 11am - Sanctuary

Communion Service

John 20: 1-18

“Where is He?”

Welcome to Sunday Worship at Paw Creek Presbyterian Church! We worship together each week both in our sanctuary and online (see pawcreekpc.org for links to Facebook and YouTube). Whichever is best for you, we are glad you are with us. If you are a visitor, please let us know you were here. You can fill out a card in the pew rack, or the visitor information form on our website.

For worship in the Sanctuary, we use masks in accordance with the guidance of local authorities. Please especially leave masks on as we recite prayers and sing hymns, to assist in curbing the spread of disease.

When you worship with us from home via Facebook or YouTube, you can use an on-line version of our *Glory to God* hymnal so that you can sing along or follow the words to the hymns. For phone or tablet, search "Glory to God" in your app store. For computer, go to hymnary.org/hymnal/GG2013 and click on the hymn number. Most hymns are available, although there are a few that cannot be displayed due to copyright restriction.

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:

Pastor Elliott Hipp
Music Director Andrew Cumbow
Pianist Mark Burleson
Administrative Assistant / Webmaster Kim Whittington
Videography Coordinator Clint Shaw

Ten Cent Hunger Offering Today

Please place your Ten Cent Hunger Offering in the baskets in the Narthex.

Annual Coulwood Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, **April 8, 2023** 9:30 am – 11:00 am
Coulwood Clubhouse

Donations of small candies that will fit inside eggs/preferably ones that won't melt need to be dropped off at the church by 3/31. Eggs will be stuffed at Paw Creek on 4/1 from 9-11am in the West Wing. See Celia Gray (704-756-9697) or Amy McGee (704-578-39080 for more details or to volunteer.

5th Sunday Combined Sunday School Class

The Lord is my Shepherd...

On Sunday, **April 30**, there will be a Combined Sunday School Class gathering in the CFC.

Adults, Youth and Children are invited for a:

Fellowship Breakfast **9:00-9:30**

Prayer Requests **9:30-9:45**

Lesson **9:45-10:30**

We will study and respond to the beautiful 23rd Psalm, Lectionary scripture for April 30!

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Easter Flowers

Paw Creek will be decorating the Sanctuary with flowers on **Easter Sunday, April 9**. Donations will be accepted in memory or in honor of loved ones, and their name will be included in the Bulletin for Easter as well. **Names must be received in the church office by Tuesday, April 4**. The flowers will be planted in the Prayer Garden and surrounding area sometime after Easter. Any monies collected will be used to offset the cost of the Easter flowers with any extra money raised going to the Chuck Overbeck Fund and used for the beautification and maintenance of the gardens and landscaping around the church.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 704-392-0329. Thank you!

Graduation Sunday

The time is growing near for us to recognize and honor our graduates.

The Christian Education Committee is gathering names of graduates, and will be in touch directly later in the spring to ask for more information. We will celebrate **Graduation Sunday on June 4, 2023** during the church service.

Please send names and contact information to Jan Chapman (jchapman.jan@gmail.com) or the church office (office@pawcreekpc.org) for:

Students, connected to our church, who graduated in **December 2022** or will graduate in **Spring 2023** from **High School, College, or Graduate School**.

Thank you ~ Christian Ed

Presbyterian Women

Circle Meeting, **Tuesday, April 7th**
Morning Circle (Go & Grow) 10:00am
Evening Circle (Life Seekers) 7:00pm
We will meet in the Parlor

Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesday Bible Study will not meet this week. We will resume on Wednesday the 12th.