

WHITE MEMORIAL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR PALM SUNDAY

March 24, 2024
9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

Greeting

Kirsten Homdrom

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

All: And also with you.

One: Let us prepare for worship.

Preparation for Worship

God of all compassion and consolation, your breath alone brings life to dry bones and weary souls. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we may face despair with the hope of resurrection and faith through Christ, our Lord. Help us dance with the Spirit, the breath of life, who calls us out of the valley of dry bones and into the Kingdom of God, both a present reality and the grounding of our future hope. Amen.

Prelude – Intrada on ELLACOMBE

Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

Christian Welcome and Announcements

Anne Galliher

Please pass the Friendship Register to your neighbor and include all requested information.

Call to Worship

adapted from Psalm 118

*One: Let the people say, "Hosanna!" Let the people cry out to God,
"Save us!"*

All: Open the gates, for the Lord is near. Christ has come to enter our hearts and change our lives.

One: Let us give thanks to God, for God has given us the gift of salvation.

All: It is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes! On this Sunday of Palms and Passion let us celebrate and remember the good deeds of our loving Savior.

One: This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*Hymn 196 – All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and others in thought, word, and deed. We remember long ago when the people waved their branches and shouted their praises. But, just like us, their zeal for faith gave way to dark desires for power and prestige which corrupted their hearts. Just like them, we long for easy grace instead of the transformative wonder of your love. You ask us for our whole selves, but we give only the minimum. Forgive our sin and call us repeatedly back to you. In the name of our Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.



Palm/Passion Sunday is the start of Holy Week. In this service, we mark the transition from the joy of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem to the demands for Jesus' crucifixion. We remember the palms and the passion so that we might contemplate the relationship between Jesus' death and his resurrection as we move towards Easter.

When we confess our sins together, we acknowledge that we are influenced by the same desires for power and conformity that caused the crowds to shout "crucify him!" We hold our sin under the light of God's love, trusting that God's grace is stronger than our sin.

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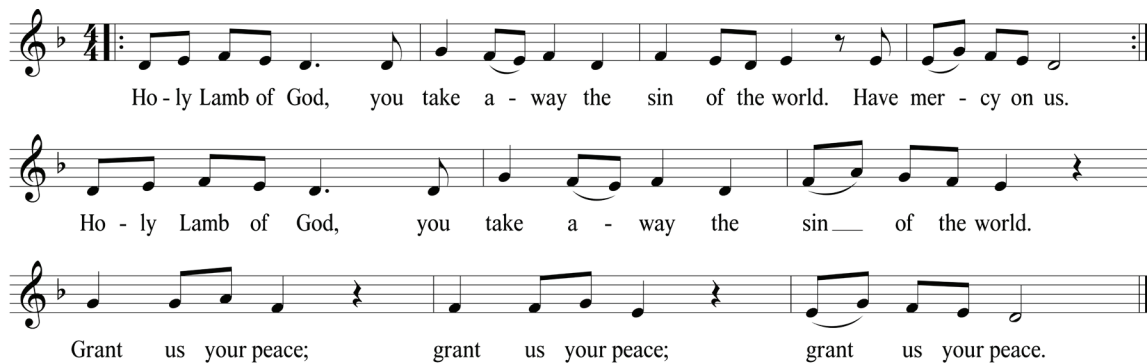
in the manner of Christ

Philippians 2:5-11 is often called the “Christ hymn.” It is a confession of faith that describes the nature of Jesus Christ and calls us to grow in his likeness.

Our 2024 Lenten theme is “40 Days: Call to Journey Within.” In this, the last week of the season of Lent, may we be intentional about spending time with God in the quiet so that we might see Christ ever more fully.

*Response Hymn 602 – *Lamb of God*

YA HAMMALALLAH



Ho - ly Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world. Have mer - cy on us.

Ho - ly Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world.

Grant us your peace; grant us your peace; grant us your peace.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Epistle Lesson – Philippians 2:5-11, pew Bible p. 186

(11:00) A Time With Young Disciples

Following our time together, children will return to the pews for the remainder of the service.

*Hymn 197 – *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

ELLACOMBE

New Testament Lesson – Mark 11:1-11, pew Bible p. 44

One: The word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon – “*Seeing Jesus Fully and the Journey Within*”

Christopher Edmonston

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Cate Church Norman

**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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

(9:30) *Improvisation*

Karl Zinsmeister

(11:00) *As the Hart Longs* from *Psalms 42, Op. 42*

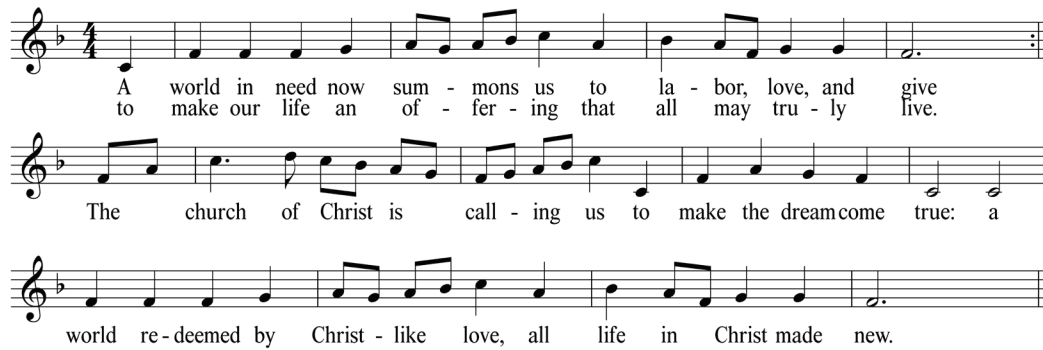
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

WMPC Adult Choir

As the hart cries out for fresh water, so my soul cries, O God, to you.

***Offertory Response Hymn 712, stanza 2**

FOREST GREEN



Take a moment just to read the words of Hymn 200 before (or after) singing. We taught this hymn over a series of weeks last Lent and use it again this year as our “Journey Within” draws to a close. The five short stanzas make the pivot from Palms and Hosannas to the cross and graveclothes (winding sheet) with beautiful and poetic economy.

***Affirmation of Faith**

from *A Declaration of Faith*, PC(USA)

Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record.

The Bible is the account of God’s word and action in history.

**It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel
and the church towards the kingdom of God -
the just and loving rule over all.**

**It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.**

That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own.

It forms our memory and our hope.

It tells us who we are and what we are to do.

To retell it is to declare what we believe.

Jesus’ involvement in the human condition is God’s involvement.

His compassion for all kinds of people is God’s compassion.

His demand for justice, truth, and faithfulness is God’s demand.

His willingness to suffer rejection is God’s willingness.

Jesus’ love for the very people who reject him is God’s love.

At the conclusion of worship, we receive both a benediction, or blessing, and a charge. We are given work to do as we are sent back out into the world as God’s people. How might you continue to worship God through the way that you live your life this week?

WE GO IN GOD’S NAME

Hymn 200 – *A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd

CRUCIFER

***Charge & Benediction**

***Chiming of the Trinity**

Postlude – *Cantilene*

Karen Lakey Buckwalter

WMPC Handbell Choir

We kindly request that you remain seated through the postlude.

Cantilene means “a little song.” Karen Lackey Buckwalter published this composition in 1990. This brief lyrical song in minor keys builds to a full and tension-filled sound. We offer this musical expression as a conclusion to Palm/ Passion Sunday and as the gateway to Holy Week ahead.

WELCOME TO WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

We are glad you are worshipping with us.
Visiting? Deacons can be found in the Narthex
to offer a friendly greeting, answer
questions and provide directions.
New members are received after attending
Believing & Belonging @WMPC Class.
Visit whitememorial.org/join
or contact Elizabeth Viohl at ext. 206
for details, class dates and registration.

THINGS TO KNOW:

- **Restrooms** are located on the hallway to Jane Bell Gathering Space on the Pulpit side and also on the first floor of the Luther Building.
- **Childcare** is available for children up to four years old.
- **Sunday School** is offered at 9:30 for all ages.
- **Refreshments** and coffee stations are located in The Connector and Main Hall
- **Loop hearing aid system and an FM system available in the Sanctuary.**
- **Live-streamed services** are at whitememorial.org.
- **Bulletins** left in the sanctuary following worship services are recycled as part of our care for God's creation.



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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AFTER HOURS PASTOR ON CALL: 919-605-4593

Each Sunday we offer three opportunities for you to worship with us at White Memorial in the Sanctuary and OnPoint@1704 in the Main Hall. While you will notice differences in music, location, and worship leadership among our different services, what unites us in our worship is our scripture, liturgy, and sermon. All services use the same Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, readings from Scripture, and Affirmation of Faith.

JOYS & CONCERNS IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Anne Cullins Beam - March 14, 2024

NEW PRESBYTERIANS

Russell Sanders Durgin, March 15, child of Haley and Larry Durgin, grandchild of Brenda and Wesley Jones, grandchild of Worthy Durgin, great-grandchild of Irene and Richard Jewell

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EASTER DECORATIONS

Easter decorations are given to the glory of God
by the following in honor or memory of friends and loved ones:

IN MEMORY OF

Jim Blount
by Linda Blount

**William (Bill) K. Brawley II
& Glenn J. Douden**
by Nancy Brawley

**Sue & Luther Sharp and
Ann & Paul Bray**
by Cindy & Jeff Sharp

Pete Carruthers
by the Carruthers, Embree
and Hunt families

**Margaret, Ashby & Tom Newby
and Bernice & Roger Henshaw**
by Charlotte Newby

Virginia Connell Payne
by Diane & Mike Payne

**Lib & Leon Holland and
Libby Holland**
by Laura N. Holland

**John Connell, Mary Frances
Connell Newton,
Stella & Graham Connell**
by the Connell & Tehan families

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**Marion & Robert Johnson,
Robin Johnson,
Kathryn & Carmi Preston**
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Ida & Hobert Morgan,
Andrew Morgan,
Maribelle Scoggin, Karen Jones,
and Joan Virginia Hines**
by Danita Morgan & Chris White

**Peter C. Pearsall and
Elizabeth & J.D. Lamm**
by Frances L. Pearsall

**H. William Vassey &
Douglas I. Carter**
by Carol Vassey

Keri Pharr Eddins
by Carol & Lynn Wiggs

**Kelly Lynn, Jerry Lynn
& Benjamin Hager**
by Carol Lynn

**Joan & Preston F. Kodak, Jr
& Charles Wilson**
by Kristi, Scott, Graham
& Reid Wilson

Mark Bond and Kirk Kirkland
by F3 Raleigh

**Matthew Haneline,
Raymond Terry,
Thelma & Travis Haneline**
by Karen & Steve Haneline

Julian & Daniel Rhem
by Karen Rhem

**Esther & JB Newman,
Bobbie Newman, and
Helen & Richard Tucker**
by Judy & Jim Newman

Barbara Tattersall Duncan
by Katie & Jeff Schottmiller
and family

Tom Reeder
by Wendy Reeder & family

Jane & Vic Bell
by Mary Grady & Vic Bell

Herman Armin Maier III
by Alden Maier

Polly Horton
by Candy Lewis

Neal Haworth
by The Evers Family

Jon Honeycutt & Arch Newbold, Jr.
by Amy & George Hall,
Caroline & Jonathan Kennemur

IN HONOR OF

Pastors & Staff of WMPC
by Carol Vassey

WMPC Music Ministry
by Sandra Gray

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY | MARCH 24

Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 11:1-11

MONDAY | MARCH 25

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11

Pickleball at WMPC!

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall

TUESDAY | MARCH 26

*Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31;
John 12:20-36*

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Breakfast Line | 7:00 a.m. | Main Hall

Bible Study | 7:30 a.m.

Women's Breakfast & Fellowship

7:00 - 8:00 a.m. | The Hub

Women of all ages are invited to a hot breakfast, fellowship, study, and prayer.

Oncology Yoga

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. | C200

Cancer Companions

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. | Zoom

For more information, contact Parish Associate [Jim Ferry](#) or [Amanda Kidd](#).

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 27

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32

NAMI Mental Health First Aid

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (hour lunch break) | C100

Pickleball at WMPC!

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall

Wednesday Together Dinner

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. | Main Hall

Join us for fellowship and a dinner of roasted pork! [Register by 11:00 p.m. Sunday, March 24.](#)

Wholeness and Healing Service

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

THURSDAY | MARCH 28

*Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19;
1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35*

Keenagers

10:45 a.m. | Geneva Hall

This week, join us as we sing hymns together. Questions? Contact [Mariel Lee](#).

Maundy Thursday Service

7:30 - 8:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

FRIDAY | MARCH 29

*Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25;
John 18:1-19:42*

Pickleball at WMPC!

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall

Good Friday Service

7:30 - 8:30 p.m. | Main Hall

SATURDAY | MARCH 30

*Job 14:1-14; Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16; 1 Peter 4:1-8;
Matthew 27:57-66*

SAVE THE DATES

Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday | March 31 | 6:30 a.m. | Offsite | Oberlin Baptist Church

All are welcome!

The Power of Storytelling

Wednesday | April 10, 17, & 24 | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. | K200

In this workshop, Dr. Judy Yates Siker guides us as we explore the power of storytelling throughout our lives. [Registration required.](#)

Caregiver's Coffee

Thursday | April 11 | 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. | The Hub

Theologian in Residence: Ted Smith

Sunday | April 14

Lunch | Pickard Hall | 12:00-12:45 p.m. | [Registration required](#)
Lecture | Main Hall | 12:45-2:15 p.m.

Rev. Dr. Ted A. Smith is Charles Howard Candler Professor of Divinity at Emory University's Candler School of Theology. He works at the intersections of practical and political theology, paying special attention to the forms church life takes in modern societies. Rev. Dr. Smith will preach at the 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary service and the 10:45 OnPoint Main Hall service, followed by a Lunch & Learn. Cafe Carolina will provide boxed lunches for \$13/person.

Kindergarten - Fifth Grader Skating Party

Saturday | April 13 | 10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. | Offsite | 2901 Trawick Road

All kindergarten-fifth graders are invited to a roller skating party! Cost is \$13.00 per person (includes admission and skate rental). [Registration required.](#)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra-cious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil-dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an-cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant-ing clear and loud;
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid-ding wait.
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

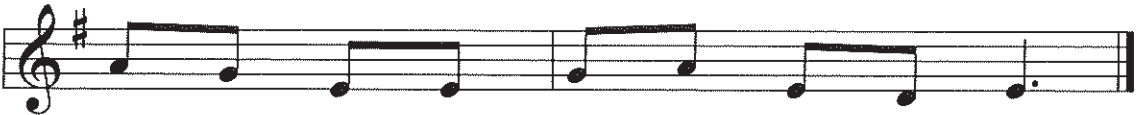
A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd 200



1 A cheer - ing, chant - ing, diz - zy crowd had
2 They laid their gar - ments in the road and
3 When day dimmed down to deep - ening dark the
4 Lest we be fooled be - cause our hearts have
5 In - stead of palms, a wind - ing sheet will



stripped the green trees bare, and hail - ing Christ as
spread his path with palms and vows of last - ing
crowd be - gan to fade till on - ly tram - pled
surged with pass - ing praise, re - mind us, God, as
have to be un - rolled, a car - pet much more



king a - loud, waved branch - es in the air.
love be - stowed with roy - al hymns and psalms.
leaves and bark were left from the pa - rade.
this week starts where Christ has fixed his gaze.
fit to greet the king a cross will hold.

This Palm Sunday hymn recreates the contrasting sounds of Holy Week, moving from the noisy public acclaim of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to the solitary silence of his body being prepared for burial. It gently reminds us that self-giving is the mark of Christ's true sovereignty.

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