

Service for the Lord's Day

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 25, 2018



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

CANTABILE FROM SYMPHONIE NO. 6
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

CHARLES-MARIE WIDOR

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

MARK 11:1-11

CHORAL INTROIT

THY SAVIOR COMES, JERUSALEM
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

DAVID H. WILLIAMS

Thy glory dawns, Jerusalem, awake thy bells to ring!
Swift fashion thee a crown of gold, and bring forth David's throne of old;
Jerusalem, make ready for the King!
From tower and roof thy banners fling, for down the slopes
of Olivet comes riding on, the King!

A thorn bush grows without the wall, of this his crown shall woven be;
For royal wine prepare we gall, for throne, a cross on Calvary.
Thy savior comes, Jerusalem, make haste, thine altar bring!
His body for an offering take, the heart of all the world to break,
and on the cross uplifted our God shall own him King.
Ye lands afar, his triumph sing, for with the love of all mankind
our God shall crown him King!

We begin Holy Week by combining the Palm processional and Passion narrative to affirm the inseparable relationship between the death and the resurrection of Jesus. In this way we lift up the inherent tension that exists between Jesus' joyful entry into Jerusalem and the somberness of his suffering and death.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

*** HYMN #196**

ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR

“VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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 for silent reflection and prayer)

KYRIE #167

FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS (v. 1)

“AUS DER TIEFE RUF E ICH”

Forty days and forty nights
you were fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The bad news is ...
no matter what we do or don't do,
these lush, shiny, green palm leaves
are going to eventually wither, dry, and turn brown.

But the good news is...
no matter what we do or don't do,
the tireless, relentless, limitless love of God
always remains, unshakably, the same.

*** RESPONSE #166**

LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS (v.4)

“ST. FLAVIAN”

Abide with us, till when this life
of suffering shall be past,
an Easter of unending joy
we may attain at last.

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

(Please greet one another with signs of peace.)

The Lenten
worship banner
depicts our
journey with Jesus
to the cross and
toward the death
that ultimately
brings
resurrection life.
The art panels
have been
removed for Holy
Week, leaving the
somber looking
road and crosses
of Calvary. Then,
next Sunday, on
Easter, a full and
brilliant
resurrection cross
will replace the
three gaunt
crosses.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING OF THE PASSION ACCORDING TO THE GOSPEL OF MARK (See insert)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

TIME FOR SILENT REFLECTION

(During this two minute period of silence, you may wish to reflect on the words of the Passion Narrative or simply rest in the presence of God.)

* HYMN #221 O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED "PASSION CHORALE"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING MOYST WITH ONE DROP OF THY BLOOD GORDON YOUNG

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Moyst with one drop of Thy blood, my dry soule
Shall bee freed by that drop, from being starved, hard, or foule,
And life, by this death abled, shall controule
Death, whom Thy death slue; nor shall to mee
Feare of first or last death, bring miserie,
If in thy little booke, my name thou enroule,
Flesh, in that long sleep is not destroyed,
Nor can by other means be glorified.
May then sinnes sleep, and deaths soone from me passe,
That wak't from both, I again risen may
Salute the last, and everlasting day.

*AT THE PRESENTATION #224 WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS (v.4) HAMBURG

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small:
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN #228 WERE YOU THERE "WERE YOU THERE"

(Choir: verse 1; Congregation: verses 2-5)

Today, we will all participate in the Passion Narrative. Please note the places in the insert where the **CROWD** speaks and be prepared to join in.

The **text of the offering** is taken from *La Carona*, a cycle of sonnets by 17th century English metaphysical poet, John Donne.

READING OF PSALM 22 AND STRIPPING OF THE SANCTUARY

At the end of the reading, the lights will go out and you will hear a loud noise.

(When the church bell begins ringing, please exit the sanctuary in silence and join us on the front lawn of the church for the conclusion of the service.)

* CHARGE

* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit. Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

This Morning’s Worship Leaders

Preacher.....	Caroline Kelly
Liturgist.....	Hans Killius
Reader.....	Janet Hendershot
Director of Music Ministries.....	Bryan Lohr
Musicians.....	The Sanctuary Choir
Sound Technician.....	Joe Aurigemma
Ushers.....	Barbara Leasure and Marlee Ort
Bell Ringer.....	Zach Dodge

OUR STAFF

Teaching Elder/Pastor.....	Rev. Caroline M. Kelly
Director of Music Ministries	Bryan Lohr
Executive Administrative Assistant.....	Brittany Jackson
Interim Sexton.....	Joe Aurigemma
Sound Tech/Security.....	Joe Aurigemma
Sunday Worship Child Care Providers.....	Ginny Reid and Addy Mallery

THE SESSION

Class of 2018:	Carl Belt, Carolyn Mathews, Judy Stern, and Agnes Yount
Class of 2019:	Shirley Giarritta, Gary Hendrickson, Phil Mills, and David Stickler
Class of 2020:	Chelsea Boor, Jeff Getty, Pam Jan, and Joe Weaver
Clerk of Session.....	Jeff Getty
Moderator.....	Caroline Kelly

MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we worship God and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by loving our neighbors and promoting peacemaking, justice and care of the earth.

VISION STATEMENT

- We strive to be a community grounded in the good news of God’s love in Christ where all of God’s children are:
- Welcomed and cherished
 - Called to worship, learn and grow together in faith, and
 - Sent to share God’s love and justice with a broken and hurting world.

Adopted by the Session on September 17, 2015

We strip the sanctuary of all decoration (cloth, flowers, communion cup and paten, paraments, candles), and slowly extinguish the lights to symbolize the sense of desolation and loss that characterizes the next few days.

HOLY WEEK



- March 29:** **7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service at Emmanuel Episcopal**
Come hear the story of Jesus' last night with his disciples and share a sacred meal in his name. This special service includes the option of foot washing, healing prayer and anointing for service. Clergy and musicians from all three churches will provide leadership.
- March 30:** **12:00PM Good Friday Service at First Presbyterian in the Chapel**
We will remember Jesus' crucifixion in a brief, quiet service including a reading of the Passion story from the Iona Community, Taizé music and prayers. The hours of noon to 3:00 p.m. are particularly significant as these commemorate the time Jesus hung on the cross.
- 7:00 PM Good Friday Service at St. Paul's Lutheran**
Our service will be contemplative and will include a dramatic reading of the Passion Narrative according to John, a time for venerating the cross, and music offered by the choirs of all three churches.
- March 31:** **10:00AM Egg Hunt and Blessing Milestone**
Join us on **Saturday, March 31st**, at **10:00AM** in the Fellowship Hall for our Easter Egg Hunt and Blessing. This is a Milestones Ministry Moment for young children, grandchildren, their families and friends! We will start the morning with a breakfast potluck. We will provide drinks, plates, silverware, and ask that you bring a breakfast food to share. Activities will include devotional, egg coloring, egg hunting, and a blessing of the eggs.
- April 1:** **7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service at Rocky Gap**
Greet the sunrise with our Easter Sunrise Service at Rocky Gap (Mountain View Pavilion). We celebrate the Resurrection in a service including the reading and proclamation of the Easter story, communion and music led by Zach and Mikayla Dodge and Bryan Lohr. Remember to dress warmly. Hot beverages will be available after the service.
- 10:00 am Easter Fellowship in the Library**
Visit with family and friends and snack on treats in the Library before gathering in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday worship.
- 11:00 AM Easter Sunday Service**
We celebrate the Resurrection with the Proclamation of the Gospel according to Mark and communion. Easter music will include choral anthems in diverse styles by Alice Parker and Robert Shaw, Mark Hayes, and Larry Shackley. The Sanctuary Choir will also be joined by students from the brass department at Frostburg State University.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS: We are glad you found your way to First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland. For more information about opportunities to worship, learn and serve with us, we encourage you to visit the table outside the church office. You can also learn more about us at www.fpc-cumberland.org and www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland. Childcare is provided in the nursery. An usher will be glad to direct you there.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: While we do provide a nursery for young children, we also welcome you to bring your child with you to worship. We have "worship bags" in the back of the sanctuary that include materials for drawing and coloring, as well as Bible stories and Bible word-find games. After the Time for Young Disciples, children may go to the nursery for a Bible lesson or remain in the sanctuary. Our "Young Children in Worship" pew card contains information about why young children should be encouraged to come to worship and how parents and others can engage them more fully in worship.

THE PRAY-GROUND is a special space in the sanctuary for our youngest children and their families. All families are welcome to come and sit in the right front pews with their children seated on the rug. This front row seat will allow God's youngest children to participate in the service in a place where they can see and hear best. There will be activities provided so that their little hands are kept busy while participating in worship. "Jesus said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it'" (Mark 10:14-15).

FRIENDSHIP PADS: Please locate and sign the red pad in your pew, tear off the sheet and place it in the collection plate during the offering. This important practice allows us to be mindful of new folks and long-time members as well, and is a good way to learn (or remember) the names of those with whom you are seated. **If you are visitor, please fill out the "Welcome to First Presbyterian Church" card in the pew rack and put it in the offering plate when it comes by during the service.**

PERSONAL LISTENING DEVICES: (amplifiers) are available in the back of the church for use during worship. Please see an usher for assistance.

WORSHIP BROADCASTS ON YOUTUBE: To view worship services live or to view taped worship services, go to www.youtube.com (First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland Live Stream) or go to our website <http://www.fpc-cumberland.org/> and click on "click here to view our worship service" located at the bottom of the home page.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in memory of Neil Smith, by Nancy and Royce Hodges. **Please contact Michael Levitas or the church office if you would like to sponsor flowers for a special occasion like a birthday or anniversary or in memory or honor of someone. You may specify live or silk flowers. Silk flower money will be directed to the Special Ministries Fund.**

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: AGNES YOUNT & PAM JAN

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of March 11, 2018
Total 2018 Pledges Promised	\$222,725.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 11,275.00
2018 Pledge Balance Promised	\$211,450.00
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$ 43,553.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 39,896.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 3,657.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

March 19, 2017
80

March 18, 2018
93

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

RULING ELDERS: SHIRLEY GIARRITTA AND GARY HENDRICKSON

WORK NIGHT: The Buildings and Grounds Committee is having a **work night** on **Tuesday, March 27, 2018 from 6:30-8:30PM**. We plan to paint walls, replace tiles and refinish ceilings in the upstairs hallway. All helpers are welcome.

MISSION
RULING ELDERS: JUDY STERN & PHIL MILLS

MISSION OUTREACH DINNER: The monthly outreach dinner that we help with will be held on **today** at the HRDC building on Virginia Avenue. Dinner will be served from 4:00-5:30PM. If anyone can volunteer to serve dinner, help clean tables, and/or bake cookies, please let Judy Stern, Phil Mills, or Linda Smith know.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: Next **Sunday** our congregation will be giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. 36% of funds raised will go to help fund the Presbyterian Hunger Program which works to alleviate hunger and eliminate its root causes. As a part of this mission, PHP gave over 160 grants totaling more than \$1.2 million, impacting communities across the United States and 37 other countries in 2016. To find out more about the ongoing work of the PHP, go to presbyterianmission.org/hunger.

EASTER FLOWERS 2018

If you would like to purchase flowers for the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please indicate below whether you wish to take your flowers home, or if you wish them to be given to one of our in-home or nursing care members. Please indicate your selection and total below. **Orders are due by today.**

	Price Each	Quantity	Total
Lily	\$6.00	_____	\$ _____
Tulips	\$6.00	_____	\$ _____
Hyacinths	\$6.00	_____	\$ _____
Mums	\$6.00	_____	\$ _____
		Total _____	\$ _____

My floral gift is in honor/memory of: _____

Given to the Glory of God by: _____

Please indicate: I would like to take my flowers home _____ I would like to donate the flowers _____

Easter Music 2018

You can also celebrate Easter by contributing to the Special Music Fund. This fund is separate from the budget and is used to pay guest musicians for special music during worship on holidays and throughout the year.

Note: Special Music money may be given any time of the year.

Special Music Contribution _____ \$ _____

My Special Music gift is in honor/memory of: _____

Given to the Glory of God by: _____

Checks for music should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church and returned to the church no later than **today you want your dedication listed in the bulletin.**

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, MARCH (26) NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

9:00AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY, MARCH (27)

9:00AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

6:30 PM BUILDINGS & GROUNDS WORK NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, MARCH (28)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

6:00 PM JOYBELLS REHEARSAL IN THE LIBRARY

7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

7:30 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, MARCH (29)

9:00AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

7:00 PM MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE AT EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL

FRIDAY, MARCH (30)

9:00AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

12:00 PM GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL AT FPC

7:00 PM GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN

SATURDAY, MARCH (31)

10:00 AM EGG HUNT & BLESSING MILESTONE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

6:00PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE LIBRARY

SUNDAY, APRIL (1)

7:00 AM SUNRISE SERVICE AT ROCKY GAP STATE PARK

10:00AM EASTER FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

11:00AM SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: RESURRECTION OF THE LORD/ EASTER SUNDAY