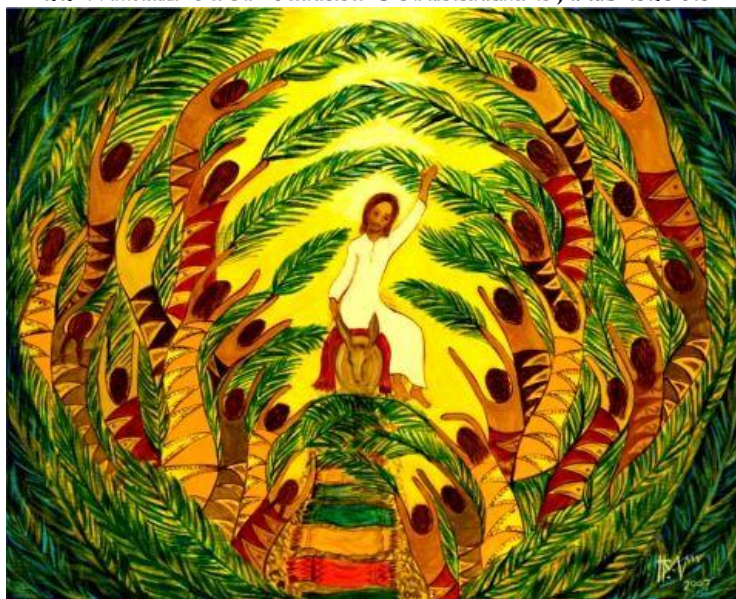


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

MARCH 28, 2021

11:00 AM

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PRELUDE

CHORALE NO. 1 IN E MAJOR  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

CÉSAR FRANCK

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS

MISSION IN A MINUTE

KATIE ROSS

INTROIT

ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR FROM CANTATA NO. 95  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

J. S. BACH

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

**The steadfast love of our God endures forever.**

Open to me the gates of righteousness;

**That I may enter in and give thanks to the Lord.**

You, O God, have heard my prayers;

**You have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**It is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes!**

O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

**The steadfast love of our God endures forever.**

Let us pray...

This is your day, O God, for every day belongs to you. Our times are in your hands; our lives are a trust from you. As we enter the week we call 'Holy,' draw us near to the suffering and the death of our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may more fully comprehend the glory of his resurrection. Amen.

(\*Please refrain from singing the hymns, but rather hum along.)

*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!

## \* CALL TO CONFESSION

## \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess we are as fickle as the crowds in Jerusalem. When things are going well for us we gladly join the chorus of those shouting "Hosanna!" But when things do not go according to your desires we easily turn to distrust, doubt, and disillusion. We become silent when we should speak. We fail to exercise our faith in meaningful ways. Just as surely as those who welcomed Jesus and then turned on him, we also need your forgiveness and love. Grant it, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## \* HUMMED RESPONSE #582

GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

"GLORY TO GOD"

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free! As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## FIRST READING

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was <sup>[a]</sup> in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR (LIVE STREAMED FROM WORSHIP ON APRIL 14, 2019)

*Draw nigh to thy Jerusalem, O Lord! Thy faithful people cry with one accord!  
Ride on in triumph; Lord, behold we lay our passions, lusts, and proud wills in thy way!*

*Thy road is ready, and thy paths, made straight, with longing expectation seem to wait  
the consecration of thy beautiful feet, and silently thy promised advent greet!  
Thy road is ready, and thy paths, made straight, with longing expectation seem to wait.*

*Hosanna! Welcome to our hearts, for here thou hast a temple, too, as Zion dear!  
O enter in, dear Lord, unbar the door and in that temple dwell forever more.*

*Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord!*

SECOND READING

MARK 11:1-11

REV. WALT PETERS

11 When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup> and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" <sup>4</sup> They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup> some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" <sup>6</sup> They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup> Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup> Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup> Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

<sup>10</sup> Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

<sup>11</sup> Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

SERMON

"FOOLS RUSH IN"

REV. WALT PETERS

\* HYMN #198

RIDE ON! RIDE ON IN MAJESTY!

"ST. DROSTANE"

1 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the  
 2 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
 3 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of  
 4 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur -  
 pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs  
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and  
 pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to

sues its road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
 now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
 won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 mor - tal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

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

*This morning's prayer will be offered using a format known as 'directed prayer.'*

*Each petition will offer an area for prayer, followed by a period of silence during which you are invited to make your own specific prayer.*

*After the closing petition, we will join in the Lord's Prayer using the following form.)*

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 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.

### PRAYER RESPONSE

WERE YOU THERE?

TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL

NANCY HODGES, PIANO AND BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

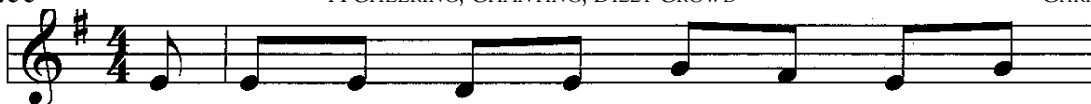
### MORNING OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

(The offering is to be placed in the dish at the rear of the sanctuary. We are not passing the plate at this time)

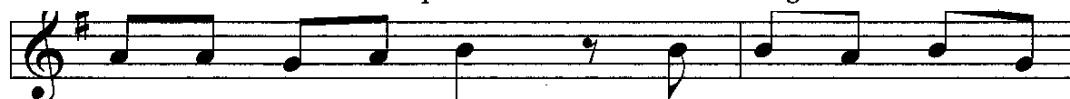
#### \* HYMN #200

A CHEERING, CHANTING, DIZZY CROWD

"CHRISTIAN LOVE"



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.

#### \* BENEDICTION

#### \* RESPONSE AFTER BENEDICTION #216

BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS (Vs. 1 only)

"ST. CHRISTOPHER"

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;  
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

### POSTLUDE

MARCH, ARIA, AND GIGUE  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

ELIZABETH TURNER

\* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, if you are able, please stand.  
Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

## This Morning's Worship Leaders

Preacher.....Rev. Dr. Walt Peters  
Liturgist.....Carolyn Mathews  
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr  
Musicians..... Nancy Hodges, Piano and The Sanctuary Choir (previously recorded) and members of the JoyBells  
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler  
Ushers.....Paul and Barbara Aber

## Worship & Music Notes

Today we welcome back our guest preacher, the Rev. Walt Peters, to the pulpit. He served congregations in Macon, GA; Tampa, FL, and Augusta, GA, before coming to First Presbyterian in Westminster in 1999, being honorably retired by Baltimore Presbytery in October of 2013. In retirement he is an active participant in the Wild Wild West Ministry Group. He and his wife Rebecca reside in Hagerstown. They have three grown children and two grandchildren.

The prelude on this Palm Sunday is the first of three monumental *Chorales* for organ by César Franck (1822-1889.) Often regarded as equals to the organ works of J. S. Bach, Franck's *Chorales* were his last compositions before his death. The *Chorale in E Major* begins with an extended introduction, before presenting the *chorale*, or main theme of the piece. Franck then develops this melody through variations and passages both serene and turbulent, building to a triumphal, heroic conclusion.

Next Sunday, April 4th, Rev. Dr. Walt Peters will serve as our guest preacher for both our 7:00 AM Sunrise Service at Rocky Gap State Park and our 11:00 AM Easter Service in the Sanctuary. Carolyn Mathews will serve as liturgist for our Sunrise Service and Bob Courtney will serve as liturgist for our 11:00 AM service.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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. We have flower openings for April 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup>.

**OFFERING PLATES:** Offering plates are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please deposit your gifts, offerings, and tithes into the plate as you enter or exit the sanctuary.

## Church Office Hours

Monday 8:30 AM- 4:00 PM, Tuesday 8:30 AM- 4:00 PM  
Wednesday 8:30 AM- 4:00 PM, Thursday 8:30 AM- 4:00 PM, Friday 8:30 AM- 1:00 PM

Please note that on Fridays when the office closes at 1:00 PM, Brittany is still available by phone and email until 4:30 PM.

## ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: GARY HENDRICKSON & CINDY CORLEY

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of March 21, 2021
Total 2021 Pledges Promised	\$192,124.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 400.00
<u>2021 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$191,724.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$42,806.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$45,144.00
Over/(Under)	\$(2,338.00)

## MISSION

RULING ELDERS: AARON HENDRICKSON & LAURA FISCUS

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING:** Next Sunday, we will be contributing to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Approximately 1/3 of the proceeds of this offering go to help fund the Self Development of People, a program of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Grant money from One Great Hour of Sharing helps oppressed, disadvantaged people achieve self-sufficiency. **Envelopes can be found in the pews this morning.** Please consider giving generously to this offering.

# Join us for Holy Week!

## Maundy Thursday Service

April 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM in FPC Sanctuary

Rev. Dr. Walt Peters

## Good Friday Virtual Service

A link will be sent out via email to view the service.

## Easter Sunrise Service

April 4, 2021 at 7:00 AM

Rocky Gap State Park-Mountain view pavilion

Rev. Dr. Walt Peters, Bryan Lohr

## Easter Morning Service

April 4, 2021 at 11:00 AM in FPC Sanctuary

Rev. Dr. Walt Peters