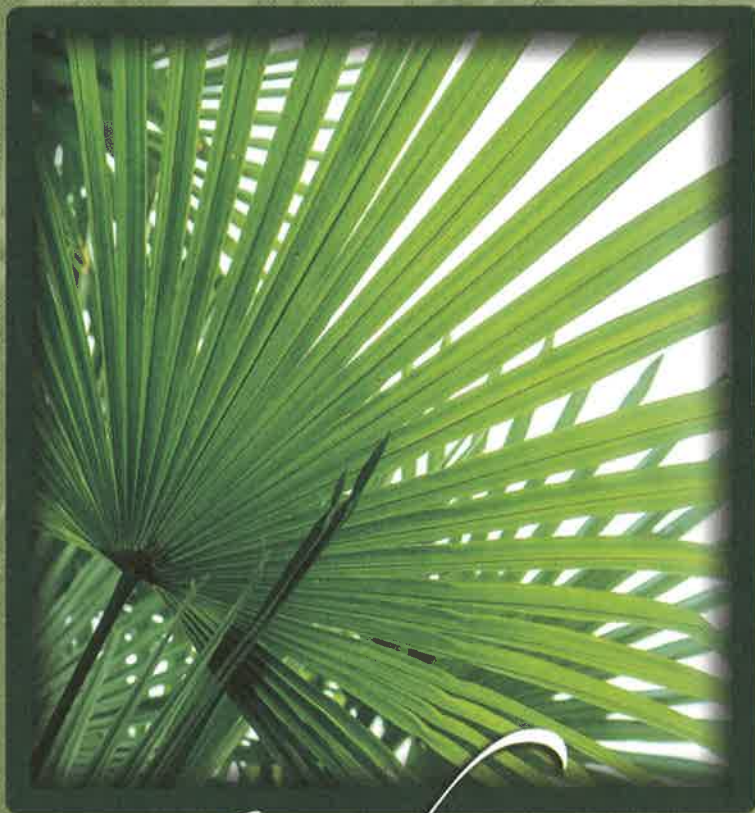


Hosanna
in the



Highest!

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Palm Sunday

April 9, 2017

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Marche Pontificale*

de la Tombelle

Prayer of Preparation (*you may prepare for worship by praying silently*)

O God, unlike the crowds in Jerusalem who abandoned Jesus, let me be loyal, humble, and steadfast in expressing my devotion to Jesus. Amen

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Mike Anderson

Call to Worship – Psalm 118 (*responsive*)

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

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Open the gates of righteousness, that we may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

God has answered us and has become our salvation.

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

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Come, let us worship the Lord, our God.

* Processional Hymn of Praise 196 – *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

During the Processional Hymn, worship leaders, choir, and the children, will process waving palm branches. Please join the procession beginning from the back pews. Lay your palm on the Communion Table and return to your pew via the side aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

We confess, O God, that we have followed the desires of our own hearts and not the humble way of your Son. We cheer those who do not deserve our praise and mock those who have fallen from grace. Forgive us for being so quick to judge, so sanctimonious, so fickle. Help us see each other as fellow travelers needing your grace. Open our ears to hear your voice. Give us the mind of Christ that we may surrender, trust and obey you always. Forgive the sins we have named and those we name now in silence

* Assurance of Pardon

* The Congregation's Response: *Gloria Patri*

Hymn 581

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time with Children

Mike Anderson

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson – Matthew 21:1-11

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The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *Would I Have Joined the Crowd*

Richard Averre

If, on the day the colt was loosed, that day so soft and fair,
When the road was paved with flowers, Oh, if I had been there,
Would I have joined the crowd?

Had Jesus' eyes looked into mine, those eyes that saw through all,
Could I have held my eyes on His? Would His have made mine fall?
Would I have left the crowd?

He rides through history, ah yes, He rides again to reign,
The flowers scatter in the dust, He rides through my domain,
Should I not join the crowd?

Second Lesson – Matthew 26: 1-16, 20-25, 47-56

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Sermon – *Perfume, Silver, & Burnt Rubber*

Tommy Suttle, Director of Discipleship

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

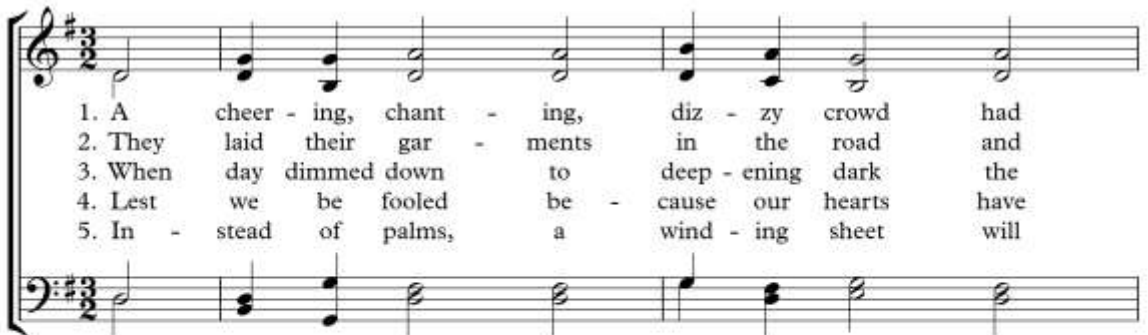
- * Affirmation of Faith The **Apostles' Creed** (*unison*) (Hymnal pg. 35)
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting. Amen
- * Hymn of Thanksgiving 200 – *A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd (see next page)*
Prayers of Intercession and 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.
- Offertory – *I Will Sing of My Redeemer* Ritter
- * The Doxology – Hymn 606
- * Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

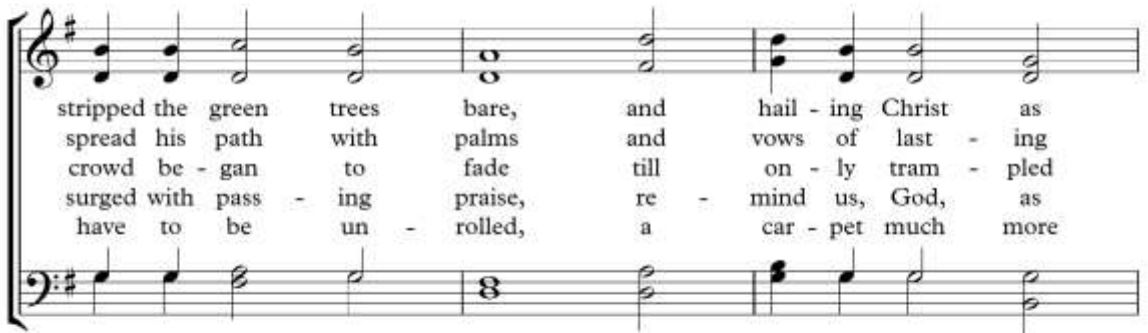
- * Hymn of Consecration 197 – *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Choral Amen
- * Postlude – *Prelude on ELLACOMBE*

Peeters

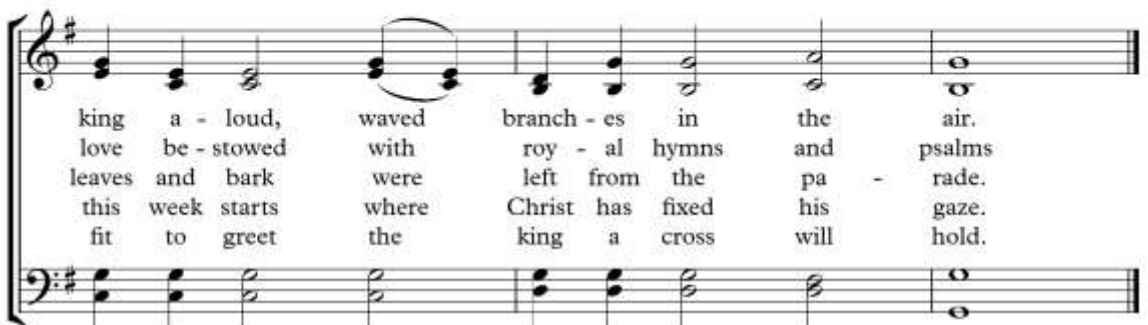
A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd



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.



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

Dalton Aldridge's family, son of Ann Aldridge
Mary Ariail – prayers for good surgical outcome
Marilyn Bowen, Sam Dossett's sister – colon cancer
Janet Burke – recovering at home
Brandy Zachary Carter, friend of Nancy Johnson – inconclusive cancer scans
Noelle Carter, 1st grader at PCS – diagnosed with liver cancer in December, in Houston undergoing tests and receiving chemo
Becky Dahle, friend of Nancy Johnson – inflammation with side effects of medicine
Sam Dossett – prayers for strength and healing (no visitors at this time)
Mary Halliwell, friend of Mary and Dean Cromartie– pancreatic cancer
Jeanne Herring – recovering
Col. Bryan Hernandez – deployed to Baghdad
Mrs. Paul McMullan – recuperating from surgery
Dixon Montague, Frank and Mary Montague's son – diagnosed with cancer
Pat Jefcoat, friend of Janet Burke – cancer of esophagus
Crystal Miller, friend of Nancy Johnson – successful heart and lung transplant
Joye Lee-McNelis, USM's head women's basketball coach – cancer and upcoming surgery
Richard Potin – continued prayers during chemo
Ray Robinson – waiting on biopsy result
Ray Robinson III, Ray's son – diagnosed with diabetes
Sharon Sabin, friend of Mary and Dean Cromartie– advanced cancer and Parkinson's

PRAYERS OF COMFORT

For the family and friends of Helen Short

Annual Budget Amount	Giving Year to Date	Budget Year to Date	Previous Week's Giving
\$456,500.00	\$103,424.97	\$116,661.11	\$22,976.50



Greeting and Announcements

Welcome to Westminster! We're very glad to see you in worship. We hope you will sense Christ's presence. If you are looking for a place to grow and serve, we'd love to tell you more about us. Please silence your cell phone during worship.

Today, the **Diaconate** and **Session** will meet immediately after the service.

Join us today at the Columbarium at 1 p.m. for a **memorial service** for Frank Whitesell.

Today the Youth meet at 5:00.

PW Circles 1 & 2 meet Tuesday, April 11. **Circle 1** meets in the parlor at 9:30 a.m. and **Circle 2** meets at 7 p.m. in the Generation room.



Brown Bag Bible Study meets Tuesday at noon. We will be studying I Kings 18.

There will be no Wednesday night activities this week.

Choir will meet at 7 p.m.

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, April 13, at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's.

Church Happenings This Week

Maundy Thursday—7 p.m.

Good Friday Service—noon

Easter Brunch/Egg Hunt—Saturday at 10 a.m.

Easter Sunrise—6:30 a.m.

Adult Sunday School—9:30 a.m.

Worship—10:30 a.m.

Youth Upcomings

Today is the last day to **purchase Easter lilies**. Look for a signup sheet in the narthex.

Save this date: Wednesday, May 3rd, **Annual Children & Youth Dessert/Casserole Auction**.

New Beginnings will have its monthly luncheon on Monday, April 17, at noon in Montague Hall. Everyone is invited to attend, so **RSVPs are essential**. Please contact Tommy Suttle (601-408-2589 or tommy@wpchattiesburg.com) if you plan to attend.



Giving to **One Great Hour of Sharing** enables the Presbyterian Hunger program to help transform lives and enrich communities (*see insert*). This offering will be received Easter Sunday.

There will be a **congregational meeting** Sunday, April 23, following worship to elect the class of 2020 officers.



Fall more deeply in love with Jesus: attend Mississippi Presbyterian **Cursillo** Retreat #19 May 4-7 at Camp Wesley Pines (Gallman, MS). It's uplifting, life-changing, and free. Consider this your personal invitation. For details, see Kathy Cain, Beth Richmond, or Dean and Mary Cromartie. You can apply online at www.msprebyteriancursillo.com/. Please pray about this.

Just as the human body needs eyes, hands, ears, lungs, etc., so does the Body of Christ. We have many small group opportunities for growth, fellowship and service here at Westminster. We encourage members to use their gifts to participate in the mission of this congregation and to invite others to join us in serving Jesus Christ.



The Seal of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

A Symbolic Statement of the Church

The Cross – Christianity

The Transept – Bible and Pulpit

The Dove – The Holy Spirit

The Intersection – Baptismal Font or

Communion Cup

Flames – Implied triangle, the Trinity

THE SESSION

Class of 2017

Mac Forsyth
Jeff Haydel
Karen Reidenbach

Class of 2018

Gene Owens
Michael Raggio
Robin Roberts

Class of 2019

Althea Jerome
J. T. Johnson
Cindy Nobles

THE TRUSTEES

Franklin Bryant Gene Fair Wally Gregg

THE DEACONS

Class of 2017

Dan Davis
Lisa Forsyth
Larry Royals
Dudley Westbrook

Class of 2018

Shane Brooks
Kathy Cain
Howard Keever
Beth Richmond

Class of 2019

David Daves
Janeil Harris
Butch Nobles
Susan Turner
Youth Representative
Drew Suttle

CHURCH STAFF

Mike Anderson, Interim Pastor
Martha Davis, Church Administrator
Connie Roberts, Chancel Choir Director
Amy Ruff, Children/Youth/College Ministry
Jenny Maul, Children's Music Director

Tommy Suttle, Director of Discipleship
Sinclair Lundy, Financial Secretary
Randall Harris, Organist
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Ray Robinson, Sexton