

# The First Presbyterian Church

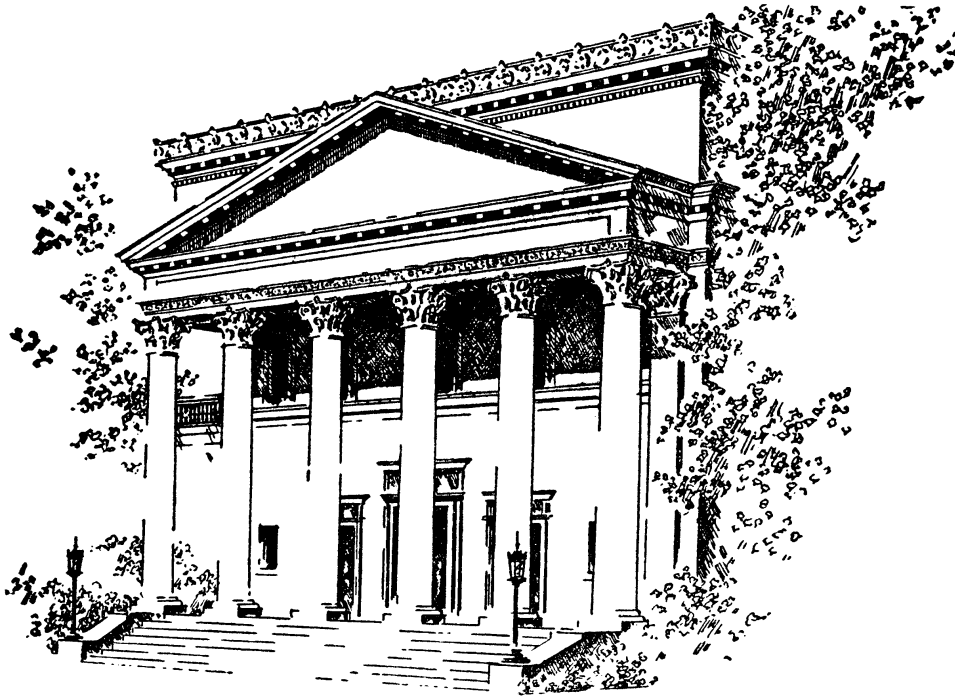
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All members  
of the congregation



## The Celebration of Worship Palm Sunday

April 17, 2011

8:45 and 11:00 AM

Worship is broadcast at 11 AM on WCHS-580AM

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.

Large print hymnals, Bibles and hearing devices, as well as information about child care and other church programs are available from any usher.

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.

Clipboards, children's Bibles and books to borrow during worship are located at the entrances.

The asterisks (\*) invite you to stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.

### We Gather

#### TIME FOR PREPARATION

When they 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."

Matthew 21:1-11

VOLUNTARY

Intrada  
Fred Gaul, organist

Ovid Young

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

## We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 88

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

ANTHEM (11:00)

Little Grey Donkey

G. Alan Smith

*Little grey donkey, little grey donkey, little grey donkey, ho!*

*Do you know just Who it is you carry on your back? 'Tis no ordinary load, no mean or common pack.*

*You are bless-ed of all beasts to carry into town Christ the Lord of Gallilee. He wears no earthly crown.*

*Once you were a simple beast of poor and lowly state. Christ Himself hath chosen you and honored is your fate.*

*Though your path with palms is spread, make haste along the way! You were destined here to ride on this triumphal day.*

The Cherub Choir and Music of the Angels

Debbie Eads, director

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Barbara Hopta

\*RESPONSE

Please Enter My Heart, Hosanna

Cathy Townley

The musical score is written on ten staves of music in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Please enter my heart, Ho - san-na. O please lead my life to - day. Gen-tle Lamb of God, the Christ, the A - noint-ed One, won't You en-ter my heart to - day? O please hear my prayer, Ho - san-na, these words that I need to - say: Gen-tle Lamb of God, the Christ, the A - noint-ed One, won't You en-ter my heart to stay? O come, Je - sus, come! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! O - come, Je - sus, come, Je - sus, come! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! O - come, Je - sus, come to - day, come to stay". The score ends with a double bar line.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Barbara Hopta

O God, we sing and praise You,

happy of heart and strong of spirit when we are among others who praise You.

But in times of stress, we seek scapegoats to be targets for our anger.

Like Peter, we act in ways that deny that we know You, letting the world take control of us.

God of steadfast love, forgive us, we pray, and teach us to be steadfast.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Bill McCoy

Please sign the friendship pad placed at pew's end, so you may greet each other by name.  
Visitors are invited to wear the button found in the friendship pad.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

Barbara Hopta

\*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

\*HYMN

What the Lord Has Done in Me

Reuben Morgan

Let the weak say, "I am strong." Let the poor say, "I am rich."  
In - to the riv - er I will wade. There my sins are washed a - way.  
I will rise from wa - ters deep in - to the sav - ing arms of God.  
I will sing sal - va - tion's songs. It's what the Lord has done in me.  
Je - sus Christ has set me free.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na to the Lamb that was slain!  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na. Je - sus died and rose a - gain.

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We Declare our Faith

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Jim Roberts

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 the life everlasting. Amen.

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

We Give Thanks to God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Jim Roberts

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.

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory

Pavane

Roger C. Wilson

\*Doxology

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jim Roberts

Lord, as we bring You our tithes and offerings, scatter them among those who need them most and use them for the sake of Your kingdom. We ask in Christ’s name. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

ANTHEM (11:00)

Hosanna! Blessed Is He Who Comes

Constantin Dedekind

*Hosanna! Blessed is He Who comes, a Monarch in the name of the Lord!  
Peace on earth and peace in heaven, and glory in the highest!*

The Geneva Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 11:1-9, Pew Bible, OT, p. 9

Bill McCoy

SERMON

The Pre-History of Israel:  
Yada, Yada, Yada...

Bill McCoy

\*CONCLUDING HYMN 89

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

\*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION

Bill McCoy

\*HYMN OF PARTING

HYMN 540

*God be with you till we meet again. Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd’s care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.*

\*VOLUNTARY

An American Trumpet Tune  
Fred Gaul, organist

Gilbert M. Martin

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Reminder: please return your hearing devices at the end of the service this morning.

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: *Restrooms and water fountains* are found through the double doors to the left of the chancel - please  
: accompany children.

: *Childcare*: Nursery and Rooms 113 and 114

: *Elder Visitation*: Bill Raney, Mary Ann Schacht, Sarah Smith, Kim Stilwell

: *Greeters today are*: Claude Churchwell, Barbara Gessner, June Mills, Jim Thomas

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: PLEASE DROP THIS BULLETIN IN THE RECYCLING BOX AS YOU EXIT. THANK YOU!  
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