

Morning Worship—March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday Holy Week begins

*Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor. *Please stand if able. It is our custom to sing, "Amen," after hymns.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND PROCESSION OF THE PALMS: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
(Chancel Choir & Children)

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 91)

Leader: Here, we prepare ourselves for the week that is holy, yet filled with unholy acts, words, and thoughts.

People: In this week of journey, people lose their way; in this week of betrayal, others find hope hidden in their hearts.

Leader: We will try to follow Jesus in the days to come, sustained by the Word of grace and life.

People: Joining the children. We wave palm branches with joy, while keeping nails ready if we need them.

Leader: The One who set aside glory, comes in humility; the One who offers life, will challenge death itself.

Everyone: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who opens the heart of God to us.

***HYMN OF WORSHIP 476** "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When things go well for us, we can easily sing loud hosannas, but the words turn to ashes in mouths full of anger and bitterness. We hide behind our palm branches, hoping you will not see the doubts we have about what you call us to do. We eagerly feast on your blessings, but are reluctant to offer even crumbs to those around us.

Forgive us, Lord. Now, more than ever, forgive us. May we be as eager to lay down our fears and doubts, our sins and pride, as we are to lay down our coats for you. May we praise you for your victory over death, as well as for the promise of resurrection to new life, the promise given to us in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Sung to "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded") #98

Take pity, Lord, I pray Thee, Thy mercy show to me, My Sins and my wrong-doing I now confess to Thee; From all of my transgressions Thou, Lord, hast set me free, Thy blood so precious shedding Upon the cruel tree. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: At his birth, Jesus comes bringing us hope. Entering Jerusalem, he brings us assurance. Walking to Calvary, he leads us to new life. All this was for us - so we could bend our knees before God in humility and praise. God's steadfast love endures forever.

People: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God! Amen.

GLORIA PATRI (579) **GREATOREX**, 1851
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.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Kent Shelton

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God our helper, show us Your ways, and teach us Your paths. By Your Holy Spirit, open our minds that we may be led in Your truth and taught Your will. Then may we praise You by listening to Your Word and by obeying it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALM (395/413) Psalm 31:9-16

ANTHEM "All In the April Evening" by H. Robertson

GOSPEL LESSON (762/801) John 12:12-16

EPISTLE (831/873) Philippians 2:5-11

SERMON "I Got the Power" Jackson Weller

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (See Apostle's Creed in Aids to Worship pew insert)

***HYMN OF WORSHIP 88** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offering in Music "I Stand All Amazed/Be Still My Soul" arr. Kevin Pace

Doxology 591 OLD HUNDREDTH

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

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (Lord's prayer see aids to worship pew insert)

***HYMN OF WORSHIP 447** "Lead On, O King Eternal"

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE 540, stanza 1 "God Be With You Til We Meet Again"

POSTLUDE "Toccata" by Andrew Gant

The palms that enhance our worship are given in loving memory of our parents,
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Riley Haynsworth, Jr. and Mr. & Mrs. Raymond T. Beale
by Harriet & Ray Beale

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We provide **nursery care** from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM and **Sunday School** for grades K-5 after Time for Young Disciples.

PASTORAL CONCERNS— Chlodine Bittner (Jackson Weller’s grandmother), William Copeland (Linda Copeland’s father), Dianne East, Marilyn East, Wes Snead (Mary Lou & George’s son), Tom West

ON THE MEND— Alice & Randolph Bradshaw, MD (Becky Meadema’s parents), Mrs. Helen Harris (Kathleen Harris’ mother), Tim Kernodle, Becky Meadema, Mack Williams, Nultie Wiseman

First Presbyterian is hosting the Community Services during Holy Week, March 26-30. A light lunch will be served at 12:30 each day. Help will be needed to set up, prepare, serve and clean up from 11 a.m.—1:30 a.m.

March 26	Dr. Ralph Hawkins	Averett University
March 27	Rev. Jennifer Coffey	Fairview United Methodist
March 28	Rev. Meredith Williams	Ascension Lutheran Church
March 29	Rev. Bruce Wilson	West Main Baptist
March 30	Rev. Bart Fletcher	Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church

Preaching Schedule

April 1st Joyce Perez
 April 8th Dr. Ramey
 April 15th Rev. Jacob Kave

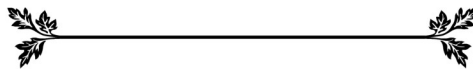
The Children will have an Easter Egg Hunt and Party Sunday April 1st at 10:30 in room 201. Please bring a basket.



SERVING TODAY

Nursery/Sunday School	H. Beale
Children’s Sunday School	R. Atkinson & C. Moore
	S. Weller/J. Stowe
Elders at Front Door	G. Hayes
Security & Side Door	Lisa Brown
Visitation	K. Dolianitis
Deacon to Receive Offering	Harriet Beale
Officers to Count Offering	Beale/Meadema
Church School Superintendent	Gail Davis
Liturgist	Becky Meadema
Time for Young Disciples	Kent Shelton
Sound System	Fred Baker
Ushers	Team 4
Flower Ministry	Evening Circle
Asst. Custodian	Ron Tanner
Childcare Specialists	Lea Smith, Kelley Fochler
Saturday Lunch Ministry March 31st	M. Bell/Outlook Class
Saturday Lunch Attendance 3/17	45

Jackson Weller is with us this morning. He serves as our Minister of Youth and Children. Please give Jackson a warm welcome as he brings the message this morning.



The Staff of First Presbyterian Church

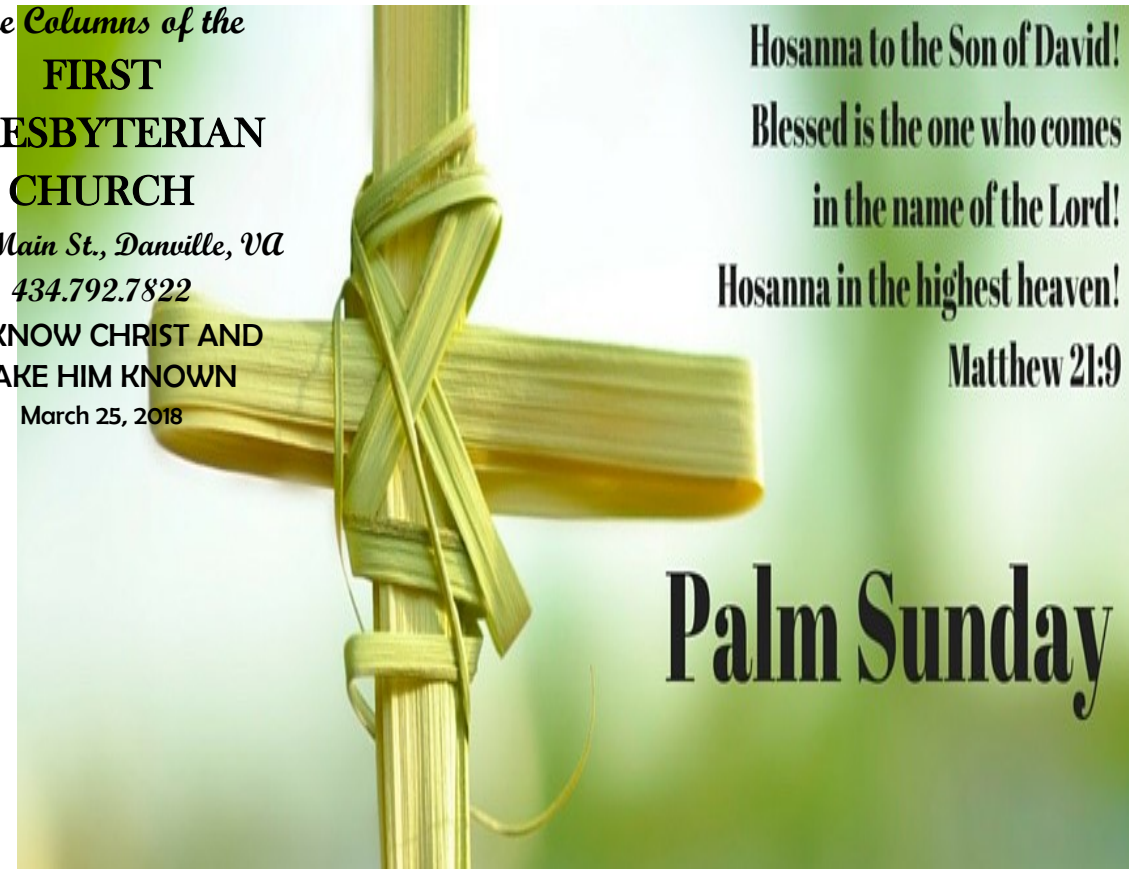
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TO KNOW CHRIST AND
 MAKE HIM KNOWN

March 25, 2018



Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!
Matthew 21:9

Palm Sunday

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

MONDAY, March 26

9:30 a.m.	Prayer Group
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
12:00 p.m.	Holy Week Service/Luncheon
4:30 p.m.	CE Committee
6:30 p.m.	Membership

TUESDAY, March 27

12:00 p.m.	Holy Week Service/Luncheon
5:15 p.m.	Handbells

WEDNESDAY, March 28

12:00 p.m.	Holy Week Service/Luncheon
6:00 p.m.	Youth

THURSDAY, March 29

12:00 p.m.	Holy Week Service/Luncheon
5:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, March 30

12:00 p.m.	Holy Week Service/Luncheon
All Day	Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, March 31

10:45 a.m.	Lunch Min. Bible Study
11:30 a.m.	Lunch Ministry

SUNDAY, April 1

9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School:
	Mid & High School, Rm 112
	Outlook Class, Rm 322
	Bible Fellowship, Library
	Seekers, Rm 109
11 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	Mid-worship K-2/3-5 SS