

Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Him Known

WORSHIP NOTES

Welcome to today's worship service. We are delighted that you are here. If you are visiting, we invite you to join by profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, by reaffirmation of faith, or by transfer. Please speak to the pastor after the service.

SERVING TODAY

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Ashley Stanley-Robey	Music Director
Patricia Taylor	Organist
David Parris	Sound
Bunny Hayes	Liturgist
C.B. Strange	Security, side door and offering
Kim Meadows	Greeter
Harriett Beale and Joan Reynolds	Sunday School

First Presbyterian Church

April 2, 2023

11 a.m.



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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to Noon

A Service for the Worship of God

GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

As you enter the sanctuary please end your conversations and respect those worshippers who seek quiet time for prayer and meditation. Please silence all electronic devices. If you need a hearing assistance device, please request one from the usher. Remaining seated is as worshipful a posture as standing. Please worship in a way that is comfortable for you.

PALM PROCESSIONAL *“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”* **GTG#197**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

Let Israel say, “His love endures forever!” and all who fear God say, “His love endures forever!”

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

With the Lord on our side, what can we fear? What can humankind do?

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

We shall triumph over those who surround us and stand in confidence in the Lord, our God!

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

The Lord is our strength and our might. The Lord has become our salvation!

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

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—adapted from Psalm 118

INVOCATION

Almighty God, on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let those branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Lord, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. In his name we pray. Amen

***HYMN** *“All Glory Laud and Honor”* **GTG#196**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday (4/3)

Women’s Circles

12:30 at the church

7 p.m. at Harriet Beale’s home

Tuesday (4/4)

Bell Choir at 5 p.m.

Ladies Night Out Supper at 6 p.m.

Wednesday (4/5)

NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Thursday (4/6)

NO BIBLE STUDY

Maundy Thursday Dinner at 6 p.m. followed by a worship service at 6:40

Saturday (4/8)

Saturday Lunch Ministry at 11:30 a.m.

Sunday (4/9)

Easter Egg Hunt prior to worship

Easter Sunday with Communion



Abukloi

We Can Do It!

ARE YOU OR YOUR CONGREGATION INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING AN INTERNATIONAL MISSION...?

What is Abukloi...?

Founded in 2010 to help rebuild a country torn by war and poverty, the **Abukloi Foundation** supports a secondary school designed to "...preserve, create and disseminate knowledge and dignity of individuals through quality and relevant teaching..."

How can I help...?

In the coming months, Angelo Maker, the founder of Abukloi, will visit the six Neighborhoods of the Presbytery to join in fellowship and share the vision and progress of Abukloi as it seeks to build "...human communities of love, honesty, justice and harmony..."

Where can I learn more...?

Please join members of the Justice & Mercy Commission South Sudan Subcommittee and Angelo Maker at one of the upcoming Neighborhood gatherings to share in a sampling of delicious South Sudanese food and hear of the opportunities to ensure Abukloi and its school become the self-sustaining institutions the region needs...

When...?

RSVP BY MONDAY, APRIL 10: Joe Wilson jowilson@aol.com 540-969-7394 Abukloi website: abukloi.org



The first gathering will be **Saturday, April 15 at 1pm**
 Southside Neighborhood
First Presbyterian Church
Danville
 937 Main Street
 Danville, VA 24541

UNISON PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

Triumphant Lord, We rejoice in your entry into the world and into our lives! With the crowds we sing your praises and exalt your reign, but even so, our hearts are far from true worship, our minds are distant from true understanding. We are disappointed with your humility, we are uninspired by your selflessness. Our sin leads us to give you death even though you give us life. Our treachery guides us to war even though you call us to peace. Help us to reflect in our lives the glory of your Son and to live faithfully here and now. Have mercy on us, Savior of all, find us in these forsaken places. Forgive what we have done and who we have been. Bring us home again and impart within us a new song of joy and celebration.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

Light has come to you. Your light has come and it has erased the darkness. Now we can walk and work in the light. You are loved by God and called to God's service. AMEN.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

Leader: Let us, the children of God, stand and greet each other with cupped hands filled with God's blessings and remain standing for the "Gloria Patri".

RESPONSE

"Gloria Patri"

*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.*

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Children should come forward for a blessing as they leave with their teachers)

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, sovereign over power and pain, glorious triumph and deep disappointment, we enter this Holy Week bringing our tithes and offerings to your altar and leaving them here in the hope you will use them to make the world a more loving and compassionate place. We are reminded through the scripture that you sent two of your disciples out to make the world ready for your coming: "Go into the village . . . find the donkey . . . tell them the lord has need." Remind us that your kingdom breaks into the world not as a spectacle for us to witness but as a parade where we are called to make a working contribution. We pray in the name of the one who comes not just for the parade, but for the cross at the end of it. Amen.

OFFERTORY

"Lift High the Cross"

by S.H. Nicholson, arr. C. Dobrinski

DOXOLOGY

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"
M. Bridges & G. Elvey, arr. Dobrinski

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 49:1–6, John 9:1–41 (ESV)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Merciful God, as we enter Holy week, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Stir up within us the gift of faith that we may not only praise him with our lips, but may follow him in the way of the cross.

—written by John Paarlberg, retired minister of Word and Sacrament

SERMON

"One Thing I Know"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

GTG#833

SENDING LITANY

This is a vision of the way it can be, the way it should be—
Shouts of welcome, a joyful procession,
a community celebrating together.

**The same vision is offered to us today:
We can welcome Christ into our lives;
We can celebrate his transforming power.**

How swiftly things changed back then,
How swiftly we, too, can be distracted.

**May we hold fast to his vision of goodness—
Peace from the practice of justice,
equality from the practice of respect.**

As this week unfolds,

**We will let ourselves be overtaken by God's love
We will pour it back out into the world.**

POSTLUDE

"Fanfare for a King"

David Paxton

BENEDICTION

The palms that enhance our worship are given in
loving memory of our parents
Charles and Harriet Haynsworth and
Raymond and Lula Mae Beale
by Ray and Harriet Beale.