

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
Palm Sunday

April 2, 202311:00 AM

Welcome and AnnouncementsRev. Dr. Lynn Miller

GATHERING

Processional Hymn #196“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Call to WorshipNancy McElroy
After Jesus was proclaimed in the streets of Jerusalem, he went into the Temple and looked around at everything.
As we gather here for worship today may it be with a sense that Jesus has walked in here, and is looking around.
May our eyes be open to see him,
may our hearts be ready to be seen by him,
may our worship be worthy of his presence,
and may we be transformed so that we see the world through His eyes.

*Hymn of Praise #197“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”
~~Please bring your Lenten Prayer Slips forward during this hymn~~

*Call to ConfessionNancy McElroy

*Prayer of Confession
Lord Jesus Christ, when our words and actions reflect a reluctance to confess you publicly as Lord of our lives: Forgive us, we pray.
When we have betrayed your love for us through our lack of love for you, for others, and for ourselves: Forgive us, we pray.
When we find ourselves glossing over the events of your passion and death because the world says Easter is just a time to enjoy holidays and have fun:
Forgive us, we pray.
When we should see the sadness on your face, even as we shout our hosannas: Forgive us, we pray.
Lord Jesus Christ, fix your mind in us;
remake us in your likeness;
empty us of all that hinders us from following you even to where pain and suffering and injustice exist.
Gracious and loving God, forgive us, we pray, and empower us with the Holy Spirit, giving us strength and courage for the days ahead.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon
Hear the good news: Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Friends, believe the good news.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*Gloria Patri #581
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.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

AnthemChancel Choir
“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (Appalachian Folk Melody)
When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most – I sacrifice them to His blood.
See, from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, O thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm a nature of mine, That were a present far too small:
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

First ReadingPsalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (Pew Bible OT p.565)

Second ReadingMatthew 21:1-11 (Pew Bible NT p.23)
The Word of God, for us, the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon“Hosanna”Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith(A Brief Statement of Faith, 11.2)
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Prayers of the Peopleconcluding with the Lord’s Prayer

Service of Giving

Offertory“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” (Hayes)David Thompson

*Doxology #606
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

*Hymn #216“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

*Charge and BenedictionRev. Dr. Lynn Miller

*Postlude“Ride On, O King, Ride On” (Martin)Rita Harmon

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\*Please stand, in body or in spirit.

The arrangement in worship today is given for the glory of God and in loving memory of my parents’ birthdays, Roy Wiseman & Faye Ballew by Dean & Renee Wiseman.

Please remember in prayer:  
Nancy Smith; Hugh Fincher; Tommy Bedenbaugh & family; our neighbors experiencing homelessness; a friend facing heart surgery; Lea Wilson; Missy Wirthman; Don Berry; Joy Clemmer; Buck Jolley; Wyatt Aiken; Emma June; Dave Newkirk; Carl Raleigh.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next week’s lectionary readings are:  
Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18.

Wednesday Night Supper  
There will be no Wednesday night meal/program this week, April 5 due to Spring Break.

Prayer Slips  
During the season of Lent, you will find prayer slips in the bulletin. You are invited to write your prayer concerns and requests on those slips, come to the cross during the first hymn, and place your prayer on one of the nails in the cross. Our prayers will be gathered throughout the season.

Confirmation Class  
We rejoice with Leah Miller, Layla Lemmonds, and Taylor Miller as they completed Confirmation Class last week, met with the Session, and were received into full membership in the church. Taylor, Layla, and Leah talked with the Session about what they have learned about the Presbyterian Church, what they believe, how they plan to continue growing their faith, and how they plan to be part of the life of this congregation. We welcome Layla, Leah and Taylor as they make this commitment to Christ and his church. We thank their Confirmation sponsors Hazel Hubbard, Becky Wheeler, and Michelle Jolly.

Bible 101  
We conclude our birds' eye view of the Bible on Tuesday, April 4, looking at the General Epistles and Revelation. Join us at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

An Odd Couple: Jonah and Ruth: A new class

We began a new adult study on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:45. The class will use the Kerygma resource written by Carol J. Miller, a Methodist elder. We will explore “long ago and far away” stories of an unusual prophet named Jonah and of a faithful daughter-in-law named Ruth. What do Jonah and Ruth have in common? Why are they linked together in this study and called “an odd couple”? All are welcome to join us on Sunday mornings in the parlor at 9:45.

New Church Directory

We have begun to compile a new church directory. You should have received an email with a link to complete a Google form. You can also get a hard copy of the form in the church office. The form will also include a schedule for taking photos to include in the directory.

Flowers for the Cross

Please bring flowers for our Easter cross on Saturday, April 8. You can leave them at the breezeway doors at the Limestone St. entrance.

THIS WEEK IN CHURCH HISTORY

**April 2, 1978:** Episcopal Canon Mary Simpson of New York speaks from the pulpit of Westminster Abbey in London, the first ordained woman to preach there.  
**April 5, 1803:** The first complete performance of Beethoven’s oratorio Christ on the Mount of Olives takes place in Vienna.  
**April 5, 1956:** East German authorities dynamite ruins of the Ulrich church in Magdeburg, despite Christian protests. Religious leaders’ plans to rebuild the historic sanctuary are ignored. It dates back to 1023 but has been damaged in the war.

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

**Sunday, April 2**  
9:45 AM Sunday School – Parlor  
9:45 AM Children’s Sunday School  
10:15 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room  
11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live  
**Tuesday, April 4**  
6:30 PM Bible Study - FLC  
**Thursday, April 6**  
6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service – FLC  
**Friday, April 7**  
12:00 PM Good Friday Service – Chapel  
**Saturday, April 8**  
6:00 – 8:00 PM Chapel open for individual prayer  
**Sunday, April 9 Easter**  
9:45 AM Sunday School – Parlor  
9:45 AM Children’s Sunday School  
10:15 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room  
11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live

Upcoming  
April 11 – Circle 1

NEXT STEPS

- ☐ Plan to be at Sunday School for the study of Jonah and Ruth
- ☐ Pick up a hard copy of the LimeLight
- ☐ Complete and return your Church Directory Form
- ☐ Contribute to our hymnbook loan program (see 3/26 LimeLight for more information)
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Praying for Our Congregation

We are praying for every member of our church family. Each week we invite you to pray for particular members. This week we are praying for:

Whitny Blanton  
Mac Carroll

QR code for electronic contributions:



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WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF A LOVING GOD,  
GATHERING, GROWING, GIVING, AND GOING TO SERVE,  
TOGETHER



Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, miniature from Armenian gospel, folio 7 verso. Armenian Museum, Isfahan, Iran.

Palm Sunday

Now to the gate of my Jerusalem,  
The seething holy city of my heart,  
The saviour comes. But will I welcome him?  
Oh crowds of easy feelings make a start;  
They raise their hands, get caught up in the singing,  
And think the battle won. Too soon they’ll find  
The challenge, the reversal he is bringing  
Changes their tune. I know what lies behind  
The surface flourish that so quickly fades;  
Self-interest, and fearful guardedness,  
The hardness of the heart, its barricades,  
And at the core, the dreadful emptiness  
Of a perverted temple. Jesus come  
Break my resistance and make me your home.  
--Malcolm Guite