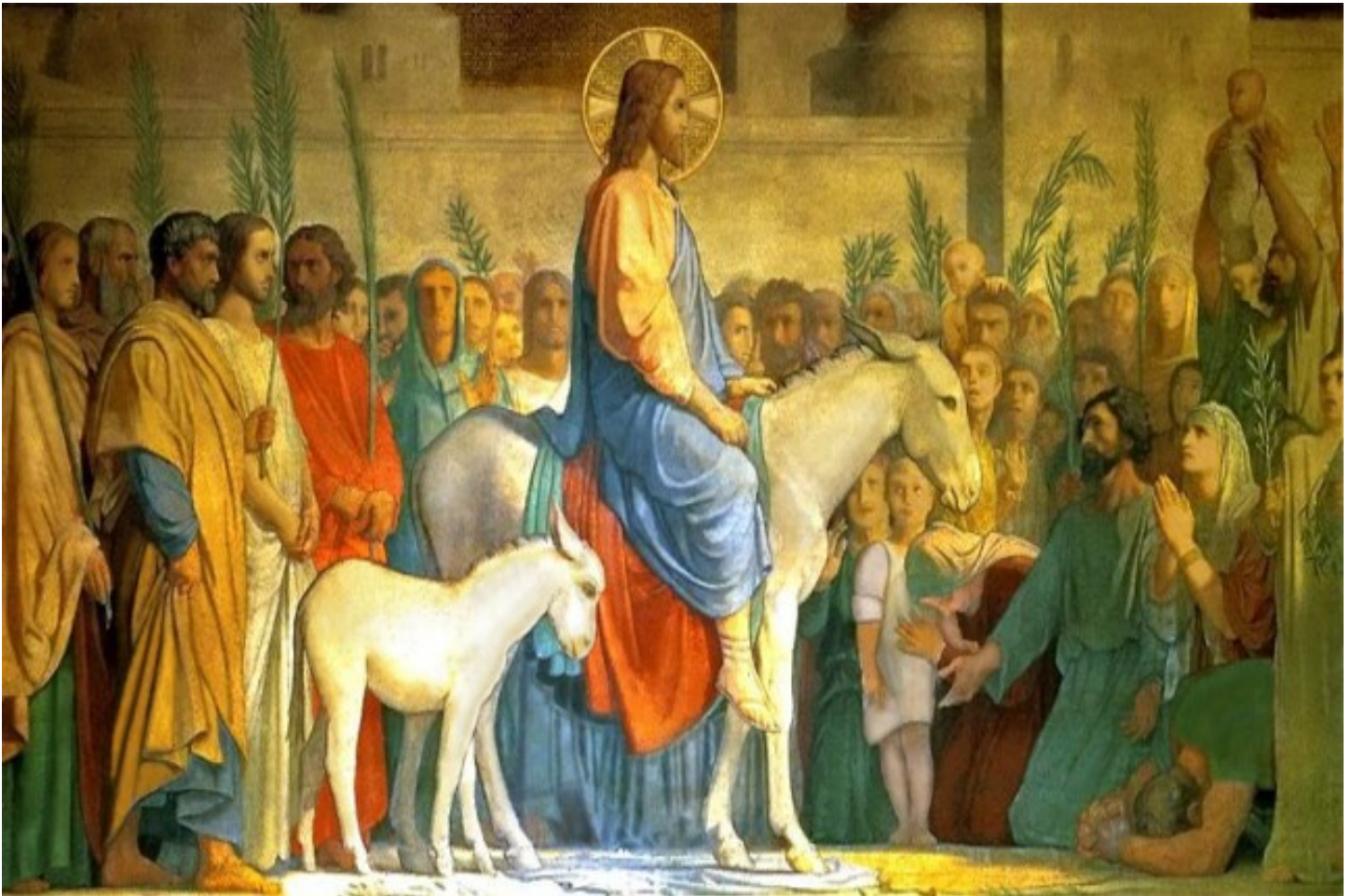


Service of Worship
April 2, 2023 | 10AM
Palm Sunday



Entry into Jerusalem by Jean-Hippolyte Flandrin, ca. 1842.

First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Wilson, NC

First Christian Church at Worship

April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

† *At this sign you are invited to rise in body or spirit.*

CH indicates Chalice Hymnal (red hymn book)

CP indicates Chalice Praise (purple hymn book)

Gathering In Fellowship Together

Welcome and Announcements

Theresa Mathis

Chiming of the Trinity

† Call To Worship

Carol Steffa

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

Response: God has done this, and it is marvelous to our eyes!

† Processional Hymn

All Glory, Laud and Honor

CH #192

All glory, laud, and honor, to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
You are a child of Israel, Great David's greater son;
you ride in lowly triumph, Messiah, blessed one!

The company of angels are praising You on high,
and we with all creation in chorus make reply.
The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before You we present.
To You before your passion they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
As You received their praises, now hear us as we pray.
Since you delight in goodness, rule in our hearts today.

† Praying Together

led by Carol Steffa

**God of all things, we gather today and add our
"Hosanna" to that of all your people as we begin this holy
week. Open our eyes that we might see, and open our ears
that we can hear, and open our hearts that we might truly ex-**

perience, with your Son, this week of glory and sadness and pain. Help us to worship you in spirit and truth, for we pray this in the name of Jesus, your Son, amen.

Anthem

Chancel Choir and Kids Praise

Antiphonal Hosanna by Alan Smith

Hosanna! Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord!

Children's Moment

Jeannette Etheridge

Following the Children's Moment, children pre k-3rd grade are invited to attend Children's Sunday School in the Education Building.

Prayer Concerns

Melissa Denton

Silent Prayer

(please use this time to pray for each person on the prayer list, for our homebound, and for your personal concerns)

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Jamie Brame

(at the end of each prayer section, the minister will say, "God in your mercy;" the response will be, "Hear our prayer.")

Hymn of Prayer

Jesus, Remember Me

CH #569

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Scripture and Response

Matthew 21: 1-11

Carol Steffa

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Jesus, the Prophet from Nazareth

Rev. Brame

Hymn of Response

Jesus, What a Beautiful Name

CP #59

vs 1 Encounter, vs 2 & 3 ALL

*(Encounter) vs 1—Jesus, what a beautiful name,
Son of God, Son of man, lamb that was slain,
joy and peace, strength and hope,
grace that blows all fear away. Jesus, what a beautiful name.*

*(ALL) vs 2—Jesus, what a beautiful name,
truth revealed, my future sealed, healed my pain,
love and freedom, life and warmth,
grace that blows all fear away. Jesus, what a beautiful name.*

(ALL) vs 3—Jesus, what a beautiful name,
rescued my soul, my stronghold, lifts me from shame,
forgiveness, security, power, and love,
grace that blows all fear away. Jesus, what a beautiful name.

Invitation to Offering

Rev. Brame

Offertory

Above All by Michael W. Smith

Encounter

Above all powers, Above all kings
Above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
You were here before the world began

Crucified, laid behind a stone
You lived to die, rejected and alone
Like a rose, trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me
Above all

Above all kingdoms , above all thrones
Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure what You're worth

†Doxology

sung to HAMBURG

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

†Blessing of the Gifts

Rev. Brame

Invitation to Communion

Rev. Brame

Communion Prayer

Melissa Denton

Words of Institution

Rev. Brame

Music for Communion

Casey Childers, organ

The Lord's Prayer

led by Rev. Brame

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. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

†Hymn of Invitation

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

CH #191

Ride on, ride on in majesty! As all the crowds hosanna cry;
through waving branches slowly ride, O Savior, to be crucified.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, your triumph now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! The angel armies of sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Your last and fiercest foe defy;
bow your meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, your power and reign.

†Saying the Prayer by The Elders

led by Melissa Denton

Almighty God, your love sets us free to truly love and grow.

Thank you for our church with its caring, compassionate, and serving family.

Kindle within our hearts, an underlying gratitude for strength and hope.

Give us the power to imagine our future and the courage to honor our past.

Help us build on our past, as we work together as one body.

Grant us wisdom and foresight to remain faithful during the course of our journey.

Raise up in a transformational pastor an inner longing to hear our call to ministry. We delight in the leadership of your spirit, Lord, as you consider the desires of our hearts for the one who shall be our shepherd. AMEN

†Pastor's Blessing

Rev. Brame

Postlude

Casey Childers, organ

The Royal Banners Go Forth arr. James Biery

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Easter Lily Tributes - Easter Sunday, April 9

A large Easter Lily arrangement will be placed in the worship space on Easter Sunday, April 9, to honor and memorialize our loved ones. If you would like to place a tribute "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" a loved one that will be acknowledged in the church bulletin on Easter Sunday, send your \$10 donation to the church office no later than Wednesday, April 5 or place in the offering tray during the Sunday services. Please make checks payable to First Christian Church and note the donation is for the *Easter Lily Tribute*.

Given by:

In Memory of:

or

In Honor of:

Donation Amount Attached \$ _____



Holy Week at First Christian

Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 7PM

Join us in the sanctuary as we remember the Last Supper and the Garden of Gethsemane. Music will be offered by the Chancel Choir and Encounter as we worship around holy communion.

Good Friday, April 7 2PM at First Presbyterian

Continuing our community Lenten walk to Golgotha, will be a service of worship comprised of ministers and musicians from all over the community!

Easter Sunday, April 9

As you arrive for worship, help us “flower the cross” - bring flowers from your yard, Harris Teeter, whichever is your delight, and place them on the cross which will be by the church bell. Our 10AM worship service will be bursting with hallelujahs as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ! Easter Lily tributes will be shared in the worship bulletin and the 2023 Easter Offering will be received. Then, stay after and watch as the young ones enjoy a traditional Easter Egg Hunt!

Baptism Announcement

With open hearts, members of the Pastor’s Class will make the commitment to follow Jesus Christ and be baptized. Rilee Jones, Reagan Jones and Graci Brown will be baptized on April 9, Easter Sunday. Jefferson Lee Whitley and Ethan Robert Strickland will be baptized on April 23rd. Please join them as they take their next step with Christ and profess their faith.

In Our Prayers

Peggy Anderson; Melissa Balazsi; Donahue Bottoms, Jr. (Dalen Bottoms’ son); Sherry Brenner; Win Craft (friend of Wendy & Brian Wingate); Allan Daniell; Rev. Carnie Hedgepeth; Lynn Hinson; Emily Johnson (Myra Powell’s mother); Ronnie Langley; LaRue Massey (Kathy Sandifer's friend); Shelton McNair, Jr. (Mary Louise Gray’s nephew); Henry and Sue Newcomb; Isaac Perry; Jerrell Pritchett; Alesha Respass; Janet Robbins; Troy and Leigh Ann Tatum; Phil & Sue Winstead; Kristy Wisniewski (friend of Christy Proctor & Melissa Denton); Our Pastoral Search Committee.

Homebound

Jim Boswell; Dalen Bottoms; Sherry Brenner; Hazel Byers; Gilbert Ferrell; J.R. Gordon; Judy Harris; Nan Owens; Doug Ramsey; Lenore Smith; Alice Thomas; Charlotte Wallace; A.J. Walston; John and Mabel Whitley

Church Calendar

Today, April 2 Palm Sunday

10:00am Worship
11:00am Disciples Class
11:11am Sunday Morning **LIVE**

Monday, April 3

10:00am Mobile Music Ministry with AJ Walston,
Room 211 at The Landing
5:30PM Facilities and Maintenance

Tuesday, April 4

2:00PM CWF in the Parlor
4:00pm Barton College Light of Life Lecture Series in Howard Chapel
5:30pm Encounter
6:30pm Chalice Ringers

Wednesday, April 5

11:00am Staff Meeting
5:30pm Kids and Youth Programs
7:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 6

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 7

2:00pm Community Good Friday Service at First Presbyterian Church

April 9 Easter Sunday

10:00am Worship
11:00am Disciples Class
11:00am Easter Egg Hunt

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