



# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Passion/Palm Sunday

March 29, 2015

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*God Most High, gracious and glorious,  
blessed is the one who comes in your name.  
Lead us now on the road to the cross.  
May we follow with faithfulness and joy,  
shouting hosanna in the highest heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*GATHERING AND PROCESSION

### \*SONG OF PRAISE

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*  
ELLACOMBE

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### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God our Redeemer,  
we confess that we are people of ashes and dust.  
We join the parade and shout hosanna,  
then deny our Lord in his hour of need.  
We wave the palms and sing praise, then hand our Savior over to die.  
Forgive us, God of grace. Our lives are in your hand—deliver us from evil.  
Save us, by your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

### \*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

...In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God.**

**\*THE PEACE**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

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Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

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

LIGHTING THE SIXTH LENTEN CANDLE

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 118:19-26

Hal Hopson

**Refrain**



Bless-ed, yes, bless-ed is the One who now comes.



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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

READERS THEATER                      *Who Do You See?*                      Valerie Van Kooten  
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ANTHEM                                      *Blessed Is He*                                      Jay Althouse

MESSAGE                                      *We Love a Parade*                                      Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH                      *O Christ, the Great Foundation*                                      361  
AURELIA

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

How do you understand the love and power of God?

**Through Jesus Christ.**

**In his life of compassion, his death on the cross,**

**and his resurrection from the dead,**

**I see how vast is God's love for the world—**

**a love that is ready to suffer for our sakes,**

**yet so strong that nothing will prevail against it.**

*Adapted from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Study Catechism, Question 8*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer                                      Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY                      *My Song Is Love Unknown*                      Charles Callahan

\*DOXOLOGY                      *All Praise to the Father*                                      300, v. 4

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

DEDICATION PRAYER

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG      *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*                      618  
DEO GRACIAS

\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION      *As in That Entrance to Jerusalem*

\*POSTLUDE              *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*              Healey Willan

\*Those who are able may stand.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

**Lectionary Readings** for April 5: Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for March is **rice**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

**Hearing-assistance** devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the ushers.

**Ushers** for today's service are Larry and Lisa Upton.

Our **Maundy Thursday** service will take place at 7:00 P.M. on April 2 in Fellowship Hall.

Join us at 9:30 A.M. on **Easter** Sunday—April 5—for a potluck breakfast and an Easter egg hunt for the kids. The sign-up sheet for the potluck is in the hallway. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper as well as our Lord Jesus Christ's resurrection in worship at 10:55 A.M. Invite your friends & family!

You can participate in a **fundraiser** for our kids to go to camp! No cookies, magazines, popcorn, or light bulbs are involved... Simply take an envelope of your choosing off the bulletin board, place the suggested amount of money (cash or check) in it, and put it in the offering plate or turn it in to the office! Church camp continues to be one of the best places for children and youth to grow in faith. We appreciate your help!

As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week. This week we pray for Brunei, Malaysia & Singapore. We give thanks for the many species of plants and animals which are found in these countries and nowhere else; for better economies and opportunities for employment; for the religious and cultural diversity of Singapore, and for the many traditions in Singapore which make up the body of Christ. We pray for religious groups who are oppressed despite official freedom of religion; for Chinese inhabitants of Brunei who have been denied citizenship and face discrimination; for the poor of Brunei, that they gain access to the means necessary to sustain and nourish themselves; for peace among the many ethnic groups within these countries; for the protection and encouragement of religious freedom; for political reforms and democratization in Malaysia; for the respectful use of natural resources and sustainable practices; and for women, who in some of these countries are treated as second-class citizens.

**SUNDAY**

**March 29**

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service (Begins in Fellowship Hall)

**TUESDAY**

**March 31**

7:00 P.M. – Christian Education Meeting

**WEDNESDAY**

**April 1**

12:00 P.M. – Lenten Service at First Baptist Church

3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club

5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir

6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY**

**April 2**

10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in Library

7:00 P.M. – Maundy Thursday Service in Fellowship Hall

**SUNDAY**

**April 5**

9:30 A.M. – Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service with Communion