

*Palm
Sunday*





Order of Worship

March 29, 2015

9:15 am

Palm Sunday — **The Way** —

Welcome

Opening our Hearts to Worship Here is Our King
Only King Forever

Scripture Reading Luke 19:28-40

Parade of Palms

*Children and Adults are invited to take a Palm
and wave it as we sing*

Song of Praise Hosanna Praise is Rising

Call to Worship

Let us stay with the Hosannas for a while
Let them keep ringing in our ears

**Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the
name of the Lord**

Instead of rushing on to hear the cries that came later

in the week

Let us stay with the Hosannas

Maybe once we have heard those in a new way
we will be ready to make the rest of the journey

**A journey that was hastened
and given new purpose
by those Hosannas**

For those Hosannas were not simply the innocent cries
of palm branch waving children

**Those Hosannas were the war cries of adults
tired of the oppression
of occupying forces**

Those hosannas were the hopeful cries
of a nation seeking liberation.

**Those Hosannas
were an investment of hope
in one they thought would deliver.**

Those Hosannas that we have sanitized over the years
rang out in clear insurrection sealing the fate
of one who rode on a donkey.

So, let us stay with the Hosannas.

Hosanna

**Blessed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord.**

Passing of the Peace

Offertory King of Glory

Message Carol McEntyre

“The Way” Becomes More Difficult

The Road Ahead

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end.
Nor do I really know myself,
and the fact that I think that I am following your will
does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you does, in
fact, please you.
And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that
desire.
And I know that if I do this you
will lead me by the right road
though I may know nothing about it.
Therefore will I trust you always
though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of
death.
I will not fear, for you are ever with me,
and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

A Time of Silence

Our Lord is on a Journey (Meditation)

Song of Reflection The Wonderful Cross

Song of Commitment You Never Let Go

Benediction

Announcements

Sign-Up for a time to walk the Labyrinth

On Thursday, April 2, the labyrinth will be open from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Sign up for a 30 minute time slot on the sign-up sheet in the hallway outside the sanctuary. The labyrinth is a path which leads, via a circuitous route, to the center of an intricate design and back out again. Often during prayer, we get distracted, Labyrinths help us focus as we pray and walk.

CBF Global Missions Offering

From Miami, China, New York, Ukraine and dozens of places in between, you will find God working and changing lives through Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) ministries. The CBF Offering for Global Missions provides funding for the powerful ministries of more than 130 CBF field personnel. First Baptist will be collecting money to support the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Global Missions projects **April 5- 26**. To give, simply indicate CBF Global Missions on your check and place your offering in one of the specially marked mission envelopes.

Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday — March 29

Remembering Christ's entry into Jerusalem - a parade along "the way." We will gather at 10:20 am on the front patio, distribute palms, and walk downtown to worship on Broadway with other downtown churches.

Maundy Thursday — April 2

This Holy Day is remembered for the last supper that Jesus shared with his disciples. The labyrinth will be available (by reservation) in our Fellowship Hall from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm for a time of personal meditation. Sign up in the hallway outside the sanctuary.

Good Friday — April 3, 7:00 pm

Worship together in memory of Christ's betrayal and crucifixion. Through scripture, spoken word, music and meditation, we experience the suffering and sadness that must occur before the joy of Easter.

Easter Schedule

Easter Egg Hunt — April 4

Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am for activities and treats, along with an egg hunt out on the lawn!

Easter Sunday — April 5, The Celebration of Life

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| 8:15 am | Youth Sunrise Service
on the Front Lawn |
| 8:45 am | Breakfast
(hallway outside the sanctuary) |
| 9:15 am | Awakening Worship |
| 10:15 am | Sunday morning small groups |
| 11:15 am | Traditional Worship |

Announcements

Sunday Schedule for Youth and College/ Young Adult Bible Study for Easter Season

March 22

No Calling or College/ Young Adult Bible Study Sunday Night (Spring Break)

March 29

Youth Morning Small Groups will not meet; we will join the congregation for the Ecumenical Palm Sunday Service on Broadway.

The Calling meets at 5:00 pm (we will be working on preparations for the Sunrise Service.

College/ Young Adult will meet for a special Passover lesson and meal from 6:30-8:00 pm

April 5

No Calling or College/ Young Adult (Easter)

April 12

Regular schedule resumes for both The Calling and College/ Young Adult Bible Study

Announcements

The Gift of Years — A Discussion About Growing Older Gracefully

The Gift of Years will be co-facilitated by Bob Russell and Carol McEntyre on Tuesdays at noon over lunch, beginning **April 7 to May 17** in the parlor. In The Gift of Years, Catholic nun, activist and author, Joan Chittister, who is now in her 70s, examines how it feels “to be facing that time of life for which there is no career plan.” This study is open to people of all ages. The book will be on sale in the church office and before and after worship in the hallway outside the Sanctuary for \$10.

Serving the City is back!

April 25

The Serving Team is offering our First Baptist family the opportunity to get involved in supporting our community and ministry partners with a day of serving on **Saturday, April 25** from 9:00 am to noon. We will meet at the church that morning for some words of instruction and encouragement and then head out to our ministry sites for the morning. We want to encourage all of our members and friends to join us as we seek to serve the needs of our community. We have tried to include a ministry opportunity for all ages and abilities. Watch for projects and sign up info on the board outside the sanctuary in the weeks to come.

Week-At-A-Glance

Sunday, March 29

9:15 am Awakening Worship
Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour
Various Classrooms, 2nd floor

10:20 am Palm Sunday Worship with Downtown Churches
(Meet on the front patio to walk together.)

11:15 am Traditional Worship
Sanctuary

4:00 pm Youth Ensemble
Sanctuary

5:00 pm The Calling
Youth Suite

5:00 pm African Worship
Fellowship Hall

6:30 - 8:00 pm College and Young Adult Bible Study
Youth Suite

Monday, March 30

SPIRE DEADLINE

9:00 am Senior Yoga
Parlor

6:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal
Fellowship Hall

Week-At-A-Glance

Wednesday, April 1

5:30 pm Psalm Players

6:30 pm Chancel Bells

7:30 pm Chancel Choir
Sanctuary

Thursday, April 2

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Labyrinth Open - By Reservation
Fellowship Hall

11:45 am CDC Grandfriends
Child Development Center

Friday, April 3

7:00 pm Good Friday Worship
Sanctuary

Saturday, April 4

10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt
Fellowship Hall/Front Lawn

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5:00 pm African Worship
Fellowship Hall

Nursery: (ages birth-three) located on the first floor outside the sanctuary and is available from 9:15-12:15 while parents are in worship or Sunday Morning Small Groups.

Extended Session: children ages 3- 5 including kindergarten may be dropped off during both worship services in the nursery for extended session, an extension of First Kids Sunday School.

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

First Kids Sunday School (3 year olds through 5th grade) is on the third floor.

Youth Bible Study (grades 6-12) is on the third floor.

Adult Small Groups:

Discussion Class in the Parlor on the second floor.

Faith Forum in the second floor classroom, next to the elevator.

Community Small Group in the library on the second floor.

First Baptist Church partners in mission with the American Baptist Churches, USA, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and Alliance of Baptists.

For those who may prefer a more traditional worship experience, First Baptist Church offers a traditional worship at 11:15 a.m. each Sunday morning in the Sanctuary.

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