



Palm Sunday



Our Worship of God

March 20, 2016

9:15 am

Palm Sunday

– The Beauty of the Cross –

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (responsive)

Leader: Gathering for worship today,
we are like the crowd that lined the streets,
witnessing your entry into Jerusalem.

Some of us gather here, full of enthusiasm.

Some of us gather wearied by what life has thrown at us.

Some of us have come out of curiosity.

Some of us out of habit.

Some of us gather with great expectation.

Some of us with no particular hopes.

*It is here, O God, that you meet us and greet us and, if we will
allow,*

it is here that you surprise us with your love and your grace.

***So open our heavy eyes, and tired minds,
steal into our closed hearts and surprise us today with joy.***

*Quell those unrealistic expectations,
but open us to the possibility of hope*

and allow us to glimpse the goodness of your purpose for us.

Leader: Even when we cannot name it ourselves
you know what ails us.
we submit to your knowledge of us
and we open ourselves to the need for your forgiveness,
a forgiveness that comes freely and abundantly.

So with cleansed hearts and open minds,
we join in the cry.

Hosanna!

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

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Hosanna in the highest.

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Opening Our Hearts Through Song/
Movement to the Cross

The River

Song of Celebration

The Happy Song

Invitation To Pass The Peace of Christ

Gospel Reading

Luke 19:28-44

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"
Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your

disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God."

Song of Declaration

Here Is Our King

Song of Rejoicing

Hello My Name Is

Offertory Sentence

Offertory - Special Music

Trust In You

Message

"On A Scale of 1-10"

Dr. Mike Graves

Song of Response

There Will Be A Day

Benediction (unison)

***Blessed is the one
who comes to us
by the way of love
poured out with abandon.***

Blessed is the one

*who walks toward us
by the way of grace
that holds us fast.
Blessed is the one
who calls us to follow
in the way of blessing,
in the path of joy.*

Going To Serve

Worship Notes

Call to Worship

Written by Rev. E. Crumlsh of Castlehill Church, Ayr. Posted on the Church of Scotland's Starters for Sunday website.

Benediction

"Blessing for Palm Sunday" Written by Jan. L. Richardson, and posted on The Painted Prayerbook.

Guest Pastor: Mike Graves

Mike was born in Houston, Texas, where he attended college at the University of Houston. After graduation he attended seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, getting his Master of Divinity and PhD there before moving to Kansas City back in 1989. He thought it would only be a two-year teaching appointment at one of the area's four seminaries, but twenty-something years later he is still here in the Midwest, and on faculty at Saint Paul School of Theology. Mike and his wife have three grown children, one grandchild, and several grand dogs. Mike served as the Interim Pastor here at First Baptist in 1997.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 20

9:15 am Awakening Worship

Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Small Groups

Various Classrooms

10:20 am Downtown Palm Sunday Service

meet on the Patio

11:15 am Traditional Worship

Sanctuary

4:00 pm Youth Ensemble

Sanctuary

5:00 pm The Calling

Youth Suite

5:00 pm African Worship Service

(in Swahili)

Fellowship Hall

8:00 pm College and Young Adults

3rd Floor

Monday, March 21

Spire Deadline

9:00 am Senior Yoga

Parlor

1:00 pm Bible Study

Parlor

Wednesday, March 23

6:00 pm Financial Peace University

Conference Room

5:30 pm Psalm Players

6:30 pm Chancel Bells

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Sanctuary

Week at a Glance

Thursday, March 24

6:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 25

7:00 pm Good Friday Service

Fellowship Hall

Saturday, March 26

10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt

Fellowship Hall / Front Lawn

Sunday, March 27

8:15 am Youth Sunrise Service

Front Steps

8:45 am Annual Easter Breakfast

Fellowship Hall

9:15 am Awakening Worship

Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Small Groups

Various Classrooms

11:15 am Traditional Worship

Sanctuary

5:00 pm African Worship Service

(in Swahili)

Fellowship Hall

Announcements

Today we will participate in the Ecumenical Downtown Palm Sunday service. Meet at 10:20 am on the patio to walk together. Abby Hartsfield will provide a full lesson for the children, during the 10:15 hour. If parents would like to take their children to walk downtown, they may do so, and then bring them to the third floor for the remainder of the hour.

Holy Week

This week we will move from Lent into Holy Week and the celebration of Easter. Holy Week is the most significant time of remembrance and celebration for the church. In this troubling week, Jesus entered Jerusalem, shared a meal with his friends, prayed in the garden, was denied, tried, and crucified. It is a reminder of the tragedy that Christ endured for all people. This is a time that we must experience anew if we are to understand the joy of Easter. Please read through the following Holy Week activities and worship opportunities.

Good Friday

On March 25, we will gather for worship in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm. This most meaningful service reminds us of the suffering and pain that Christ endured during the crucifixion. We will gather around the cross, as we have during Lent, for a time of communion, prayer and reflection.

Easter Sunday

On March 27, Easter services begin with the Sunrise service led by our youth on the front Broadway steps at 8:15 am. Following this we will share in our annual Easter brunch, followed by our worship services at 9:15 and 11:15 am. We look forward to a wonderful day of celebration. Please invite a friend to come with you, as we worship the risen Lord.

Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday, **March 26** there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children from toddlers to 3rd grade. Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am. There will also be face painting, bubbles, games, story-time, and more!

Announcements

Easter Lilies and Spring Flowers

During Easter, the First Baptist sanctuary will be filled with beautiful lilies and spring flowers. If you would like to place one or more of these beautiful plants in the sanctuary in memory of, or in honor of, a family member or friend, please clearly fill out the form on the back of your attendance slip and place it in the offering plate, along with \$10.00 for each flower you order. Orders may be made in the church office until 12:00 pm on Thursday, March 24. We look forward to celebrating the resurrection of Christ with you all.

Bring Flowers to Easter Worship

Our worship the last five weeks incorporated much discussion about the paradox of the cross, an ugly instrument of torture and suffering that is also a beautiful symbol of love and redemption. During each time of worship, we also provided an opportunity for worshipers to move to the cross to light candles, say prayers, or simply reflect. On Easter Sunday, our movement to the cross will help us visualize the transformation of death to life. We invite you to bring a small pot of flowers to worship. As we worship, these flowers will help us move from ugliness to beauty, from death to life.

Child Development Center

The Child Development Center Preschool is now enrolling for summer and the 2016-2017 school year. Our summer program will be June 6-June 30 and July 6-August 5. We welcome children ages 2 through 5. Our hours are 7:15 am-5:30 pm Monday-Fridays. For more information contact Ms. Debby at 573-443-7677 or cdcdirector@fbc-columbia.org

We are collecting store receipts for a fundraiser with Shoparoo. Last year schools nationwide earned over \$800,000. Receipts from any store will help us earn instant cash donations and entries into sweepstakes of up to \$15,000. We have placed a basket in the hall by the nursery to collect receipts. We will be happy to scan your receipts!



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9:15 am Awakening Worship Service

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

Songs used:

The River (7047433); The Happy Song (1043209); Here Is Our King (4490962); Hello My Name Is (6439969);
Trust In You (7025522); There Will Be A Day (5322390)

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.

Young Adult Small Group in the Fellowship Hall fireplace area.

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Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and Alliance of Baptists.**

To view the live webcast of our 11:15 am Traditional worship service, go to www.ustream.tv.
Search for fbcwebcast (one word), and you should be able to worship from anywhere!

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