

been done to him. ¹⁷So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. ¹⁸It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. ¹⁹The Pharisees then said to one another, ‘You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!’

THE SERMON A STRANGE PARADE Dr. Russ Merritt

*HYMN 200 *A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd*

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

**We believe that Jesus, who rode into Jerusalem
on the back of a donkey that first Palm Sunday,
is the Lord of all history and all people.**

**We believe he came to save us from our sins,
to restore us to a right relationship with God.**

**We believe he was cruelly treated,
that he was crucified on the cross, he died,
and he was buried in a borrowed tomb.**

**We believe that God raised him from the dead,
in ultimate victory over the final foe.**

**We believe he is present in our midst today,
through God's Holy Spirit of love and grace,
healing our hurts, comforting our sorrows,
showing us the way to tomorrow,
and inviting us to new life in the Kingdom.**

**We believe the day will come
when the entire world will be his
and he will reign in glory, forever and ever.
Amen!**

THE OFFERTORY *A Stable Lamp is Lighted* Hymn 160

*THE DOXOLOGY

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN 198 *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

*Indicates the People Standing

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Christ's Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

*April Ninth the Year of Our Lord
Two Thousand Seventeen*

Palm Sunday

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11

(Congregants are encouraged to read and reflect upon these passages
as they prepare for worship.)

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Greg Theimer

Ray Williams

THE PASSING OF PEACE

THE GATHERING HYMN 197 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* (Verse One)

Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang; Through pillared court and temple The joyful
anthem rang; To Jesus who had blessed them Close folded to His breast, The children sang their
praises, The simplest and the best.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: We enter this day in triumph,
to greet the King of Kings.

**Congregants: We come into His presence
with singing, to praise the Lord of Lords.**

Minister: We worship Him with our Hosannas,
our hearts open for His coming.

**Congregants: We give Him all glory,
and open our lives for His rule and His love.**

Minister: Come, let us worship God!

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**In the excitement of this holy season, our Lord,
we wave our palm branches
and shout our loud Hosannas,
bidding You to enter our lives
and to be present in our midst.
Help us in this time together in worship
to open our hearts for You to come to us.
Open our spirits to respond to Your call to serve,
and let this community of faith be Yours,
so that all who share this experience this day
will find a new wholeness of heart and soul.
Through Jesus, the Lamb of God, we pray.
Amen.**

* HYMN 196 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**We have laid our palms in the road for you,
O Christ our King,
so that you might ride in triumph.
Yet too often we turn away and deny you.
We choose what is good for ourselves,
and neglect what is good for your Kingdom.
We are complicit in your crucifixion
when we do not feed the hungry,
when we do not aid the poor,
when we do not serve those in need,
when we do not follow your path.
Forgive us, and visit us again with your Spirit.
Renew our lives by your presence with us,
and send us forth once more to live for you.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

* HYMN 551 *Lord, Have Mercy*

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; upon us.

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Minister)

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sky.
There is a depth in God's mercy,

like the depth of the sea.
Surely He receives us, when we turn to Him.
He hears us, and forgives us,
like the thief on the cross.
In Christ, we are redeemed!

* RESPONSE HYMN 197 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* (Verse Three)

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing, For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heaven our King. O may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice, And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice.

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST LESSON Psalm 118:19-29

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. ²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³ This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success! ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. ²⁷ The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. ²⁹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

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; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

All Glory Laud and Honor

Mark Patterson

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE / CHILDREN LEAVE FOR JP'S

THE SECOND LESSON John 12:12-19

¹² The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!' ¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: ¹⁵ 'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!' ¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had

Ushers
Jyke Jones

Announcements

Ushers for April 13, 2017 Maundy Thursday – Margie Cundiff, Stan Lanford
Ushers for April 16, 2017 – Greg and Margie Cundiff, Marie Haines

Thanks to all of you for the prayers, visits, and cards, keep praying that strength will be restored to my legs. Love to all, Ruth St. Cyr

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated at both our Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday morning services.

A COMMUNITY ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE will be held this Friday, April 14, at noon at Trinity Lutheran Church on Williamson Road, across from Hardee's. All Northminster members are invited to attend this service of worship and reflection.

Bring your Easter basket and join us at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 15th for our annual Easter egg hunt! This year it will be held at Lynn Kirby's house: 7969 Alpine Road. For directions, call 540-588-1782.

If you are interested in contributing candy for the Easter egg hunt, please leave it in the church office before April 9th.

Green Ridge Presbyterian Church is having a Holy Saturday Service on April 15th. It begins at 3:00 pm. Saturday of Holy Week represents the in between time at Jesus's death and before his resurrection. Like the disciples at Jesus's death there are times when we wait in darkness, confusion and anguish for God to show up. This service honors the darkness and uncertainty in our lives as we wait for God's gifts of resurrection and new life.

On April 16th, we will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, one of the four church wide offerings. The proceeds are distributed through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger Program, and Self Development. Please support this offering generously.

Make plans now to join us Sunday April 30th, for a special worship service that will include the results of the membership survey regarding the potential direction of our church. Following the service, we will enjoy a light lunch in the Fellowship Hall followed by a question and answer session. A nursery will be provided for all of the above and don't worry about bringing food – everything will be provided!

Northminster Presbyterian is celebrating our 75th anniversary in 2017. The worship committee is planning a homecoming celebration on Sunday, October 1st with a special service and luncheon to follow the service. If you have a special person you want to be invited, please give the name and address to Judy Ferrell. When we have finalized the plans, we will let everyone know!!

Calendar

Today	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Morning Worship
Monday	6:00 pm	C.E. Committee Meeting
Tuesday	10:00 am	Circle 1
Wednesday	3:00 pm 5:30 pm	Mission Committee Meeting Memorial Bells
Thursday	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service / Communion
Saturday	11:00 am	Kids Easter Egg Hunt at Lynn Kirby's
Next Sunday	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Morning Worship

Let us keep those listed below in our prayers.

Members

Bobby Brammer	Kara Moretz Campbell	Eloise Dunagan
Barry Ferrell	Ella Guntner	Tom Hale
Jake Hayes	Betty Hinkle	Rose Howard
Atwood Huff	Mary Ann Huff	Jim Maile
Nancy Maile	Jace Newman	Mac Pace
Sandy Smith	Frances Stevens	George Wingeier
Shirley Wynn		

Friends and Family

Hayley Gutherie – (Grand-daughter of Sheila Gutherie)
Cindy Lanford – (daughter-in-law of Stan and Elise Lanford)

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