

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

MARCH 28, 2021
PALM SUNDAY

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; John 12:2-16

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

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

HYMN OF PRAISE 196 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* (Verses 1 and 2)

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed One. [Refrain]

All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems
before thee we present. [Refrain]

All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,

to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!
Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you,
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey.
Come, let us worship our Lord!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION

We praise You, O God,
for Your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ,
who entered the holy city to shouts of praise
from those who spread garments and branches along his way.
Be with us in our worship now,
that we will be strengthened to follow him,
so that dying and rising with him,
we may enter into Your Kingdom.
Through Christ we pray. Amen.

RESPONSE HYMN

This is the Day *Fijian traditional melody*

This is the day, this is the day,
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made,
We will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day,
that the Lord has made.

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever! ² Let Israel say, 'His steadfast love endures for ever.'

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 PRAYER'S 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.

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Mark 11:1-11

¹near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' ¹¹ Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

HYMN OF PREPARATION 228 *Were You There*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, Whose Word silences the mighty,
quiet within us every voice but Your own.
Speak to us through the suffering and death of Your Son,
so that by the power of Your Holy Spirit
we may receive grace to share Christ's love
in lives given to Your service. Amen.

HYMN OF COMMITMENT 197 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* (Verses 1 and 2)

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.

From Olivet they followed
 'mid an exultant crowd,
 the victor palm branch waving,
 and chanting clear and loud;
 the Lord of earth and heaven
 rode on in lowly state,
 nor scorned that little children
 should on his bidding wait.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* (Unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

GO FAITHFULLY

HYMN OF DEDICATION 198 *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!* (Verses 1 and 2)

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
 Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
 thy humble beast pursues its road
 with palms and scattered garments strowed.

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

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE

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Thought for the Week: [2 Peter 3:13](#) *But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We delivered 17 Hunger Buster bags to the Presbyterian Community Center. Many thanks to all who contributed.

SESSION WILL HOLD ITS BI-MONTHLY MEETING today after the morning worship service. If you have matters for the elders to consider, or if you would like to join this church family, please contact the Minister.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WILL BE CELEBRATED this coming Thursday evening at 7:00, as we gather at the Lord's Table to share in the memory of his last supper.

THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE will be held virtually this Friday, April 2, at noon. See the bulletin insert for directions on linking to this livestream service.

A EASTER MORNING SUNRISE SERVICE sponsored by Oakland Baptist will be held in Huff Lane Park, next to our church, at 7:00 a.m. Sunday morning. All interested persons are invited to attend.

OUR EASTER WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY will include celebration of communion. Please be in prayerful preparation as we come to this time of resurrection.

Elders, your new cards are in your church mailboxes. Reminder...Easter is April 4th. Thanks!

Envelopes are available for our One Great Hour of Sharing offering. They will be collected Easter Sunday.

Our Easter egg hunt will be held at 11am on April 3 for K thru 5th graders. Mask are required for kids and adults at the hunt. Bring a basket to use to hunt.

The Presbyterian Center is in need of school supplies and asking for donations. A list of supplies needed is on the bulletin board across from the secretary's office.

Calendar

Today	11:00 am 12:15 pm	Worship Service Session Meeting
Thursday	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Saturday	11:00 am	Easter egg hunt - for K thru 5th graders
Next Sunday	11:00 am	Easter Service / Communion

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If you or someone you know should be included in the list of those needing special prayer, please contact the Minister. If prayers have been answered and we can celebrate God's goodness by removing your name from the list, let the Minister know.

Let us keep those listed below in our prayers.

Members

Jessee Amos	Frances Bowling	Bobby Brammer
Charlotte Cooley	Jim Cregger	Michael Hambrick
Jake Hayes	Barbara Jones	Dennis Kincer
Bob Lancaster	Homer Linton	Susan Lockard
Floyd Moretz	Mary Moretz	Ann Pace
Mac Pace	Buddy Smith	Sandy Smith
Frances Stevens	Jo Ann Threlkeld	Ray Williams

Friends and Family

Joaquin Bielawski
Nancy Assaid (Sherry Moses' sister)
Tim Smith (Karen's husband)

***THE SESSION ***

Clerk of Session: Holly Woodson

Elders: Kathy Baker, Bob Bielawski, Frankie Bielawski, Pam Claterbaugh, Richard Claterbaugh, Trent Cundiff, Judy Ferrell, Tom Hale, Vee Hayes, Daniel Kirby, Chuck Lockard, Sherry Moses, Debbie Newman, Jeremy Newman, Gayle Wise