



First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 10, 2022



Seeking the Faith – Sharing the Spirit Serving God’s People

You are invited to join us on our journey of faith! We seek to serve God, to minister to our community, and to love one another. Help us in our quest to become an ever more inclusive church that welcomes all people from all backgrounds, abilities, and identities. Come along and experience the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.



Order of Worship

Prayer in Preparation

Gracious God as we enter this Holy Week, strengthen us to move beyond the festive parade of palms and to follow Jesus in the way to the cross, that united with him and all the faithful, we may one day enter through the gates of righteousness into the eternal city, the new Jerusalem, where we may praise you with Christ and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.

Ministry of the Church

Leader: We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship and service.

All: Thanks be to God!

Joys and Concerns

Leader: We give thanks to God for these blessings.

All: Thanks be to God!

Leader: For all these people and all who are in need

All: Please hold your people near, O God!

Prelude

Partita 2 Allemande Excerpt

J. S. Bach

Gathering for Worship

Leader: Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!

All: Let us worship God.

***Hymn:** #197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (please wave palms during vv. 2-3)

Call to Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God, trusting that God's steadfast love endures forever.

Prayer of Confession:

Leader: Let us pray...

**All: God of heaven and earth,
we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ in your name.
Even though we profess to follow him,
we confess that in times of trial we too often deny him.
Forgive us and heal us, we pray.
Help us to put our faith not in the princes of the world,
but only in the Prince of Peace.
In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: It is the Lord who helps us; who will declare us guilty? Because of the grace we received in baptism, we have nothing to fear. Forgiven and freed, let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

All: Thanks be to God.

Giving of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all!

All: And also with you!

***Response:** #623 *I've Got Peace Like a River*

Children's Sermon: Best Fronds Forever?



Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reader: Eternal God, quiet within us all mortal voices, that through the story of the passion and by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 (OT p. 565)

Ministry of Music

New Testament Lesson

Luke 19:28-40 (NT p. 83)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation of the Word: Full of Surprises

***Affirmation of Faith:** A Brief Statement of Faith (Section 1)

(Hymnal p. 37)

***Hymn:** #200

A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd

Minute for Mission: One Great Hour of Sharing

Peter Hertzling

Invitation to the Offering

Leader: God has given us his only Child, Jesus Christ, as they way of our salvation. Let us give generously, as God has given to us.

Offertory:

Partita 2 Allemande Excerpt

J. S. Bach

***#606 Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Leader: Holy One, we give you thanks for the great deeds of salvation that you have done and continue to do. Bless these offerings of thanksgiving that they may further your kingdom in this world; through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer and Congregational Prayer

Minister: God inspires us to pray, hears our prayers, and answers our prayers.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

Minister: Let us pray...

Silent Prayer

Minister: Let us pray together... **Our Father in heaven...**

(Hymnal p. 11)

***Hymn:** #729

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

***Blessing**

Postlude

All the Way My Saviour Leads Me

Jini

Moment for Reflection:

Ann Weems, Kneeling in Jerusalem

"The only road to Easter morning is through the unrelenting shadows of that Friday. Only then will alleluias be sung; only then will the dancing begin."

Worship Assistants

Beth Malmquist- Greeter
Rob Jensen- Worship Assistant
Chanmi Jeong- Accompanist
Pat Manfredi- Videographer

Sarah Merideth- Head Usher
Rob Jensen- Scripture Reader
John Baker- Sound
Wendi Zea - Zoom Host

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022

9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary and via Zoom
11:00 am Faith Dialogues via Zoom

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022

6:00 pm Pizza and Movie

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022

1:00 pm Presbyterian Women via Zoom
7:00 pm Session

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022

3:30 pm Bible Study via Zoom

THURSDAY APRIL 14, 2022

6:00 pm Worship in Sanctuary and via Zoom

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2022

6:30 am Worship outdoors on the green space
9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary and via Zoom

Pastor Kerry's Office Hours This Week
Monday - Thursday 10:00 am- 2:00 pm

If you would like a visit—or if you know
someone who needs a visit—
please let Pastor Kerry
or one of the Deacons know.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

During the month of April, a **church photograph board** is being developed for the Narthex. Please either submit a 3x5" photo of yourself/your family to Sarah Merideth (place in mailbox in church office) or have Bob Luebbers take your photo following worship in the narthex. In addition, please provide your preferred pronouns. (If you don't see Bob on a given Sunday, please look for him the following week.) Thank you!

The revised list of deacons' shepherd flocks is now available on the church website. Under the "Church Life" menu, select "For Members." (Call the church office for the password to access that page. Other items on the "For Members" page include the church directory and the second-quarter schedule of Sunday worship volunteers.)

Pizza and Movie: Monday, April 11, 6:00 pm All are welcome to join us in the lounge for pizza and "go withs" followed by *Easter Parade*. If you plan to attend, please let Kitty know phone or text: 618-203-1807 or email: trescott@midwest.net

Presbyterian Women will meet via Zoom Tuesday, April 12 at 1:00 pm. Be sure to check your email for the Zoom link to join the meeting.

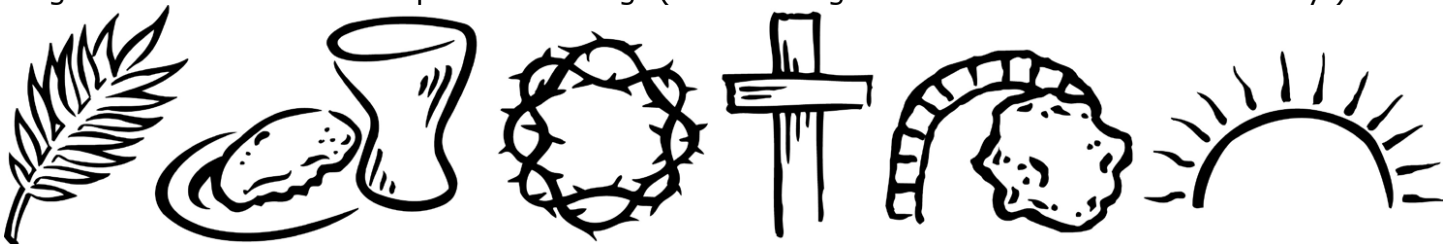
Per Capita for 2022 is \$40.00 per member. We encourage all who can do so to submit their payment to the church office.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Palm Sunday worship is **April 10, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.**

The **Maundy Thursday** service is **Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 6:00 pm** in the Sanctuary; this service will also be available via Zoom.

Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022, we will have two services. A **6:30 a.m. Sunrise service** (in-person only) will be held on our green space (weather permitting; please dress accordingly). The **9:30am Sanctuary service** will include those worshipping via Zoom. Consider inviting a neighbor or friend to worship that morning. (Faith Dialogues will not meet Easter Sunday.)



The Dinner Group will meet at Giant City Lodge on Thursday, April 21 at 5:30 p.m. If you plan to attend, please contact Sharon Wittke at sharonwittke@gmail.com or (618) 893-1869.

Upcoming outdoor workday--Saturday, April 23, 2022, we'll rake and spread mulch and finish up any outdoor painting. Bring your tools, gloves, water and sunscreen; we will gather at 9:00 a.m. and work 'til noon or so.

Camp Carew is celebrating their 70th anniversary with an open house Saturday, May 14, 1-4 pm. All are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Joys and Concerns

Please let the church office know if someone needs to be added to or removed from the lists below.

Pray for God's grace, mercy & help:

- Ukraine Situation
- Afghan family coming to Carbondale soon
- Transgender community under attack legislatively
- Our National, State, Regional, and Community Leaders
- Covid19 Pandemic patients and the ongoing vaccination efforts
- Social unrest and political polarization
- Those in the destructive path of natural disasters
- Those who are homeless, hungry, and in harm's way
- For the victims of mass shootings and hate crimes
- For those in shelters on the southern border
- For those who continue to be marginalized and underrepresented
- Service men and women

Each week we pray for one of the faith communities in the Carbondale Interfaith Council.

This week, please pray for: **First Presbyterian Church**

The Mission/Ministry we are praying for this month: **Mission**

Household Prayer: Morning

God, as I enter into this new day, I ask that you will keep me mindful of the profound nature of this Holy Week. Help me go beyond the joyful parade of the palms and to follow Jesus into the suffering of this world, mindful that he was obedient to you, even to the cross. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Thank you, God for the gift of this day. If I remembered today my betrayals of you, remind me now of your steadfast love for me, as I give this day into your hands and rest in peace. Amen.

197 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

1 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.

2 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.

3 "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.

#623 *I've Got Peace Like a River*

1 I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river, in my soul. (Repeat)

2 I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain;
I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul. (Repeat)

3 I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean;
I've got love like an ocean, in my soul. (Repeat)

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

²Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. ²⁰This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

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

Luke 19:28-40

²⁸After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, '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. ³¹If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it.'" ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' ³⁴They said, 'The Lord needs it.' ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set

Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As 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, ³⁸saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' ³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' ⁴⁰He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

#200 A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd

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A cheering, chanting, dizzy crowd had stripped the green trees bare,
And hailing Christ as king aloud, waved branches in the air.

They laid their garments in the road and spread his path with palms
And vows of lasting love bestowed with royal hymns and psalms.

When day dimmed down to deepening dark the crowd began to fade
Till only trampled leaves and bark were left from the parade.

Lest we be fooled because our hearts have surged with passing praise,
Remind us, God, as this week starts where Christ has fixed his gaze.

Instead of palms, a winding sheet will have to be unrolled,
A carpet much more fit to greet the king a cross will hold.

A Brief Statement of Faith

1 In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God,
the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

#606 Praise God from Who All Blessings Flow (Doxology)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

#729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

1 Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

In my heart, (In my heart,) in my heart (in my heart,)
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

2 Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, (In my heart,) in my heart (in my heart,)
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

3 Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, (In my heart,) in my heart (in my heart,)
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

4 Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, (In my heart,) in my heart (in my heart,)
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.