

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Nellie Gates, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“Hosanna to the Son of David”

Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God's Presence

Pastor's Welcome

Rev. Brogdon

Call to Worship:

One: We claim God's salvation in Christ our Savior with the word:

All: *Hosanna, hosanna!*

One: An unlikely king, he rides into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey never before ridden

All: *and still we recognize him:*

One: we find God's majesty in this humble man who leads a bunch of ragtag followers!

All: *Let us worship Christ with thanksgiving for his hope-filled entry into our lives.*

*Hymn

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

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Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

We confess that we have sinned, and although we would like to deny it, we have forsaken you. We are horrified by the suffering we cause— to you, to ourselves, and to the world you have created. Open the gates of your forgiveness and restore us in your love, for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

“As the Deer”

#626

Assurance of Pardon:

One: Siblings in Christ, beyond the shadow of doubt, your sins are forgiven.

All: *By the mercy of Christ, let us stand together forgiven and free.*

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri

#581

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Nellie Gates

Scripture Reading

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

Nellie Gates

Anthem

“As the Deer”

Choir

Scripture Reading

Mark 11:1-11

Rev. Brogdon

Sermon

“Assumptions”

Rev. Brogdon

*Hymn

“You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd”

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We Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith: Adapted from Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

Prayers of the People

Call for the Offering

Offertory

“At the Name of Jesus”

Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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*Benediction

Rev. Brogdon

*Postlude

“I Will Call upon the Lord”

Dr. Gilbreath

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

Wed., March 27 10:00 AM-4:00 PM Waypoint to the Cross
Thurs., March 28 10:00 AM-4:00 PM Journey to the Cross
4:30 PM Choir
6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service
Sun., March 31 9:30 AM Café Connect
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
Mon., April 1 Church office is closed for Easter Monday
Tues., April 2 10:00 AM Presbyterian Women, meet in the Fellowship Hall
Lesson: "Lydia Encounters Jesus...", Acts 16:11-15
Leader: Cheryl Ellerbe

To Our Guests:

Welcome! It is a blessing to have you in worship with us today. We warmly invite your participation in the worship, fellowship, and ministry of our congregation. The pastor is available to answer any questions you might have after worship, by email or phone. There is a place for you here.

Children's activity bags are available from an usher for the sermon time. Please leave the bag in the pew as you leave. A nursery is provided for children 3 years of age and under.

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Scripture Reading, Nellie Gates Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

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

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and 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. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what

Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" 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.