

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 5, 2020

10:30 a.m.

PALM SUNDAY

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.*

### THE VISION OF GOD

VOLUNTARY: Pièce héroïque ..... César Franck (1822-1890)  
*John Alexander, organ*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Danny Massie

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Dolly Jacobs

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

People: **Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

Leader: Lo, your king comes to you;

People: **Triumphant and victorious is he,**

Leader: Humble and riding on a donkey,

All: **On a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 196 – All Glory, Laud and Honor ..... (SEE PAGE 2)

MORNING PRAYER

# All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

*Fine*

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*to Refrain*

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.  
our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: *Mark 11:1-11*..... Nate Sell

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ..... Donna Chase

SCRIPTURE READING: *Ephesians 3:14-21*

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

# My Song Is Love Unknown 209

1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to  
 2 He came from heav - en's throne sal - va - tion to be -  
 3 Some - times we strew his way, and his sweet prais - es  
 4 Un - heed - ing, we will have our dear Lord made a -  
 5 Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di -

me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly  
 stow; the world that was his own would not its Sav - ior  
 sing, re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to our  
 way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of life to  
 vine: nev - er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like

be. O who am I that for my sake my  
 know. But O my Friend, my Friend in - deed, who  
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all our breath, and  
 slay. Yet stead - fast he to suf - fering goes, that  
 thine. This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I

Lord should take frail flesh, and die?  
 at my need his life did spend!  
 for his death we thirst and cry.  
 he his foes from thence might free.  
 all my days could glad - ly spend.

The opening line here could equally well have been a courtier's lament for a secret affair, but it soon becomes a path into a vivid and poignant reflection on Christ's Passion. This 17th-century text is beautifully embraced by its sensitive and lyrical 20th-century tune.

SERMON: "The Extravagant Love of God: Part 1" .....Danny Massie

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 209 – My Song Is Love Unknown..... (SEE PAGE 4)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH .....Keith Dove

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*– The Apostles' Creed, traditional*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *concluding with 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.**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING.....Nate Sell

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MUSIC FOR MEDITATION: Ride On, King Jesus

arranged by Alice Parker & Robert Shaw

*Chancel Choir Ensemble*

Ride on, King Jesus, No man can-a hinder me.  
But now my race is almost done.  
King Jesus rides on a milk-white horse.  
The river of Jordan He did cross.  
If you want to find your way to God,  
The gospel highway must be trod.  
Ride on, King Jesus, No man can-a hinder me.

CLOSING HYMN: No. 221 – O Sacred Head Now Wounded.....(SEE PAGE 7)

BENEDICTION AND CHARGE ..... Danny Massie

VOLUNTARY: Apparition de l'église éternelle (Apparition of the eternal church)  
Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

*Danny Massie*, Interim Pastor  
*Dolly Jacobs*, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care  
*Nate Sell*, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident  
*Keith Dove*, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident  
*Donna Chase*, Director of Christian Formation  
*John Alexander*, Director of Music and Principal Organist  
*Robert Wells*, Director of Chancel Choir  
*Chancel Choir Ensemble*

**THE MINISTRY OF MEMBERS** – Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and a privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ's mission. A faithful member bears witness to God's love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ's Church. *Such involvement includes:* • proclaiming the good news in word and deed; • taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation; • lifting one another up in prayer, mutual concern, and active support; • studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life; • supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time and talents; • demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church; • responding to God's activity in the world through service to others; • living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life; • working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment; • participating in the governing responsibilities of the church; • and reviewing and evaluating regularly the integrity of one's membership, and considering ways in which one's participation in the worship and service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful. *(from the Book of Order)*

# O Sacred Head, Now Wounded 221

1 O sa - cred head, now wound-ed, with grief and shame weighed down;  
2 What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain:  
3 What lan-guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear-est friend,

now scorn-ful-ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;  
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead-ly pain.  
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with-out end?

O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!  
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place;  
O make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint - ing be,

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.  
look on me with thy fa - vor, and grant to me thy grace.  
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

This poignant hymn originated in a series of Holy Week meditations focused on the parts of Christ's crucified body: feet, knees, hands, side, breast, heart, face. First joined to secular words, this chorale melody has appeared with this text since the mid-17th century.

WE WELCOME YOU to the worship of God and to our community of faith. We are a church of growing disciples believing that worship is at the center of all we are and do as Christians.



**WORSHIP AND STUDY DURING CAMPUS CLOSING:** All church-related events are canceled through end of day Sunday, April 26. Our Sunday Livestream service will be available on our home page, [fpcgreensboro.org](http://fpcgreensboro.org), and also on our live streaming page, [fpcgreensboro.org/streaming-live](http://fpcgreensboro.org/streaming-live). Also check our Facebook page (First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro, North Carolina) and YouTube channel ([fpcgreensboro](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCp3g3g3g3g3g3g3g3g3g3g3)) as we are working to air the service there as well.

**WHILE THE CAMPUS IS CLOSED, PLEASE JOIN US FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION ONLINE**

- ▷ On our home page, [FPCGREENSBORO.ORG](http://FPCGREENSBORO.ORG), messages on our First Elm Notes blog from pastors and staff
- ▷ At [FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/DIGITAL-FORMATION](http://FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/DIGITAL-FORMATION)  
*For adults:* Church School studies • Lectio Divina with David Partington on Mondays • Study of Romans on Tuesdays || *For youth:* Lenten Yoga and journaling || *For children:* Story Time • Godly Play

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE**

– Videos of Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, and Holy Wednesday services will be posted on our website at 6 pm on each of those days. Video for Maundy Thursday will be posted at 7:30 pm that day. Good Friday services will be livestreamed at 7:30 pm. No Saturday Easter Vigil service this year. Easter Sunday will be livestreamed at 10:30 am.

**SECUREGIVE MOBILE APP** – In addition to giving online ([fpcgreensboro.org/give](http://fpcgreensboro.org/give)), you can download the SecureGive mobile giving app for Apple  or Android  (*scroll over for clickable links*). You can use the app as a guest or create an account. It's quick, easy, secure, and allows you to make a donation using a bank card.

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- **IF YOU HAVE A PASTORAL EMERGENCY**, contact the Pastor on Call at 336.908.8615. Leave a message with your phone number.
- **CHECK [FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/CORONA-VIRUS](http://FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/CORONA-VIRUS)** and our social media for updates
- **SIGN UP FOR OUR WEEKLY E-NEWS AND OUR THURSDAY MORNING SUNDAY PREVIEW** at [fpcgreensboro.org/connect/our-media](http://fpcgreensboro.org/connect/our-media).
- **SIGN UP FOR TEXT ALERTS:** Text FPCGSO to 41411 and follow the instructions to opt in. (*Standard text rates may be applicable based on your individual carrier.*)

**THE SADYE BOWLES FUND CAN OFFER ASSISTANCE:**

Funds are currently available to help pay for needs such as assisted living at home or in a facility, prescription drugs, and medical and dental care *for FPC members aged 55 and over*. Applicants must demonstrate a need for financial assistance, live within 50 miles of Greensboro, and complete an application. For more information, contact Maggie Turner at 336.478.4724.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Kathleen “Kitty” Deans Cartland**  
March 27, 2020

**Susanne Chamblee Banner**  
March 25, 2020