

The Worship of God

March 20, 2016

Palm Sunday

THE GATHERING

Like the people of Jerusalem so long ago, we are hungry for a hero. We are starving for the spectacular. As we wait for our Savior to come, let us not be disappointed at the way he comes or where he leads. Give us courage to follow where the one on the donkey will take us.

(Children are invited to gather in the vestibule for the Parade of Palms)

EARLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *O Stainless Lamb of God (verse 3)* J.S. Bach

CHILDREN'S PALM PROCESSION *The Palms* J. Faure

CALL TO WORSHIP Waverly Blackwell

Leader: Hosanna!

People: Hosanna in the highest!

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

People: Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Leader: May our hands hold Palm branches of joy to proclaim the coming King.

People: May our voices joyfully proclaim Christ our Redeemer, the Lord of Heaven, our King!

HYMN NO. 203 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* ELLACOMBE

Lighting of the Christ Candle

CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER Carl Garrison

OFFERTORY *Go to Dark Gethsemane* arr. John Carter

DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye Heavenly Host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 14: 12-16 Paul Epley

ANTHEM *The Upper Room* Don Besig

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 15: 22-26 Debbie Tate

ANTHEM *The Old Rugged Cross* Patti Drennan

LITANY OF THE PALMS

Minister: Crosses of palm unite us in our devotion to Jesus of Nazareth, and focus our gaze on the King, the Lamb, the Son of God.

People: On the way to Calvary, palms were waved to honor the King.

Minister: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king comes to you, triumphant and victorious is he, humbled and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

People: On the way to Calvary, palms were waved as a response to One who came to suffer so.

Minister: He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account.

People: On the way to Calvary, we take up our crosses, and watch this One who rides toward death and life eternal - one King, one Lord, one death - for all!

MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON I Corinthians 1: 18-24 Beth Bunce

ANTHEM *Jesus Paid It All* John T. Grape

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 11: 25-27 Lori Gilliam

ANTHEM *Because He Lives* William J. Gaither

CLOSING WORDS

HYMN NO. 204 *All Glory, Laud and Honor* ST. THEODULPH

POSTLUDE *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty* Hans Arnold Metzger

Palm Sunday Community Celebration

Today's Community Celebration will be held at the YMCA due to the inclement weather. You are invited to join us in the gymnasium for the noon ceremony. Please bring your palm frond and bulletin insert and enter the Y through the main entrance.

Musicians for today's service

Beverly Khemlani - Organist

Sanctuary Choir

Senior Adult Choir

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Dennis Hipp by Brenda Hipp.

Christian sympathy is extended to Lewie Phillips and family upon the death of his mother, Margie Irene Phillips of Burlington on March 11 and to the family of Pauline Tilley upon her death on March 12 and to Jim Barton and family upon the death of his brother, Will Jones on March 16.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, 3/20

9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry	Conference Room
9:00 a.m.	Finance Committee Meeting	Parlor
9:30 a.m.	Morning Coffee Gathering	2nd. Floor Lobby
5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite
6:00 p.m.	Youth Pizza Supper	Fellowship Hall
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Middle & High School Youth Scavenger Hunt for Pastor's Pantry	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, 3/23

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Senior Adult Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Child Care Babies (inform church if you need childcare)	Nursery
5:15 - 6:15 p.m.	*Dinner (children eat first)	Fellowship Hall
5:45 - 6:30 p.m.	GA's (Grades 1st thru 5th) RA's Mission Friends Acteens	Room 212 Room 226 Room 225 Room 206
6:30 - 7:15 p.m.	Joyful Singers (Age 4 - 1st. Grade) Chancel Choristers (Grades 2 - 5) Church Fellowship/Bible Study	Room 206 Music Suite Fellowship Hall
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	The First Disciples Story	Music Suite
Thursday, 3/24	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service	

Congregational Meeting - April 5

We will have a called Congregational Meeting on Wednesday, April 6 to hear plans for the Interim Period that will begin on May 1.

Touching Davidson County With Love - April 16

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board at the entrance to the Fellowship Hall. Plan to participate in the 10th Anniversary of TDCWL.

Menu: Chicken Supreme, New Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Dessert

Children: Chicken Tenders

RSVP by noon Monday

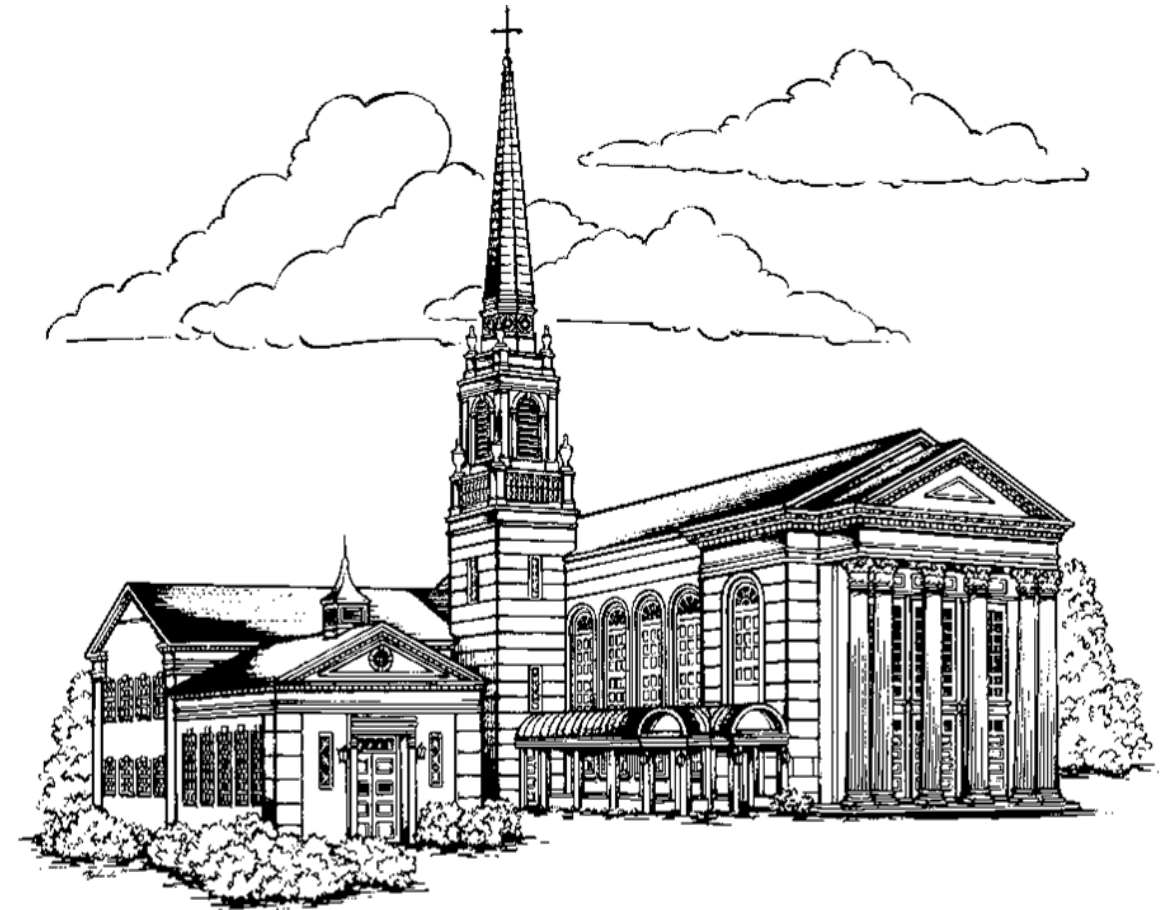
Extended Sessions:

March 20: Bed Babies: M/M Dale Lambeth Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Jim Skotthy

3 & 4 Year Olds: Margaret Ann Maddox & Anna Raye Tate

March 27: Paid Nursery

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