

First Presbyterian Church

870 West College, Jacksonville, IL

Bringing Hope: Every Hour, Every Day

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 5, 2020

- **Look for the livestream video on our Facebook page** (www.facebook.com/firstpresjax/) The livestream will begin at 9:45am, and worship will begin at 10:00am.
- **Go to this link on our website** <http://firstpresjax.org/live/> We will do our best to have this available at 10am, but at the latest it will be posted by noon on Sunday

~ WE APPROACH GOD IN PRAISE AND CONFESSION ~

OPENING

"Hosanna!"

Ruth Schram

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

People: This is the Lord's doing. It is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: Bind the festival procession with branches.

People: Jesus is the gate of the Lord. The righteous enter through him.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*HYMN

"Hosana, Loud Hosanna"

Ellacombe

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.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of righteousness, this day places a mirror before our faces. We would rather sing hosannas with the cheering crowd, than stand up for our convictions in the face of an angry mob. We would rather dine with Christ at his table, than stand up for him in a courtyard of accusers. We would rather see ourselves as Christ's champions, than admit to ourselves that too could betray him with a kiss. Forgive our fickle faith, and heal our hesitant hearts. In your loving name, we pray. Amen.

*SILENCE

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

~ WE HEAR GOD'S WORD ~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, whose word silences the shouts of the mighty: Quiet within us every voice but your own. Speak to us through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may receive grace to show Christ's love in lives given to your service. Amen.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:1-9

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.' The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Just Be Held" by Casting Crowns Andrew Blue and Camille Blanford
Hold it all together, everybody needs you strong. But life hits you out of nowhere and barely leaves you holding on. And when you're tired of fighting, chained by your control. There's freedom in surrender, lay it down and let it go. So when you're on your knees and answers seem so far away. You're not alone, stop holding on and just be held. Your world's not falling apart, it's falling into place. I'm on the throne, stop holding on and just be held, just be held, just be held. If your eyes are on the storm, you'll wonder if I love you still. But if your eyes are on the cross, you'll know I always have and I always will. And not a tear is wasted. In time, you'll understand. I'm painting beauty with the ashes. Your life is in My hands. So when you're on your knees and answers seem so far away. You're not alone, stop holding on and just be held. Your world's not falling apart, it's falling into place. I'm on the throne, stop holding on and just be held, just be held, just be held. Lift your hands, lift your eyes. In the storm is where you'll find Me. And where you are, I'll hold your heart, I'll hold your heart. Come to Me, find your rest in the arms of the God who won't let go. So when you're on your knees and answers seem so far away. You're not alone, stop holding on and just be held. Your world's not falling apart, it's falling into place. I'm on the throne, stop holding on and just be held, just be held, just be held.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 15:16-20

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

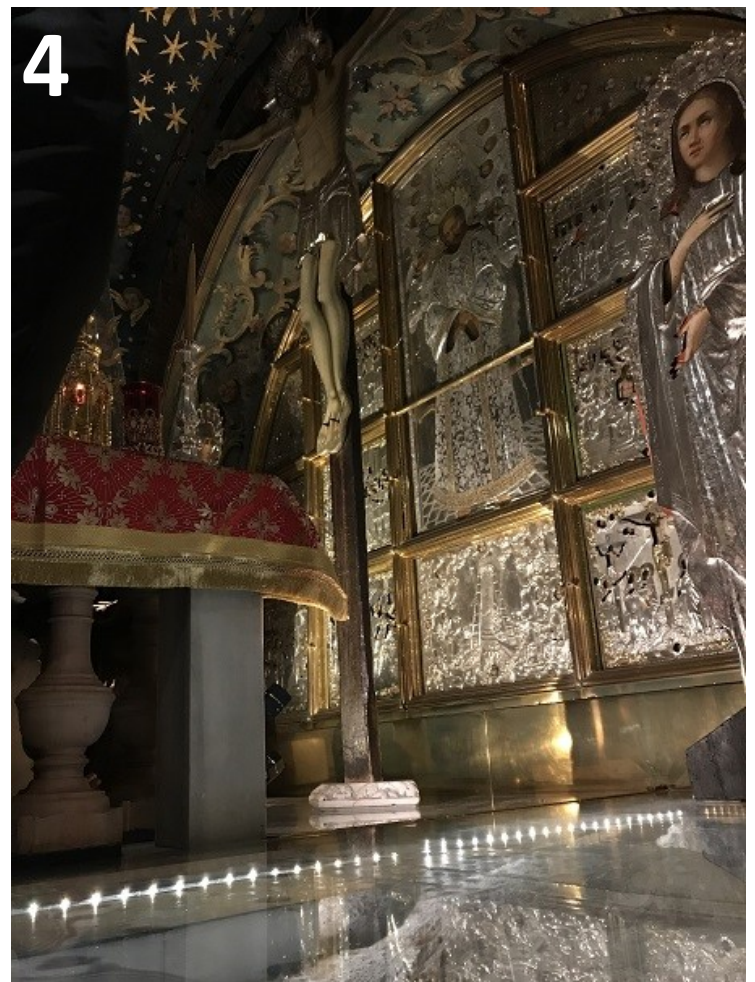
People: Thanks be to God.

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

SERMON

"Walking with Jesus: Through Jerusalem"

Rev. Jonathan Warren





***THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE ~

***HYMN**

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

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

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

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

3 To thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. (Refrain)

4 Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King! (Refrain)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 TO OFFERING

Please continue your financial contributions by mailing in your offering

OFFERTORY

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

Roy Darley

*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. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One, your love for us is so great that you gave us your own Son to teach us the ways of life and death. May the gifts and offerings we bring this morning reflect our gratitude for Christ's gift of self, for Christ's anguish and passion, and for Christ's never-failing love. Amen.

~ THE SENDING ~

*HYMN

"When I Sur-

vey the Wondrous Cross"

Hamburg

1 When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

"Bless the Lord"

Bless the Lord

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul. who leads me into life.

POSTLUDE VOLUNTARY

"The Rejoicing"

G. F. Handel

MORE WAYS TO WORSHIP

- **Listen to the sermons:** [Google Podcast](#) | [Apple Podcast](#) | [Spotify](#) (recorded and available later in the week. Click the links or go to our website to listen www.firstpresjax.org)
- If you are still unable to worship with us with any of these options, please call the office at (217-245-4189) and we will send you a printed bulletin with sermon and/or CD.

~ PRAYER REQUESTS ~

Megan Clemmons, great-niece of Mable Simmons; **Devin Fick**, relative of the Otts; **Heather Cole**, sister of Helen Cole Kuhn; **Lila Feary**, aunt of Alexa Crumley; **Larry Ladd**; **Michael Woods**, a colleague at Illinois College; **Nancy Bradbury**; **Rachel Flynn**, neighbor of the Ladd's; **Tim Olson**; **Darrel Hittner**, father of Lisa Wade; **Kevin Brodie**, friend of many at ISD; **Peggy Post**, **Marsha Nelson's mother**; **Richard Mansell**; **Shirley Husa**; **Shelly Cochran**, friend of the Tiffanys; **Lee Spencer**, Clayton's father; **Patsy**, friend of Barb Bucy; **LaNise Kirk**; **Bertha Bucy**, Mike's mother; **Sue Linde**; **Earl Innes**, father of Joy Tiffany; **Linda Noble**, Barb Bucy's sister; **Lori Oldenettel**; **Judy Vieira**; **Wilma Walker**; **Ted and Linda Birdsell**; **Sam and Sue Scheets**; **Mona Cody**; **Karen Ladd**; **Ron**, a friend of Stu and Marci Wemhoener; **the community of Cookeville Tennessee**, the hometown of Stefanie Byrd - Financial Assistant; **Mari and Cornell Kane**; **Ashley Wade**; **Nathan Price**, great-grandson to Evelyn Mason; **Ron York**, Adam's father; **Billy Hollendonner**; **Jennifer Bible**; **Talisa Slade**, daughter of Wanda Cody, our custodian Paul's wife; **Bob Sibert**; **Jeff and Addie Coultas and family** at the death of his brother Andy.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

SUNDAY VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR – Immediately following worship today, we invite everyone to share virtual coffee and donuts via zoom video conference. Join by clicking the link below and follow instructions to open meeting, or by calling the telephone number.

<https://www.google.com/url?q=https://us04web.zoom.us/j/288470660?pwd%3DFTFFzM2ErakVBSEdMamQ2aVM5aH-ZYUT09&sa=D&ust=1586202337093000&usg=AOvVaw3sEG2wsMOzUA-yHp4HBGtq>

Call 312-626-6799, enter meeting ID and Password below:

Meeting ID: 288 470 660 Password: 017724

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them"
(Matthew 18:20).

UPCOMING SERVICES

Maundy Thursday Service - April 9, 7:00 pm - recorded live from our church Sanctuary (live feed begins at 6:45 pm). Here is the link to our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/firstpresjax/ If you do not have Facebook, and would like to watch it the following day, go to this link on our website <http://firstpresjax.org/live/> (Please share grace and patience as we are learning new technology).

Easter Sunday, April 12 - 10:00 am - remember, the first Easter didn't happen at a church. It happened outside of an empty tomb, while the disciples were sequestered in a home, grief-stricken, and wondering what was going on. We know the feeling. Rest assured, we will celebrate BIG when we can once again worship in person. A few of us will be live recording the Easter service starting at 9:45 am from the **Church Sanctuary** (per State requirements). We have scheduled a special musical guest!

Sunday, April 19 - Tim Chipman will be preaching the sermon! Watch or listen by using the ways listed as above. More details to be shared next week.

JOIN OUR NEW FACEBOOK GROUP - PRESBYTERIANS WITH PURPOSE: Sharing Christ's Hope in a Crisis During these times of uncertainty and questions, there is hope and comfort in sharing our joys and our disappointments; our blessings and our challenges; our faith and our fears ... together in fellowship with God's grace and mercy. This group page is for you ... and any and all who want or need to connect with others during these times of challenges and questions. We will be sharing reflections and thoughts from several of our church family and friends in hopes that you find comfort in their words. We want this space to be a safe place to ask those questions, share experiences (both good and not-so-good), and find optimism in the reality and facts of this current crisis. This is not a place for political opinions but instead offers an opportunity for reflection and dialogue while facing these challenges. Please share this group with anyone you think might appreciate being included. And remember, we all have a purpose. Being part of a ministry that calls us to enhance our faith, especially in difficult times gives all of us a chance to be and see the light. Bringing Hope...Every Hour. Every Day. [CLICK HERE](https://www.facebook.com/groups/221761382271153/) to go to the Facebook Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/221761382271153/>). The Continuing Education Committee also is encouraging "Presbyterians with Purpose" members to continue our Easter Time Inspirations because Easter isn't over on April 12. Easter Season itself is 50 days long, ending on Pentecost, May 31. So, we are inviting all of our church family and friends to submit your own Easter time thoughts and reflections, which may include a scripture and/or prayer through this Facebook page. If you have any questions call Nancy Bork at 217-473-8112 or Marcy Jones at 217-370-3770.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING - Today our congregation joins with other Presbyterian congregations to celebrate the One Great Hour of Sharing offering – an enduring tradition which has brought hope to millions of people throughout the world for over 70 years. Typically received during the season of Lent, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger, promote economic development, and assist in areas of disaster. As the children in our congregation drop coins into the cardboard "fish" offering boxes, and as we take time during Lent to reflect upon the many gifts that God has provided in our own lives, please think about how our generosity could lift up the lives and spirits of others less fortunate. Contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing may be sent directly to the church. You can also call Dana at 245-4189 to arrange drop off of the "fish". Additional ways to give to One Great Hour of Sharing - donate by credit card online at www.presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs or Text OGHS to 20222 to give \$10.

COMMUNICATION AND GRACE – Our Elders and Deacons are calling our church family to check-in with you (and your family) and to pray for you. If you have not received a call, please inform the church office office@firstpresjax.org or (217) 245-4189. Please be sure to call and check-in with one another, in and beyond our church family. There may be times we don't send information needed, please be patient and offer grace. Please let us know if you have any thoughts or if you need something. This is a difficult and uncertain time, so if you need to talk to someone, please don't hesitate to call your Jonathan Warren (217) 418-3206 or John Nelson (217) 248-0634.

A DAY CARE UPDATE - We are currently operating under an emergency license to care for essential worker's and healthcare worker's children. Under this license we can only care for 50 children. Currently we are serving between 36-43 on a daily basis. We are keeping all staff employed. We are disinfecting everything even more than we did before. If you would like to donate items to the day care, we can always use: Disinfecting wipes, Gloves, Baby wipes, Paper plates, Chocolates to keep the staff sane. The day care is in need of masks. At this time we are able to use the homemade ones. We have instructions available if anyone who is cooped up and knows how to sew. We have 35 staff and are soon going to be mandated to wear them and we have none. Yesterday we received 5 cases of toilet paper so we are covered there!! Thank you! ~ Kathy Fellhauer

DONATE FOOD, TOILETRIES AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES - The City of Jacksonville/Morgan County has established a drop-off location for local residents to donate food, toiletries and medical supplies to aid in community COVID-19 response/ relief. Medical supplies will be pushed out to first responders and health care providers within Morgan County. Curbside service will be provided by the City of Jacksonville staff. Please stay in your car when you arrive. Collection will begin on Monday March 30th, at 9 am and will be reevaluated at the end of each week. **Location:** Jacksonville Area Community Food Center at 316 E. State Street, Jacksonville, IL 62650. Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.

Suggested food/toiletries include: Juice/Gatorade, Canned meats, fruits, beans, vegetables and soups, Ramen noodles, Peanut butter, Cake/brownie/muffin mixes, JELL-O or Pudding, Boxed potato and pasta sides, Breakfast foods (oatmeal, cereal, pancake mix and syrup), Crackers, Rice and beans, Flour and sugar, Sliced bread, Dry soup beans, Instant milk, Margarine, Sliced cheese, Toilet paper, Individual bar soap, Laundry soap.

Medical Supplies Include: Boxed, unused N95 masks, Boxed, unused surgical type masks (procedural masks), Wrapped or boxed vinyl gloves (no powder), Clean, unused gowns, Clean, handmade masks, Hand sanitizer, Bleach wipes, Alcohol wipes.