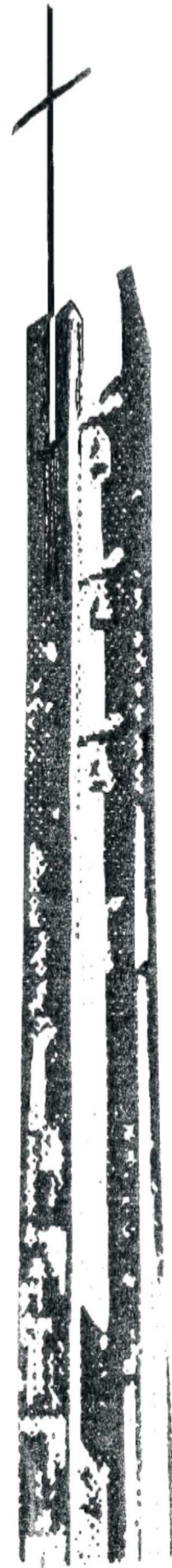


First Baptist Church

March 25, 2018

*With waving palms and shouts of
praise they greeted Christ the Lord.
Hosannas rang out bright and clear
and to the heavens soared.
The people welcomed Christ as King
and followed Him that day.
May we learn to be more welcoming,
and follow in His way.*



The Body of Christ Gathers in Worship & Praise
Sunday, March 25, 2018
Sixth Sunday in Lent—Palm Sunday
Saying “Yes” to the Cross

10:55: *Please take time to greet one another,
warmly welcoming visitors in the name of Christ.*

To you, O God, we cry: “Hosanna! Lord, save us!”
Let this be our constant prayer—
As we dance among the palms,
As we kneel before the cross,
As we bow our heads in sorrow,
To you, O God, we cry: “Hosanna! Lord, save us!”

Welcome

Rev. Kevin Wilson

Prelude

Sanctus and Benedictus

Young Musicians, Music Makers
Allen Pote

Susan Gentry, Linda Denney, directors

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might. Heaven and earth are
full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna!

Invocation

Rev. Wilson

Call to Worship

Caroline Morris, Congregation

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in love.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Let us worship God.

Hymn 175

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ST. THEODULPH

Children’s Moment

Marie Niland

Following the children’s moment, children ages five through first grade
should meet their leaders at the door by the organ to proceed to Kids’
Korner.

Litany of Saying "Yes"

Rev. Meadows, Congregation

We place at the cross today the palm branches that welcomed Jesus as he rode triumphantly into Jerusalem. The people loudly shouting "Hosanna!" expected to be saved by a conquering hero. Palm Sunday reminds us of our self-centered expectations.

Lord Jesus, we confess our misguided, impatient expectations. We expect You to deliver us from suffering. We expect you to bless our materialism. We expect you to destroy our enemies. Help us say "No" to our self-centered, unholy expectations. Help us say "Yes" to the cross.

Palm Sunday is about worship. We worship the one most holy. We worship the one for whom we are willing to die.

Lord Jesus, Holy week reminds us that, although we worshiped you on Sunday, we denied you on Friday. Like Peter, we promised to die for you; you have died for us. Help us say "No" to worship without sacrifice. Help us say "Yes" to the cross.

Palm Sunday is about worship. But the people turned the triumphal entry into a political parade.

Lord Jesus, Holy Week reminds us that the heroes we most admire ride in chariots pulled by white horses. We confess that we don't want to follow leaders who empty themselves of power and ride on donkeys. Help us say "No" to "might making right." Help us say "Yes" to the cross.

Palm Sunday is about worship. But we follow Jesus, hoping for positions of power on his right and on his left.

Lord Jesus, Holy Week reminds us that we want your power without accepting the cup of suffering that you drank, without having your obedience to the point of death. We want your kingdom to come, but we fear it will cost us too much. Help us say "No" to our weak disobedience. Help us say "Yes" to the cross.

Let us pray together...

Almighty God, we confess that we love parades of power; your parade was humble. We confess that we worship conquering heroes; you were conquered. We confess that we grasp whatever advantage we can get; you emptied yourself for us. In Jesus Christ you have brought us mercy! Teach us to be merciful to one another. Burn our palm branches into ash; help us take up our cross daily and follow you. Amen.

*******BULLETIN BOARD*******

Wednesday, March 28

Menu: Baked Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls

Please notice change in date:

Called Church Conference

Wednesday, March 28, 6:30pm-Fellowship Hall

A called Church Conference will be held on Wednesday, March 28, to vote on:

1. The Nominating Committee's recommendation to fill a vacancy on the Finance Committee, and
2. Proposed changes to the Child Safety and Protection Policy and a volunteer form.

Please plan to attend this meeting.

Maundy Thursday Service and Communion

March 29, 7:00pm-Sanctuary-For all the family

Boggs Memorial Scholarship

The Boggs Memorial Scholarship will be available for 2018-2019. This scholarship was established at First Baptist Church in memory of long-time and faithful members, Paul and Pauline Boggs, by their children. **The Boggs' Scholarship Committee will be receiving applications from now through Friday, March 30.** Applications may be picked up in the church office during regular business hours. Please read and complete carefully.

A Note From the Personnel Committee

It has been our custom around this time of year to place a suggestion box in the breeze way to give every member of the congregation the opportunity to submit suggestions or concerns to the Personnel Committee. We will leave the suggestion box out for about six weeks. Please let this be an opportunity to not only voice suggestions or concerns but also to offer positive feedback and encouragement to any and all members of our ministerial and office staff. We are blessed to have a wonderful staff who work very hard to make our church, our worship, and our ministry the very best it can be as we all serve the Lord together. The scripture encourages us to be generous in supporting and uplifting our coworkers in the ministry of the church.

Friends Helping Seniors Gathering: Monday, March 26, 11:45am

Join your friends in faith and fellowship for devotion led by Jim Pickett, chicken salad for lunch, and "What is Easter?" by Mark Donnell.

Transportation provided by request. **Please RSVP to 336-710-2041**

Note from the Technology Committee

The Technology Committee has placed a church-wide survey about our website in the Sunday School classes. If you didn't receive one, and would like to submit one, copies are available in the vestibule of the sanctuary, and on the Welcome Center table in the breezeway. Please fill them out and return them in the boxes no later than Sunday, April 1st, 2018.

Happy Birthday, Linda Denney!



March 31

Ministry for Sunday: Rev. Jay Meadows ; **Scripture:** Mark 11:1-11 ; **Sunday School Greeters:** Jerry & Barbie Simmons ; **Deacon Greeters:** Roger & Carole Kerley ; **Babies:** Paula Brinkley & Maggie Nicholson ; **Toddlers:** Kyle & Mary Alice Leonard ; **Preschoolers:** Gregg Martin & Charlotte Hauser ; **Kid's Korner:** Chip & Jenn Fussell ; **Children's Sermon :** Marie Niland ; **Sound:** Ryan Parker, Cathy Parker, Martin Cooke, Peter Cooke

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, March 25

6th Sunday in Lent

9:00am Prayer Time-Prayer Room
 9:15am Coffee Fellowship-Fireside Room
 9:45am Sunday School
 11:00am **The Church at Worship & Praise
 4:00pm Children's Handbells
 4:45pm Youth Choir
 4:00pm Griefshare Class
 5:30pm Granite City Ringers
 5:45pm Youth Supper
 6:00pm Youth Group Family Time

MONDAY, March 26

11:45am Senior Gathering-Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, March 27

7:00am Baptist Men's Breakfast- Olympia

WEDNESDAY, March 28

10:00am Beth Moore-Rebekah Class
 4:30pm Grades 1-5 Music
 5:00pm Pre-School -Kindergarten Music & Missions
 5:15pm Grades 1-5 Missions
 5:45pm Family Night Meal
 6:30pm Bible Study
 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, March 29

5:30pm Feeding Friends Meal
 7:00pm *Boy Scouts—Scout Hut
 7:00pm Maundy Thursday-Sanctuary

SUNDAY, April 1

Easter Sunday

9:00am Prayer Time-Prayer Room
 9:15am Coffee Fellowship-Fireside Room
 9:45am Sunday School
 11:00am **The Church at Worship & Praise

No Evening Activities

MONDAY, April 2

Office Closed

*Community Ministry **Hearing Assists / Valet Parking available upon request. Wheelchair spaces are available in the sanctuary for the convenience of those who need to stay in their chairs.

March is our month for emphasis on giving!

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