

First Presbyterian Church of Naples

In the Heart of Naples with the Love of God



Entry into the City
John August Swanson, 1990

LITURGY BULLETIN
Palm Sunday
April 14, 2019
8:30 and 10:15 a.m.

THE TIME OF GATHERING

* Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

People: *slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

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

People: *Hosanna in the Highest!*

All: *Let us worship God!*

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

* Hymn of Praise #204

All Glory, Laud and Honor

ST. THEODULPH

*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 company of angels are praising thee on high,
and we with all creation in chorus make reply: Refrain.*
- 3. The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present: Refrain.*
- 4. To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise: Refrain.*
- 5. Thou didst accept their praises — accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King! Refrain.*

Call to Confession

8:30 A.M. BARBARA WEISS
10:15 A.M. JIM KIER

(Please be seated). Friends, as we sing God's praises, we are aware of where we have fallen short of God's will for us. Trusting in the grace and love of God made known to us in Jesus Christ, with humility and repentance, let us join together in our prayer of confession.

Prayer of Confession

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. We join the parade and shout hosanna, then deny our Lord in his hour of need. We wave palms and sing praises, then hand our Savior over to die. Forgive us, God of grace. Our lives are in your hand. Deliver us from evil. Save us by your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Congregational response:

TAIZÉ COMMUNITY

*All: Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.*

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: **Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Receive God's forgiveness and be at peace.**

People: Thanks be to God.

* Gloria Patri #805

GREATOREX

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!

Children's Time (10:15 a.m.)

NANCY VAN FLEET

COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTER (10:15 a.m.)

Explanation of Stephen Ministry

Presentation of the Candidate: David Witman

Questions of the Candidate

SARALENE OLDHAM, STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADER

Commissioning and Morning Prayer

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

God of grace, we pray now that by your Holy Spirit you would illumine our minds and open our hearts to receive your word for us today. In Jesus' name. Amen.

First Reading

Psalms 118:1, 19-29

PEW BIBLE PAGE 492

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success! ²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD. ²⁷The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. ²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. ²⁹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Choral Response

Hosanna to the Son of David

MALCOLM ARCHER

Hosanna, to the son of David. Hosanna to the King of Israel. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Second Reading

Luke 19:28-40

PEW BIBLE PAGE 854

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" ³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Palms and Passion

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

* Affirmation of Faith (from *A Brief Statement of Faith—PCUSA 1983*)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve... We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal... With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of Thanksgiving 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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

(Please pass the friendship pad). Friends, in Jesus Christ we have received grace upon grace. Responding with gratitude and praise, let us freely give of what we have received. We will now receive the morning offering.

The Offertory

Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates (Messiah)

G. F. HANDEL

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. Who is the King of glory? The Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. Who is the King of glory? The Lord of hosts: he is the King of glory.

*The Doxology

All: 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

Gracious God, we dedicate these gifts, tithes, and the One Great Hour of Sharing offering to you. Use what we give in your ministries of compassion, caring and justice and use our lives for the building of your kingdom. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

GOING FORTH

* Hymn of Commitment #203

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

- 1. Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the lovely 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!*

* Commission and Benediction

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God

J. S. BACH, ARR. VIRGIL FOX



Holy Week Worship

**Palm Sunday, April 14
8:30 & 10:15 a.m.
Procession of Palms**

**Maundy Thursday, April 18
7 p.m.
Holy Communion**

**Good Friday, April 19
12 noon
Reading of the Passion**

**Easter Sunday, April 21
7:30 a.m.
Courtyard Worship**

**8:30 & 10:15 a.m.
Sanctuary Worship
with the Naples Chamber Brass
Easter Egg Hunt
following the 10:15 a.m. service**

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry is a program of our congregation that equips lay persons to provide distinctive Christian one-on-one care to those who are experiencing various kinds of life needs and circumstances in our congregation. If you feel the need of someone to hear your problems and/or walk a difficult journey with you, please visit the Stephen Minister table in Spencer Hall or call the church office.

Hospital Ministry

Will you be hospitalized or know of someone in the congregation who is? Please be sure to let us know so we can offer caring ministry by contacting Sharman Pfaus in the church office.

Lunch Bunch

Don't go home or out to eat alone! Join other FPC single men and women for lunch every Sunday after worship for a fun-filled Dutch-treat lunch at one of Naples' selected restaurants. You will get to know some nice people and have a wonderful meal. Best of all, you are not eating alone. Visit the Welcome Table in Spencer Hall for the time and place. Join us!

Prayer List

Nickolas Beck
Mary Clarke
Anne Crowl
Norma Dallesandro
Marion De Lessio
Salvatore DiMaria
Hilda Dolan
Franklin Ellis
Wendy Evans

Preston Ezell
Cristell Haas
Bill Harrington
Judy Humphrey
Conception Iglesia
Lee Irvine
Claiborne Jones
Marcia Kempers
Walter Korntheuer

Alice Rich
Dalton Stokes
H.A. Summerfield
Maverick Weidmen
Bill Winfield Family
Bet Wyker
The U.S. Military
Stephen Ministers and
care receivers

NEWS & EVENTS

Palms Society

Tax-Free IRA Charity on Distributions (RMD) - The provision that permits taxpayers 70.5 years old and over to make direct distributions (up to \$100,000 per year) from their traditional IRA accounts to a charity. This money will go directly from the IRA to the church. This contribution will not be counted as ordinary income. You are able to do a required distribution that would normally be taxed at ordinary income tax rates, to be a tax free contribution. Contact your advisor for assistance. Questions? Linda Gadkowski lgadkows@capecod.net or 508.292.5500.

Feed the 5,000

This month we are helping replenish the food pantry at Helps Outreach, a local volunteer Christian organization which provides food, clothing, furniture and spiritual guidance to people in need. Food contributions will be collected at the Sixth Street church entrance. Checks are made payable to "First Presbyterian Church" with the memo marked "Feed the 5,000" and may be placed in the collection plate.

One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world - sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from disasters, support for refugees, food for the hungry and support for poor and oppressed in over 100 countries. Envelopes are in the pews. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church with the memo: OGHS.

Youth Fundraiser Update

We are so thankful for the great response to our 144 Fundraiser! We have only 40 envelopes left from the 144 we began with. If you would like to support our 12 youth joining us on our Montreat trip, please see Ashlee, Faith and Audrey in Spencer Hall. They will be there after both services today. Thank you for showing up for our future!

Seekers and Joiners Class

Want to learn more about FPC? Would you like to become part of our growing and dynamic church? Then join us this morning following the 10:15 a.m. worship service in the Parlor for an informational gathering. Members will be received at the 10:15 a.m. worship service on Sunday, April 28. Visit the Welcome Table for additional information.

A Season of Music Concert

Join us for our final concert of the season this afternoon at 4 p.m. Brice, Michele and Colin Gerlach will present an enjoyable concert showcasing a wide range of musical styles. There is no charge for the concert. A free-will offering will be taken.

Habitat for Humanity Workday

Put on your work clothes and spend a morning helping to provide affordable homes for families in Collier County on Tuesday, April 16 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There are jobs for every willing volunteer. You do not need to have specific carpentry or construction skills to participate. Sign up in Spencer Hall today. Transportation is provided and advance registration is recommended. Questions? Contact Jim Kier at jkier1947@gmail.com.

Final Lenten Organ Concert

Please join us for the final Lenten organ concert of the season on Wednesday, April 17 at noon featuring the spectacular Ruffatti pipe organ offered by our Director of Music, Dr. Brice Gerlach. Brice will take the time to explain some of the mechanical workings of the organ and offer some musical insights about the pieces on the program. After the recital, the audience is invited to view the console, to ask questions and to see the beautiful woodwork and craftsmanship of the Ruffatti.

Wednesday Morning Men: Faith and Fellowship

All men of the church are invited to join us in Spencer Hall at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, April 17. Our speakers will be Jon Gartley and Tim Richardson along with their Guide dogs, Marty and Larry. The topic is "Men and the Handicapped."

Easter Sunday School Schedule

All children are invited to be a part of our worshipping congregation on Easter Sunday. Activity bags will be available and we will enjoy a children's sermon with Pastor Rex. Nursery care will be offered to those 4 years of age and younger. After the 10:15 a.m. service, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children of all ages! All of the candy filled eggs were filled by our very own youth and the eggs with prizes were purchased to support Sunny Bunny Easter Eggs. This is a program of SWI Industrial Solutions, a not-for-profit corporation that has been providing meaningful employment for 220 people with disabilities since 1966. We look forward to celebrating Easter Sunday together with you and your families!

Easter Egg Hiders Needed

The Christian Education department is looking for volunteers to hide eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt! The hiding will begin after the start of the 10:15 service on Easter Sunday, April 21. If you would like to be a part of the fun, please email Nancy Van Fleet at nancyv@fpcnaples.org.

Dinner For 8

Our next Dinner Gathering will be Friday, April 26 at 5:30 p.m. Groups gather at various homes and bring a dish coordinated by the host. You get to share a wonderful meal and meet new people or spend time with old friends. It's a great opportunity to learn who you worship with, where they came from, and more! For questions and to sign-up, please call Diane Stellema at 239.455.8796.

HUDDLE

The Men's noon-time Bible Study continues every Thursday in Spencer Hall. Bring your lunch and Bible and join them for discussion and study. All men are invited.

Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed

The Christian Education department is looking for volunteers for VBS the week of June 24-28 from 9 a.m. to noon. If you can give a day of your time or the whole week please sign up in Spencer Hall or by e-mailing Ashley Hancock at ashley.hancock@fpcnaples.org.

Generosity Campaign Update



In the excitement of March Madness[®] we established a "March Boldness" campaign to boost our "Just Imagine" Generosity campaign. A "March Boldness" pool of \$30,400 was established from a few generous families. As an encouragement to the congregation to pledge, and to reach our goal of 300 pledges and \$1.3 million, for each pledge that came in to the "Just Imagine" Campaign after we reached 270 pledges, \$1,000 came from the "March Boldness" pool to the "Just Imagine" Campaign.

We are glad to report that we have received 300 pledges for a total of \$1,287,566 toward our goals of 300 pledges and \$1,300,000. THANK YOU!

Pledge cards are available in the pews, or online. Completed cards can be placed in the offering plate, brought to the church office, mailed or filled in online through our secure website.

Nominating Committee

Names are being accepted for nominees of the next Nominating Committee. If you, or someone you know would like to be considered for this important role, please complete the form and return it to the church office. You may also e-mail your nomination to Sharman Pfaus or complete it online at fpcnaples.org. A congregational meeting will be held to vote on the members of the committee at a future date to be determined. Deadline for submission of names is April 15, 2019.

Nominating Form

Name of Nominee _____

I hereby nominate the individual listed above for serving on the Nominating Committee.

I have confirmed their willingness to serve _____ (check if yes)

Name of person who is nominating the above referenced individual:

_____ Member of FPC _____ (check if yes)

**Please return this form by April 15, 2019 to the Nominating Committee c/o Sharman Pfaus via mail to:
First Presbyterian Church of Naples, 250 Sixth Street South, Naples, FL 34102
or leave in it the offering plate on Sunday to the attention of Sharman Pfaus.**