

# balmoral presbyterian church service of worship

March 18, 2018

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

11:00am

*\*asterisk invites you to please stand if you are able*

*please turn your cell phones to silent*

## Choral Introit

“Jesus, Give Us Strength”

Tony Alonso

## Chiming the Hour

Bells of Balmoral

## Prelude

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

arr. Philip L. Roberts

## \*Call to Worship

Janice Hill

One: Happy are people who delight in God’s Word.

**All: They seek God’s wisdom day and night.**

One: Blessed are people who meditate on God’s Word, securing God’s Word in their hearts.

**All: When we search God’s word, like hidden treasure we find the knowledge of God.**

One: Be doers of the Word, not listeners only.

**All: Blessed are those who hear and keep what is written for God’s kingdom is near.**

## \*Hymn 694

“Great God of Every Blessing”

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## Confession

Rev. Carla Meisterman

**All: Eternal Word, You call us to store Your word in our hearts, to post it where we can see it daily, to keep it at the forefront of our minds. The Bible tells us Your Word is quick and powerful, discerning our thoughts and intentions. It is a guide for us in this journey called life. We fail to make studying Your Word a priority. We neglect Your teaching. Forgive us, Lord. Create in us a passion to study the Word and know You.**

*Keep a generous silence, and listen to your life.*

## Assurance

Rev. Carla Meisterman

## \*Share the Peace of Christ

Janice Hill

## \*Congregational Chorus 753 “Make Me A Channel of Your Peace” PRAYER OF ST.FRANCIS

**Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there’s doubt, true faith in you.  
O, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.  
Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there’s doubt, true faith in you.**

## bpc mission statement

We will respond to our call to share bread with the hungry,  
befriend the marginalized,  
and engage our minds, talents and treasures  
toward building a community reflective of God’s Kingdom.



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pianist  
lynn ward  
bell choir  
mary hattie mc alister &  
carolyn kelley  
child care attendants

## Announcements

Rev. Carla Meisterman

## Musical Offering

“The Passion Chorale”

arr. Brenda Austin

## Prayer for Illumination

Janice Hill

## Centering Silence...*Be still. Prepare yourself to hear the Word of God.*

## Scriptures

Joshua 1:8 and 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Rev. Carla Meisterman

## Sermon

The Discipline of Study

Rev. Carla Meisterman

## Silent Reflection...*In the silence, attend to what the Spirit has given you.*

## Hymn 61 (please remain seated)

“Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect”

CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN

## The Prayers of God’s People

Janice Hill

## A Time for Offerings

Janice Hill

Please place tithes, offerings, and sign-up sheets in the brass plates. Children will collect quarters to provide funds to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund to help with rebuilding after the 2017 fires and hurricanes. Place Pennies for Hunger in the glass jar near the sanctuary doors for our Food Pantry.

## Offertory

“Gymnopedie”

Frank Levin

## \*Hymn 710

“We Lift Our Voices”

OFFERING

## \*Prayer to Dedicate the Gifts

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## \*Hymn 458

“Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet”

THY WORD

## \*Charge and Blessing

Rev. Carla Meisterman

## \*Benediction Hymn

“Lord, Let Us Leave Now”

Old English Tune

**Lord, let us leave now, filled with Thee anew,  
and pledged to Thy service in all that we do.**

**Though we have some questions, our faith in Thee is sure.**

**We know Thou art with us; Thy way will endure.**

**Lord, let us leave now, filled with Thee anew,  
and pledged to Thy service in all that we do.**



our worship has ended...our service begins...

## announcements...

- **HEADSETS** for improved hearing are available in the sound booth at the window side of the sanctuary.
- **HOLY WEEK** begins with **PALM SUNDAY** on Sunday, March 25, 2018. We will have palms for everyone and encourage you to take one home and place it somewhere in your house for Holy Week.
- The **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** offering will be gathered on Sunday, March 25, 2018. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God’s love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, providing food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.
- Our **MAUNDY THURSDAY** service will be on Thursday, March 29, 2018, at 6:45pm. This year we are fortunate to have storyteller **Dr. Phyllis Blackstone** from Maine. Storytelling is her preferred teaching tool, and she shares stories with a variety of audiences from classrooms, churches and senior centers. Plan to be with us on Maundy Thursday to share communion and to hear Phyllis share a story that will be good for our hearts and souls!
- **EASTER SUNDAY** is Sunday, April 1, 2018. There will be no Sunday Studies on Easter Sunday. This is the highlight of the Christian year so invite your family, friends, and neighbors to come and worship with us! Remember to bring your canned goods for First Sunday Food Cart on Easter Sunday.
- The **CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed on Good Friday, March 29, 2018, and Easter Monday, April 2, 2018. We will re-open on Tuesday, April 3, 2018.
- Mark your calendar for next month’s **FOOD SORT** for the Mid-South Food Bank on Thursday, April 19, 2018. Our sorting group meets in the parking lot of the church at 5:30pm and has dinner together after the sort. You will be able to sign up beginning Sunday, March 25, 2018.
- Save **Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 1:00pm** on your calendar for our **Five Wishes** presentation. Have lunch after worship; then come back for an informative and important program which helps you learn how to start and structure important conversations about care in times of serious illness and transitions. Sign-up for Five Wishes starts next Sunday.
- Save Sunday, April 29, 2018, for **Mary and Martha: The Musical** at 5:00pm at BPC with a potluck to follow. Fran Addicott has written this musical, and our choir will be performing it in a Readers Theater style.
- **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Robin Van Nortwick (20)