

♦**Congregational Choral Benediction**

#542 *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

**God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again**

♦**Postlude**

Pierre Tang

(If you wish to be seated for the postlude, you may.)

♦Please stand if able.

Welcome

We are an inclusive, Christ-centered community of faith, passionately committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ in practical ways. Please let us know of your interests and concerns.

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We want to get to know you!

- If you would like to hear the service in French, please pick up headphones and a receiver at the back of the Sanctuary. Si vous souhaitez que le service soit traduit en français, procurez-vous un récepteur et des écouteurs à l'arrière du sanctuaire.
- Fill in the Friendship Pads; please use a name tag.
- Introduce yourself to your pew mates and one of the pastors.
- Join us for coffee and conversation in Westminster Hall.
- Trouble hearing? Try a hearing device at the back of the Sanctuary.
- Large-print hymnals are on the back table.
- Wheelchairs are available for in-church use.
- Printed sermons are available the following week; video is available at www.firstpres.live

Children, Youth & Families

Please sign your child in at the Welcome Center in Westminster Hall. There you will receive a name tag for your child/ren and a matching identification label to be used by the parent or guardian at pick up. Children who wish to attend Sunday School will meet their teachers at the Children's Corner in Westminster Hall. The teachers will lead the children to their classrooms in the Education Building across the alley. Our child care rooms for children 4 years and under are open from 8:45 AM-12:15 PM each Sunday. The Christian Education hour is 10:15-11:05 AM. Pick up children in the Education Building from their classrooms. Nursery through Kindergarten children are located on the first floor. First grade through High School classes are located on the second floor.

Contact our Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, **Mindy Watts-Ellis** (mindy@firstpres.church) for more information.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

April 14, 2019
Palm/Passion Sunday
8 and 9 AM



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church
Bienvenue à La Première Eglise Presbytérienne de Champaign
Bienvenidos a La Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana

삼페인 제일 장로교회에 오신것을 환영합니다.

Pour nos amis de langue française et les membres,
nous avons des copies du sermon d'aujourd'hui en français
à l'arrière de l'église

Service for the Lord's Day

A special welcome to those at our church for the first time.

We'd love to connect with you this morning. Fill out the Friendship Pad when passed, then stop by our Welcome Center after the service to receive a small gift. Enjoy some coffee, meet new people, and learn how our church can become your home.

Prelude

Pierre Tang

Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell

Greeting & Announcements

9Introit *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Melchior Teschner

♦Call to Worship

People of God, look! The Messiah comes!

The children gather. We follow their lead.

The young and old shout with joy.

We sing loud hosannas.

Raise your hands and raise your palm branches!

We make a way for Christ to enter.

People of God, join the parade! Celebrate! Shout for joy!

Hosanna!

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of our God!

♦Hymn #196 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* (vs. 2-4)

♦Call to Confession

Wearied by our poor choices, worn down by our foolish words, we struggle to be faithful followers of Jesus. Yet, it is precisely in such moments that God comes, with that love which never gives up, that grace which is always offered freely to us. So, let us come with our prayers to the gate of God's heart, so we may enter forgiveness and life anew.

♦Prayer of Confession

We are so busy thinking about ourselves, God of constant love, that we cannot begin to ponder what was in Jesus' mind. We shout for joy on a day like this, smiling as we wave our palms, yet quickly toss them aside as we go out into the world. We harden our faces, not in discipleship, but to turn away those who come looking for help from us. Yet, because he was fully human like us, we too can be more like Jesus. So, as we begin our journey through Holy Week and beyond, may we choose humility over pride, weakness over strength, compassion over bullying, and seek to do what you call us to do. We pray this in the name of our Teacher, Jesus...(continue to pray in silence). Amen.

♦Assurance of Pardon

God dares us to think like Jesus, knowing that if we do, we will discover the gifts we can offer, the words of hope we can share, the grace we can use to bless those around us.

God hears our prayers, listens to our hearts, fills us with forgiveness, and walks with us in these moments and in all the ones to come. Thanks be to God for such incredible mercy! Amen.

♦Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please greet one another in the peace of Christ.)

9Hymn #197 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Act of Friendship *(Learn the names of your pew mates.)*

Please complete Prayer Request Card.

9Children's Time – Presentation of 3rd Grade Bibles

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Pierre Tang

9Sung Response #15 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

(Lyrics adapted)

All creatures of our God and King,

Lift up your voice and with us sing: Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,

And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

9Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Prayer for Illumination

A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29 (OT pg. 565)

9Anthem *Hosanna! Blessed Is He That Comes*

arr. Carl Mueller

A Reading from the Gospels *Luke 19:28-40* (NT pg. 83)

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Message *Everyone Loves a Parade*

Pastor Eric Corbin

9Call to Prayer *Pilgrim's Hymn*

Stephen Paulus

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal pg. 35)

Litany

We are on a pilgrimage to the cross and, ultimately, to an empty, Easter grave. May this Holy Week be a time of listening.

Listen to the donkey clop into Jerusalem with a King on its back.

Listen to the teacher teach and the crowds scratch their heads.

Listen to the disciples argue, jockeying for position.

Listen to the meal being shared in the upper room.

Listen to the disciples snore.

Listen to Jesus pray.

Listen to the followers run away.

Listen to the courtyard fire crackle as Peter rubs his hands over it.

Listen to the rooster crow.

Listen to the mob shout; do you hear your voice in that cacophony?

Listen to Pilate bargain.

Listen to Pilate's wife plead.

Listen to the whip crack.

Listen to the hammer ring.

Listen to the dice click.

Listen to the dying cry.

Listen to the heart of God almighty break in two.

Listen: Easter is coming, but hell comes first.

♦Hymn #198 *Ride On! Ride On In Majesty!*

♦Benediction

This Week

Sunday, April 14 Palm Sunday

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204
- 10:15 AM Adult Education Lenten Study/Parlor
- 10:15 AM Sunday School/CE Building
- 11:00 AM Children's Choir/Chapel
- 11:15 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 2:00 PM French Young Adult Group/Chapel
- 3:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Chapel
- 5:30 PM Youth Group/CE Bldg.

Monday, April 15

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207; Café
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 1:15 PM PEB Study/Westminster Hall
- 3:30 PM Environmental Team/Library
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, April 16

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207; Café
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/U of I Atkins Bldg.
- 4:30 PM World Mission Team/Parlor

Wednesday, April 17

- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207; Café
- 5:30 PM Covenant Bible Study/Parlor
- 6:00 PM ESL Class/Café
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir/Bell Choir Room
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Thursday, April 18 Maundy Thursday

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast/Library
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Family Library
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204-207; Café
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study/Parlor
- 11:00 AM Compassion, Peace, Justice/Library
- 6:00 PM YoungLives/Café
- 6:00 PM Soup Supper & Communion/Centennial Hall

Friday, April 19 Good Friday

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 9:00 AM DREAAM Youth Center/Centennial Hall
- 7:00 PM Worship/Sanctuary

Saturday, April 20

- 6:00 PM Praise & Prayer Gathering/Centennial Hall

Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Eric Stickels** at the 8 AM service and **Pat Phillips** at the 9 AM service. Want to serve? Contact **Judi Geistlinger** at judgeistlinger@outlook.com.

•We **welcome children** of all ages to worship. The CYF committee has provided green pew cards with tips on the back for guiding children in worship.

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•This morning's **sermon** is available online this next week or printed copies can be found in the kiosks next Sunday.

•The flowers this morning are from the family of **Anne Hickenbottom** whose memorial service was held yesterday.

•**Spring flowers will decorate our Sanctuary for Easter.**

Each plant is \$13. If you would like to contribute in memory or honor of someone, place your check along with the notation "Easter flowers" in the offering plate. Please include a note who the plant(s) are given in memory or honor of.

Connect

•**We are glad you're here!** If you want to learn more about becoming a member of First Pres., contact **Pastor Matt** or **Pastor Eric** or **Linda Peterson** from the Membership Team (membership@firstpres.church) or call the church office.

•**Cuba Two Step...Sunday, May 5.** Salsa dancing at 4 followed by Cuban dinner at 5:30 PM. Tickets available. \$20 donation suggested. Proceeds support the work of the Presbyterian Reformed Church of Cuba.

Serve

•**Help is needed throughout the year for empty tomb food deliveries.** Stop by the Welcome Center to learn more.

•The **East Central Illinois Refugee Mutual Assistance Center (ECIRMAC)** will hold their Fundraising Banquet on Saturday, April 27, at the Round Barn Banquet Centre. Contact the center at 344-8455 or admin@ecirmac.org if you would like tickets or inquire about making a donation.

Save The Date...A very special all-church event is coming to FPCC on Sunday, June 2nd. You won't want to miss this so be sure to save this date! Details are coming soon.

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, April 18

6 PM Soup supper & Communion/Centennial Hall
We could use a couple more soup providers, recipe at the Welcome Center. Clean up help is also needed. Contact **Judi Geistlinger** 217-493-5462.

Good Friday, April 19

7 PM Worship/Sanctuary (combined with First Methodist)

Easter Sunday, April 21

8 & 9:30 AM Worship/Sanctuary
11:15 AM Contemporary Worship/Centennial Hall

There is no adult or youth Sunday School on Easter.
Childcare provided for children 5 years and under in the nursery.