

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP of GOD

March 29, 2015 Palm Sunday



Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church

May our worship open our hearts to God's love, our eyes to God's beauty, our minds to God's truth, and our will to God's service.

Preparation for Worship

As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.

Prayer of Preparation

O Lord Jesus Christ, who on this day entered the rebellious city where You were to die: Enter into our hearts and subdue them wholly to Yourself.

And as Your faithful disciples welcomed Your coming and spread their garments along the path covering it with palm branches, make us ready to lay at Your feet all that we have and are and to bless You, who comes in the name of the Lord.

And grant that after having worshiped You upon earth, may we be among the number of those who shall hail Your eternal triumph and bear in their hands the palms of victory when every knee shall bow before You and every tongue confess that You are Lord to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

WELCOME THE KING WHO HUMBLY SERVES

Lift up your heads, O ye gates! And be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, That the King of glory shall come in!

Who is the King of Glory? The Lord, strong and mighty! The Lord, mighty in battle! O enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

> The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00) Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

> Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory!



†PRAYER OF ADORATION

Can it be? Is it He? Riding on a donkey? Can it be? Is it He? Jesus of Galilee?

Shout Hosanna! Shout Hosanna! Shout and sing it's Jesus of Galilee, Shout and sing Hosanna He is King! Shout and sing, it's Jesus of Galilee; King of kings, Lord of lords! Shout and sing Hosanna! Hosanna!

Can it be? Is it He? Entering the city? Can it be? Is it He? Jesus of Galilee?

Junior Cherub, Senior Cherub, and First Grade Choirs Mimi Vestal, Director Mary Lawrence Flinn, Accompanist

With His salvation bringing, to Zion Jesus came, The children all stood singing hosanna to His name: Nor did their zeal offend Him, but as He rode along, He let them still attend Him, and smiled to hear their song.

All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer King, To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

RECEIVE THE KING WHO FREELY PARDONS

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Father,
long ago the crowds with incessant hallelujahs
greeted Your dearly loved Son,
but how quickly they mocked
as He went lonely to the cross.
Forgive us for the ways that we, too,
have welcomed Him only in words
and resisted His kingship.
Subdue our restless and rebellious hearts
so that we might serve You faithfully
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is the gentle King of Glory, Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Ride On, King Jesus" arr. Moses Hogan

Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquerin' King, Oh, ride on, King Jesus, ride on. No man can a-hinder Thee.

I was but young when I begun. But now my race is almost done. King Jesus rides a milk white horse. The river of Jordan he did cross.

He's the King and the Lord. He's the first and the last. He's the Lord of Lords. Jesus is the Prince of peace.

♦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 1. Ride ty! the on, ride on maj - es Hark! all in tribes 2. Ride on, ride on maj - es ty! low in In pomp 0. ho O Sav - ior meek, san na cry; pursue your bow your meek ride die; head to mor tal on to road with palms and scat tered_ gar - ments strowed. pain, then take, \bigcirc God, your pow'r and reign.

†GREETINGS

TRUST THE KING WHO GLORIOUSLY SAVES

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN...... Margaret S. Stephens

A PRAYER FOR THE SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FELLOWS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION 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.

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.

(Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

SERMON The Triumphal Entry Timothy L. Russell

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

†BENEDICTION

†CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on "All Glory Laud and Honor".... Michael Burkhardt

♦ Indicates congregation standing

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Getting Connected

To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community, contact Todd Erickson at (901) 531-8895 or todd.erickson@2pc.org.

Sunday Night Worship

We gather each Sunday at 6:00 p.m. for a service of prayer, praise, and teaching from God's Word. This semester, we are working through a series titled *Tough Questions Christians Face*. Tonight, Sandy Willson will lead us through the tenth chapter of Acts to answer the question "Why Is Our Church Not More Racially Diverse?" We invite you to worship with us.