

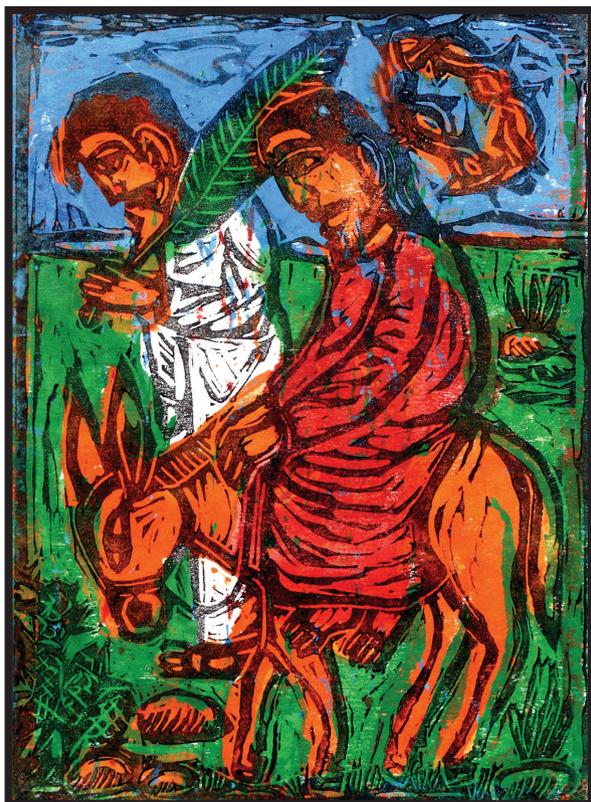


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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APRIL 9, 2017  
PALM SUNDAY

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP  
8:00 and 11:00 a.m.



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## 🌿 Gathering 🌿

### PRELUDE

### LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Béghin

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**One:** Come! Come from city streets and from the surrounding area!

**All:** We join the joyous crowd that gathers to honor Jesus.

**One:** Come from busy homes and places of business.

**All:** We put down our work and lay down our sorrows  
and worries.

**One:** Let us greet the Savior whom God has sent.

**All:** Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is Jesus the Christ,  
who comes in God's holy name!

\* HYMN 89

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal and steadfast God, we love a joyful parade and happy occasion. Our appetite for the hard tasks of discipleship is more limited. We confess that we are better at celebrating with the victors than walking alongside those who are persecuted. We prefer moving with the crowd to standing up for justice in the face of opposition. As Jesus calls us to move with him toward the cross, keep us resolute. Give us the courage to trust in you and gain our lives by giving them over to you.

## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

### \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

*You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as forgiven people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."*

### \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

## Proclaiming

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Nancy Pflasterer (8:00)  
Brady West (11:00)

### OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM (11:00) *Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates* William Mathias

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 this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, even lift them up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. (Psalm 24:7-10)

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**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Matthew 21:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*Who Is This?*

Rev. Ervin (8:00)

Rev. Dr. Fair (11:00)

 **Responding** 

\* **HYMN 88**

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor* VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

**WELCOME**

*Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others sitting nearby.*

**OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

**Offertory** (11:00)

*Ride On, King Jesus*

Spiritual  
arr. Moses Hogan

Ride on, King Jesus, the conquerin' king.  
Oh, ride on, King Jesus. 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 first and the last.  
He's the Lord of Lords.  
Jesus is the Prince of Peace.

\* **Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* **Prayer of Dedication**

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION** (8:00)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.**

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# 🌿 Sending 🌿

## **HYMN 76**

*My Song Is Love Unknown*

LOVE UNKNOWN

*At the 8:00 a.m. service, the congregation will sing all stanzas. At the 11:00 a.m. service, the congregation will remain seated and sing when indicated.*

*Stanza 1 – soloist*

*Stanza 2 – organ*

*Stanza 3 – all*

*Additional Stanza – choir*

*Stanza 4 – choir*

*Please stand.*

*Stanza 5 – all*

## **\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

### **\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Here might I stay and sing,**

**No story so divine:**

**Never was love, dear King,**

**Never was grief like Thine.**

**This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise**

**I all my days could gladly spend.**

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\* Please rise in body or spirit.

Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in **bold type**. Hearing-assistance devices and large-print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

**Welcome to all!** Please know that all, including visitors and newcomers, are invited to share in the life of the church. A full description of church events may be found online at [www.firstpresbyterian.org](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org). If you have questions, please visit the **Welcome Center**, just outside the Social Hall. Greeting you there today are Peggy Jensen and Gail Grady. **Serving in the Church Office** are Sandy Talbott and George Hendrickson.

**Greeters** are Bill and Pam Wood, Al and Sheryl Powell, Jane Hayes, and Prue and Dale Heikkinen. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Michele Derr at 8:00 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Ralph Winter (captain), Linda Lampman, Cyndy Colton, Jim Douglass, and Jeannette Middleton at 11:00 a.m.

**The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel after the 11:00 a.m. service. Prayer team members are Gail Grady and Linda Lampman. Following the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "Prayer is simply a two-way conversation between you and God." – Billy Graham

**The chancel flowers** are given by Catherine Kendall in loving memory of her mother, who died in 1983, and her father, who died in 2003; and to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life of Ruth Sutton by her grateful family.

**Musical leadership** is provided by Laurie Ann Taylor, soprano, and the Chancel Choir.

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## TODAY'S EVENTS

**Worship** is at 8:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. **Radio Worship is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.**, on WAAM (1600 AM) and on the web ([www.waamradio.com](http://www.waamradio.com)).

**Join us for Coffee Hour** in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Karen Gardstrom, Margie Van Tuyl, Kim Byers-Granito, and Carol Carter. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

**Support the high school M&M fundraiser** today during Coffee Hour. Participants will sell M&M's to raise money for their Costa Rica mission trip, June 18 – 27. Students going on the trip who are interested in raising money should contact Lex.

**Pre-ordered Russian Easter baked goods** may be picked up in the Social Hall this morning.

**Fair Trade Coffee is for sale during Coffee Hour today.** Your purchase supports a living wage for coffee farmers and subsidizes our commitment to serve Fair Trade Coffee at all church events. More than good coffee, it's "just" coffee. Stop by Coffee Hour today or the Church Office during the week to make your purchase.

### Children's Ministry Opportunities:

**Childcare and Sunday School classes** are held for crib through fifth graders at 9:30 a.m. **Childcare** is available for preschoolers at 11:00 a.m. Worship activity totes and Busy Hands activity baskets are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary for children attending worship at 11:00 a.m.

### Youth Ministry Opportunities:

**Munch & Mingle** is at 9:20 a.m. in the Youth Room.

**Sunday School classes** meet 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

**Mids youth group** meets in the Curtis Room, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

**Costa Rica Mission Trip Training** is 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Students and leaders will meet in the Youth Room to go over details for the trip. Please let Lex know you are coming. Contact Rev. Sanderford or Peer Minister Lex Allum if you have questions.

### College Ministry Opportunities:

College students are invited to **First Pres College Lunch** after the 11:00 a.m. service (meet in the Welcome Center). This is the final lunch of this semester.

### Adult Education Opportunities:

**The Bible @ 9:30** meets in the French Room/Library to study Luke and Acts. The presenter is Rev. Ed Koster.

**First Couples** meets in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m. for spiritual growth, learning, fellowship, and support for couples and individuals. Join in an in-depth study of the Old Testament.

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**Exploring the Faith** meets in Monteith Hall at 11:00 a.m. for “Our Artists Are Our Prophets: Stations of the Cross.” Artist Deborah Campbell will explore our final Station of the Cross in art and conversation.

**Join us in the Social Hall at 12:15 p.m. for the opening reception of the Stations of the Cross Exhibit**, featuring art works from our very own artists across all generations! There will be special guest speakers, food, and a chance for you to meet our artists and pray through the Stations of the Cross, which will be up throughout Holy Week.

**T2A2 Small Group** meets off-site at 7:00 p.m. Whether you are a believer or a seeker, a working professional or a grad student, we invite all in their twenties and thirties to come and build community with us. For more information, contact Rev. Ryo or Rev. Ervin.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special offering** will be accepted during worship on Easter Sunday. OGHS is an offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship. The three programs supported by OGHS, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People, all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. Projects are currently underway in more than 100 countries. Please give generously next Sunday.

**Stephen Ministry Continuing Education** presents Dr. Stephen Strobbe from the UM School of Nursing tomorrow, April 10, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., in Monteith Hall. Dr. Strobbe will speak on “Spirituality, Addiction, and Recovery.” All are welcome to attend.

**The final Lenten Bible Study at Glacier Hills** is this Tuesday, April 11, at 10:30 a.m. in the Interfaith Chapel at Glacier Hills. Join us for Bible study, discussion, and fellowship as we journey through Lent together.

**Mature Singles** (single men and women over age 60) meets this Friday, April 14, 5:30 p.m., at Metzger’s German Restaurant, 305 N. Zeeb Road. All are welcome.

**All women are invited to Presbyterian Women Bible study** Wednesday, April 19 at 9:30 a.m. in Monteith Hall. Bible study is followed at 11:00 a.m. by a presentation on “Assisting Refugees in Our Backyard” by Shrina Eadeh from Jewish Family Services. At noon we will enjoy lunch out on the town. Please sign up in the Church Office.

**“PovertyLab: A Welfare Simulation”** will be held Sunday, April 23, 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. A light lunch will be offered for participants (\$8 per person) from 11:30 to noon. Sign up for the event and lunch online or in the Church Office by April 20.

## **HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Maundy Thursday worship** is this Thursday, April 13, at 10:30 a.m. at Glacier Hills in the Hanson Room and at 7:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary. Maundy Thursday recalls the Last Supper. Jesus' love for all people is shown by his service to others.

**Good Friday worship** is this Friday, April 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This is a reflective service conducted in a darkened church and remembers the suffering and death of Christ. The Chancel Choir will present Dale Wood's *Service of Darkness*, seven choral meditations on the last words of Christ, directed by guest conductor Dr. Jerry Blackstone.

**Easter Sunday worship is next Sunday, April 16 with five services.**

**A sunrise service led by Rev. Ervin is at 6:30 a.m. on the Circle Terrace.** If the weather is unfavorable for outdoor worship, the service will be in Monteith Hall.

**Traditional worship services are at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.** Rev. Dr. Fair will preach and special music will be presented by the Chancel Choir, brass quintet, percussion, and organ.

**A worship service at 10:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall** will be led by Rev. Ryo. This service is for those for whom a less-crowded worship experience is preferred.

**Easter morning fellowship** is in the Lounge on the 200 level before and after the 8:00 a.m. service. Join us for pastries, fruit, and beverages.

**Easter Sunday is Family Worship Day.** Childcare, for crib through young five-year-olds, is available for the 9:30, 10:00, and 11:00 a.m. services, and for the 8:00 a.m. service by reservation. If you need childcare at 8:00 a.m., please contact the Church Office or Debbie MacVey.

**Please make considerate parking choices** to leave open as many spaces near the church as possible for people with mobility issues. Handicapped spaces will be designated in the parking lot on the Hillemonds Chapel side of the church. Parking is permitted on Washtenaw Avenue and Hill Street on Sunday mornings and free parking is available in the nearby parking structure at 650 South Forest Avenue.

**Bring fresh flowers to add to our Flowering Crosses** located outside the Sanctuary on the front steps and in the Monteith Hall vestibule. Store-bought flowers are welcome.

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