



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Palm Sunday

April 10, 2022 9:00am

“Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.”

-Corrie ten Boom

Chimes and Prelude

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
Arr. Anna Laura Page

***Call to Worship**

It is holy to gather, and holy to sing.

It is holy to be generous, to lay down our coats in the road.

It is holy to celebrate God’s presence when we see it.

It is holy to shout Hosanna.

It is holy to remember, and holy to gather.

Here in this place, let us gather, sing, remember, and celebrate.

Let us worship the Lord!

***Hymn # 268**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

***Prayer of Confession**

God of gathered crowds and hosannas,

we know that you are counting on us to be your voice,

to speak with love and proclaim hope to fear,

but so often we are quiet.

We worry that we’ll say the wrong thing,

so we say nothing at all.

We worry that we’ll speak up and won’t be heard, so we stay silent.

Unravel our fears.

Give us the courage to yell, “Hosanna!”

Gratefully we pray, Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, even when we are silent, even when we are scared, even when we miss the moment, even when we choose to speak and say the wrong thing—we belong to God.

There is nothing said or unsaid, done or undone that can undo that, so rest in this good news:

We are forgiven. We are known.

We belong to God, every day and always. Amen.

*Response

Meineke

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.

Passing of the Peace

Children's Choir Anthem

Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego
From *It's Cool in the Furnace*

Children's Message

After the Children's Message, children are invited to join their teachers for Sunday School.

Parents can pick their children up after service in Room 214b (2nd floor).

Response

These Treasured Children

These treasured children present now,

Are bound to us by sacred vow.

With love, we make a heartfelt claim,

To welcome them in Jesus' name.

Welcome & Ministry Updates

Anthem

The Holy City
Stephen Adams

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.

Special music

Were You There

Arr. John Behnke

*Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

Old 100th

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.

*Hymn # 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*Prayer for Illumination

Holy One, breathe through the words of Scripture until it is impossible for us to miss you there. God, we are here waiting for you. Gratefully we pray, Amen.

Scripture Reading

Luke 19:28-40

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Sermon

“Jesus Christ...Superstar!”

Rev. Ann Garrou Dickey

*Affirmation of Faith (*Drawn from Luke 19:28-40*)

Go to the village ahead of you, and you will find a colt tied there. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, say, “The Lord needs it.”

We believe in a God of surprises.

We believe that there are things we may never understand,

but we believe that even in the mystery,

God is there.

They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt, and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

**We believe in giving what we have.
We believe that actions of generosity change us.
We dare to believe that these small acts can change the world.**

The whole crowd of disciples began joyfully praising God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen.

**We believe in a God who is a miracle-maker.
We believe in a God of good news.**

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

**We know there will be forces that try to silence
what is just, good, hopeful, and generous.
We do not believe those voices will have the last word.**

“I tell you,” Jesus replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

**We believe, at the end of the day, love will find a way.
We believe. Help our unbelief.
In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

*Hymn # 213

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

*Blessing

Choral Response

Benediction
David Voorhees

Postlude

Menuet Gothique
Léon Boëllmann

**You are invited to stand as you desire.*

Leading us in worship today are Rev. Ann Dickey, Parish Associate; Rev. Caroline Cupp, Executive Pastor; Sandor Kadar, Director of Music; Kira Boros, Choir Accompanist; Marci Major, Children’s Choir Director; Madison Smith, trumpet; Michael Spaziani, baritone; Cherub Choir and Celebration Singers; The JuBellation Ringers; The Chancel Choir.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRES WEEK OF April 10, 2022

Our sympathy and prayers are with Kristin Roosevelt and family in the death of her father.

Women's Spring Bible Study – All women are invited to a spring study on Wednesday evenings in May. We'll meet in Room 209 from 6:30-7:30pm, and discuss Max Lucado's book, *Before Amen: The Power of a Simple Prayer*. This four-week study on prayer will begin May 4 - sign up at firstpreswc.com under the Sign Up tab or contact Elizabeth Hess (ehess@firstpreswc.com).

Women's Retreat – All women are invited to Cafe Chocolat, a chocolate-themed retreat, where we'll delight in God's extravagant grace. Through fellowship, Bible study, a service project, and fun, we'll grow in our relationships with God, with one another, and as a community of faith, exploring how God's grace is evident in all our lives. The retreat will take place at First Pres on Friday, April 29 (7-9pm) and Saturday, April 30 (9-11:30am). The cost is \$10 per participant; invite a friend! Please register through the Sign-Up tab at www.firstpreswc.com

Matthew 25 Campaign Update – With a little over a week to go in this year's 2022 Matthew 25 campaign, we have raised \$17,988, which is \$7,012 short of our \$25,000 goal. With your help we can cross the finish line by Easter! Funds raised in past years have helped survivors of domestic violence find housing, purchased a sleeping bag for a young man in need, and covered utility bills for a family experiencing illness-related job loss. This program has helped us to form deep partnerships with our neighbors and earned the church the label "the golden dome of hope." Thank you to all who have contributed for your generosity.

Austrian Boys' Choir – Join us for a Maundy Thursday service led by The Graz Boys Choir. The choir will present a short concert after the service. This service will be held on Thursday, April 14 at 6:30pm.

The Graz Boys Choir "Grazer Kapellknaben" has been dedicated from its inception in 2003 to excellence in voice, chorus and ensemble singing. The choir provides musical education to about 100 boys between ages 4 and 24, selecting the most talented ones for the concert choir. The boys are recruited from elementary schools in Graz and the surrounding areas. Classical music and oratorios (Mozart's Requiem, Bach's Christmas Oratorio and Passions) are important element of the choir's repertoire. The choir has sung extensively in Austria and Germany and has toured in Greece, Hungary, the Ukraine and the USA. 2018 marked their first tour to Australia. Their performances have delighted audiences and critics alike. The reviewers highly praised the angelic voices, the dedication, richness and excellence of the choir, and the engagement of their artistic director, Matthias Unterkofler.

Organ Dedication Concert – Please join us on April 23 at 7pm for the dedication of the Ginny Bauder Memorial Organ. The concert program will feature soloist, chamber orchestra, and the Chancel Choir.

April Food Cupboard Donation – This month, we are collecting soap & toothpaste for the West Chester Food Cupboard. Thank you for your generosity toward our neighbors in need.

Seussical – Dan, our Office Administrator, is directing a production of *Seussical the Musical* at SALT Performing Arts Center in Chester Springs. Seussical follows a young boy whose imaginative "thinks" usually get him into trouble as he journeys through many of Dr. Seuss's beloved tales in a show for children and adults of all ages. The show opens next Friday (April 15) and runs through May 1. Tickets can be purchased at saltpa.com. For more information, call the office or email Dan (dwilliams@firstpreswc.com).

Safe Harbor: Volunteers Needed – There is a small group from First Pres that has been delivering and serving meals to the ladies of Safe Harbor once a month for many years. During the pandemic, we partnered with Epicurean Garage in Eagle to pickup dinners from them and deliver to the shelter.

Our group is looking for some additional volunteers to prepare food as part of a home cooked meal and/or serve the meal to the residents. Our date is always the fourth Wednesday of each month and meal serving (now for both the women and men) begins around 6-6:30. If we cannot provide servers, then we can coordinate with the staff and just drop off the food between 5:30 and 6. You don't need to participate every month and can help with either cooking for the roughly 15 residents, helping to serve the meal, or both.

If you would be interested in finding out more about this local mission or to get on the email list, please contact Judy Stone, jstone1645@gmail.com.

Prayer Doves for Ukraine - Many of us have felt heartbreak and powerlessness while watching recent events in Ukraine. As a response to this situation, the First Pres community is invited to create a prayer dove for Ukraine, which will reflect our belief in the power of prayer and in the healing presence of God. Supplies are available in Fellowship Hall or you can download the template (available in the Enews) to do at home. Prayers can be written on the dove and/or you can decorate the dove as you pray. Please turn in completed doves by today, Sunday, April 10, so they can be assembled to display our congregation's prayers and care for those suffering by Easter.

Support for Ukraine – Thanks to your generosity, First Pres was able to donate \$5,775 to relief efforts in Ukraine through St. Vladimir Ukrainian Cathedral's Hope Fund. Father Taras and the congregation of St. Vladimir were extremely grateful for the support from First Pres. Special thanks to Sue and Bill Mertz for delivering the donation. If you would like to contribute to this ongoing relief effort, you can donate through our website.

Easter Lilies – Today is the deadline for requesting Easter Lilies. If you would like to help decorate the Sanctuary with Lilies this Easter, please fill out the form below, the envelopes found in the pews, or sign up online. The cost this year is \$14. Note on your request whether it is in honor of or in memory of someone. You can also email Karen Goldstein (kgoldstein@firstpreswc.com) with your request. Thank you.

Given by _____ In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Greeters for today at 9am are Jon, Jennifer, Audrey and Connor Beckman. Greeters at 10:42 are Scott and Becky Gamble.

<u>As of 4/6/2022</u>	<u>Giving</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Total Giving Budget</u>
2022 Regular Giving	\$267,012	\$287,553	\$1,028,335