

Passion/Palm Sunday - March 25, 2018 ~ 10:15 am

Assemble in God's Name

**Procession with Palms**

Hymn #197

*"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*

Introit

Presbyterian Youth

**Call to Worship**

L: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**P: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.**

L: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for He is the life we long for, He is the Word who sustains us.

**P: We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before Him, to cushion His walk.**

L: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, He comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

**P: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.**

**Prayer of Invocation**

Steadfast Love; You hand us the palm branches, so we can wave them in hope; You steady us in the days when pain is stuck to the bottom of our lives, when fear is our constant companion. We empty ourselves so You might fill us with joy. Humble Healer; when our mouths turn numb and we cannot speak our dreams, You tenderly caress our cheeks, leaning over to hear our faltering words. When our arms have grown weak from the burdens we carry, You take them from us, and strengthen us with Your mercy. We empty ourselves so You might fill us with grace. Voice of Wisdom; when death hovers so close we can feel it's cold breath, You come to us, the warm breath of resurrection pushing aside our fears. When we hesitate to walk into the unknown stretching before us, You tightly clasp our hands and teach us the first step. We empty ourselves so You might fill us with peace. God in Community, Holy in One, we open our hearts to You. Amen.

\*Hymn #199

*"Filled with Excitement"*

**\*Call to Confession**

When the parade is over, do we pick up our lives, brush them off, and live in the old way? Do we toss our palm branches aside, so we can grasp the seductions of the world? As we begin the journey through the holiest of weeks, let us speak the truth, as we confess to our God, praying together,

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

Ever constant God, mixing love and hope together, You pave the way to the kingdom, but we prefer to stub our toes on the potholed roads of temptation. You will touch the cup of grace to our parched lips, but we

seem to hunger for the ashy taste of bitterness. You beg us to learn the songs of salvation, but we hum along with the chorus death plays in the background of our lives. Have mercy upon us, God of Holiness. As You come to us, You bring healing for our brokenness, peace for our troubled lives, hope for our doubting minds. May we empty ourselves of everything which keeps us from following You, so we may receive these gifts, and more, from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

**\*Time for Silent Prayer of Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

L: Laying aside judgment, God offers us redemption; setting aside anger, God embraces us with love; letting go of grief, God pours living water upon us. This is the good news, my friends: God's steadfast love endures forever.

**P: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God! Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri Hymn #581

**\*Share the Peace of Christ with One Another**

(Members and guests, please pass the attendance pad from left to right)

Proclaim God's Word

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Responsive Reading**

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

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**Moment for Children**

Ann Tiffany

**Anthem**

*"A Joyful Hosanna"*

Chancel Choir

**Gospel Lesson**

Mark 11:1-11

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**Sermon**

\*Hymn #196

*"All, Glory Laud and Honor"*

\*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle's Creed (Page 35 in Hymnal)

**Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**The Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

Give Thanks To God

**God's Tithes and Your Offering Received**

**Offertory**

\*Doxology Hymn #606

### \*Offertory Prayer

As we offer these tangible gifts, Holy One, remind us of those who could use the clothes hanging in our closets unworn, those who could be fed by the food stored in our pantries, those who could be healed by the grace and hope we keep locked away in our hearts. May we be as generous with others as You are with us, we pray. Amen.

### Go in God's Name

\*Hymn #198

*"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"*

\*Benediction

### Choral Benediction/Postlude

(\*) Asterisk signifies to please stand if you are able.

**Ushers for March:** Scott Kohler, Laura Kohler, Butch & Faythe Amberg, Troy Amberg, Leon & Sharon King, David Danielson, Ryan Kramer, Jerilyn Kodet, Rick Kramer

**April Communion Servers:** Shari Fuhr, Deb Hess, Becky Bruns, Lynn Juell, Nancy Miller, Marlys Mathiowetz, Shellie Mammen

**Greeting You Today:** Deacon of the Month: Leon King, Nathan Jacobson, Matt & Kimary Tiffany

**Our Televised Worship Services** ~ Tune in to NU-Telecom - channel 3, and Media-com - channel 8, on Mondays at 10 am, and Wednesdays at 7 pm.

**Friendship Dinner** ~ Our next Friendship Dinner is **today**, from 5-6:30 pm. The menu will feature; soups, breads and desserts. Everyone is welcome!

**Holy Week Services** ~ Our **Maundy Thursday** Service is Thursday, at 6:30 pm, the Chancel Choir will be singing and Holy Communion will be celebrated. Our community **Good Friday** service will be held at our Church this year at 12:05 pm. The Chancel Choir will be singing and Peggy Dolezal will be singing a solo. The Rev. Bryant Kaden of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church will be preaching along with all pastors of the Redwood Area Ministerial participating in the service.

**Easter Flowers** ~ If you have Easter flowers you would like to share with us for Easter morning worship, please bring them with you Easter Sunday or drop them off in the kitchen the week before. Thank you!

**Easter Breakfast** ~ The Mission Service Team (MST) Costa Rica will be serving a light breakfast from 8:30-9:45 on **Easter Sunday**. Please join us before the worship service for egg bake, muffins/breads, juice/coffee! Bring your family and guests! A free will offering will be taken to help support service projects and activities during the team's upcoming mission trip to Costa Rica in July.

## First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

Our Vision Statement of the First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls is: God's timeless love transforms each of us to joyously continue the ministry of Jesus Christ in our community and in our world.



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Ministers: The members of the congregation

**Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty**



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## Church Calendar

**Sunday, March 25:**

### **Palm Sunday**

8:45 am: Breakfast/Sunday School

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship

Following Worship: Packing Weekend Good Bags

5-6:30 pm: Friendship Dinner

7:00 pm: Confirmation

**Monday, March 26:**

Noon: Pastor - Rotary

**Thursday, March 29:**

6:30 pm: Maundy Thursday Service

**Friday, March 30:**

12:05 pm: Good Friday Service

**Sunday, April 1:**

### **Easter Sunday**

8:30-9:45 am: Breakfast - MST Costa Rica

10:15 am: Worship with Holy Communion

*Thanks FPC congregation for faithfully supporting Presbyterian Mission in South Sudan through the South Sudan Education & Peace-building Project. I'm writing to let you know that others like you are considering traveling to Juba, South Sudan to experience the country first-hand and, among other things, to: (1) discover how God is at work there through the PC(USA) and our partners; (2) seek to understand current issues and challenges; (3) meet our Presbyterian mission co-workers and learn about their ministries; (4) experience the hope of lives being transformed. It would be a challenging trip, in terms of travel and accommodations and, of course, the security situation in South Sudan is very volatile, as it is a country at war. We would have to depend on our mission co-workers living in country to determine whether it is safe at the time of the trip. That said, it would also be an incredible opportunity for spiritual and missional engagement. The timeframe currently being considered for this trip is the first quarter of 2019, and the group would be accompanied by Debbie Braaksma, Africa Area Coordinator for World Mission. The size of the group would be six ideally, and a maximum of eight. Plans will need to be made soon to allow for adequate preparation, so we need a decision no later than Friday, April 13. Please let me know if anyone from FPC is interested and I will send additional information. Grace and Peace, Rev. Rhonda K. Kruse (Mission Engagement Advisor–Midwest Presbyterian Mission)*

**Attention High School Seniors** ~ Please have your graduation picture, a baptism picture and any other church related photos to the **church office by March 30!** You can email them to: [churchofc@hotmail.com](mailto:churchofc@hotmail.com) or drop them off in the office mailbox (please label your photos so they can be returned to you). Graduation Sunday is scheduled for **May 6**. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Please contact Pam Prouty if you have any questions.

**Rummage & Bake Sale ... April 12-14** ~ Our Annual Rummage Sale is right around the corner and just in time for you to do some spring cleaning... Your gently used and clean items can make their way to the Youth Chapel starting **Sunday, April 8**. Baked goods are welcome this year as well! Please bring bake sale items to the church kitchen Wednesday, Thursday or Friday! The sale will run on Thursday and Friday, Noon- 6 pm and Saturday from 9am-noon. Please contact Pastor Pam or Ann Tiffany if you have any questions.

*"Listening in the spiritual life is much more than a psychological strategy to help others discover themselves. In the spiritual life the listener is not the ego, which would like to speak but is trained to restrain itself, but the Spirit of God within us. When we are baptized in the Spirit - that is, when we have received the Spirit of Jesus as the breath of God breathing within us - that Spirit creates in us a sacred space where the other can be received and listened to. The Spirit of Jesus prays in us and listens in us to all who come to us with their sufferings and pains." -Henri Nouwen*

### Pray For The Following:

**Pray for the unchurched and lonely.**

**Pray for people living in our communities, the disenfranchised and people in other countries.**

**Pray for those who are having financial or marital difficulties.**

**Pray for those grieving the loss of a loved one.**

**Pray for those seeking employment.**

**Pray for our leaders at the city, county, state and national level and all military personnel.**

**Pray for those in need of food, medicine and shelter.**

**Pray for our church leaders and teachers.**

**Pray for our local, national, world political leaders.**

**Birthdays:** Today - Simon Danielson, 26th - Maynard Nolting

### **Members of our Church Family in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities:**

Muriel Moon, Millie Bunting, Gordon Alexander, Jeanette Kotval

**All Those Fighting Cancer:** Tom Umscheid (Pam Prouty's cousin's husband),

Kathy Tiffany (Glen Tiffany's wife/Donna Potter's sister-in-law)

### **Pray for all those fighting other diseases:**

Shellie Mammen (Lupus), Corrine Gertsema (multiple sclerosis)

**If you know of something/someone to add to the Prayer List, please contact the church office.**