

April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday

Our PCAS Vision:

"To be a Light by Living, Loving, Learning, and Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Order of Worship

*(*Please rise in body and/or spirit)*

You are invited to gather (weather permitting) outside, in front of Fellowship Hall.

The service begins with welcoming Jesus to our city, to the gates of our gathering place.

*We greet Jesus with Palms and shouts of "Hosanna!"
and singing, and join in the procession that leads us into worship.*

*Hymn #196

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
(repeat refrain until we have entered Fellowship Hall)

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One. (Refrain)

The people of the Hebrews with psalms before thee went;
our prayer and praise and anthems before thee we present. (Refrain)

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. (Refrain)

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King! (Refrain)

*Call to Worship

Leader: God, we praise you for Jesus Christ,

**People: who came riding into the city of Jerusalem on a lowly beast,
victorious through love and not through violence.**

Leader: Help us to learn the meaning of power and of glory through Christ,

**People: who, though being one with you, took on the form of a servant
and shared our human life and suffering.**

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Call to Confession

Leader: "Hosanna" is both an ecstatic welcome and a profound plea: Jesus, Messiah, save us! From what? From whom? For what purpose? Let us pray together out loud and then in silence:

Prayer of Confession (**unison**)

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, God of unfailing compassion, 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 whatever we are called to do, without any promise of reward. We pray this in the name of our Teacher, Jesus. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: At his birth, Jesus comes bringing us hope. Entering Jerusalem, he brings us assurance. Walking to Calvary, he leads us to new life. All this was for us - so we could bend our knees before God in humility and praise. God's steadfast love endures forever.

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

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson Psalm 118:19-29

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God!**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn: Majesty

Majesty, worship his majesty, unto Jesus be all honor, glory, and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority,

flow from his throne, unto his own, his anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the Name of Jesus!

Magnify, come glorify, Christ Jesus the King.

Majesty, worship His Majesty; Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings!

Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 19:28-40

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God!**

Sermon

“If These were Silent...”

Offering

Offertory:

Give Me Jesus

Arr. Mark Hayes

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #197

Hosanna, Loud Hosana

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed, ‘mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;
the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

Announcements

*Benediction

Leader: The bad news is...when you leave this place, no matter what you do
or don't do, these lush, shiny, green palm leaves are going to
eventually wither, dry, and turn brown.

**People: But the good news is...no matter what we do or don't do,
the tireless, relentless, limitless love of God always remains,
unshakably, the same.**

Postlude:

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Michael Burkhardt

Holy Week



Palm Sunday – 4/10 at 10am

Plan on grabbing a palm branch and joining the crowd welcoming Jesus into our midst. The service will begin with the congregation processing into Fellowship Hall. Greeters will direct you when you arrive.

Palms will be available for pickup for those unable to join us in person a day or two before. We will let you know when they come in.



Maundy Thursday Vigil – 4/14

Jesus asked his disciples to keep watch while he prayed in the garden after his last supper. We invite you to sign up to keep vigil in the Sanctuary for an hour between 9pm and 9am. Sit with God for a while in those hours when our deepest longings and most fervent prayers make themselves known.



Good Friday Service – 4/15 at 7:30pm

We gather by candlelight to remember the final events of Jesus's life. Surely he has carried our infirmities and our sorrows. Experience the weight and meaning of Jesus's costly grace through dramatic storytelling, music, reflection, and growing darkness.



Easter Sunday – 4/17 at 10am

We joyfully celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord! Join us in worship as we praise the God of new and abundant life. Special music will include Bell Choir, live in person, and trumpet. We are thrilled after two years to gather together on this most holy day!

Worship Leaders

Liturgist:	Sue Starke
Ushers	Team C
Zoom Host:	Jim Wright
Hymn Leadership and Solo:	Sean Starke
Piano and Organ:	Kathleen Healy-Wedsworth and Marcello Velame
Video Editing:	Rich Vodhanel

Coffee Hour Provided By: The Deacons

Church Staff

Pastor: Rev. Katja Gruening	Director of Music Ministries: Marcello Velame
Office Administrator:	Sexton: Douglas Silk

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Maundy Thursday Vigil

You are invited to keep vigil during the evening of Maundy Thursday, April 14th into the 15th. Sign up for a one-hour time slot between 9pm and 9am.

Sign-up online. Go to tpcas.org and click the link the homepage.
Or stop by the church and sign up in person.

There are two ways of participating:

- 1) Come to sanctuary to keep your vigil hour.
- 2) Participate from home. You may want to create a sacred space with a cross, candle, or something to help designate this time as with the Lord.

Choir: All are welcome to join us. Rehearsal time: 8:30-9:30am on Sundays.

Chancel Flowers: Please sign up to dedicate and supply flowers in memory of your loved ones. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer of The Church House, or you can email pcas@verizon.com or call the office 7327473557 your information.

Church Groups and Committees who wish to meet in the Church House can call the office (732 747 3557) or email (pcas@verizon.com) to book your meetings.

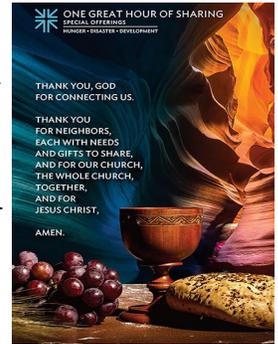
Opportunities for Loving Our Neighbors

Soles for Souls Shoe Drive: MARCH 3-APRIL 17

We will be collecting all types of shoes with/without heels, boots, flip flops, anything that DOES NOT have holes in the bottom of the shoe. A collection box will be in Fellowship Hall during the Lenten Season. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Hirce.



One Great Hour of Sharing: Received during the season of Lent (March 2 - April 17, 2022), each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need, In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Watch your mail for your OGHS envelope. Lori Hirce Church & Society



Food Drive: The Deacons invite you to donate shelf stable food for the Eatontown CO-OP. You may leave donations in the bin or the foyer of the Church House.

Reflections on What we Believe

The church is sent to be Christ's evangelist, participating in God's mission to care for the needs of the sick, poor, and lonely; to free people from sin, suffering, and oppression; and to establish Christ's just, loving, and peaceable rule in the world.

PC(USA) Book of Order

Order your Easter Lilies for the Chancel For Easter Sunday April 17, 2022. Palm Sunday is the last day to order

Please make Check payable to The Board of Deacons, Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury.

I would like to order ___ Easter Lily(s) at \$10.00 each. Total Enclosed \$ _____

Given by: _____ Phone: _____

Email _____

In Memory/ Honor of (circle one) _____

Please check the appropriate line;

I will pick up my Lily(s) following the 10 AM Service

