
Order of Service

April 3, 2023 – Palm Sunday

We are so glad you have joined us for worship – either in person or online. You can get the latest information by visiting our website (www.firstprespalestine.com) and signing up to be on our Email list. We know that God is present whenever we gather, whether we gather in person or virtually, and hears the praise and prayers of our hearts. God's peace be with you.

****INDICATES TO PLEASE STAND IF ABLE TO DO SO.**

GATHERING

Meditation in Preparation for Worship

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hosana!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Let us worship God, who is worthy of our praise.

****Opening Hymn *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* Blue Hymnal #88 vs. 1,2**

*Refrain: All glory, laud and honor To Thee, Redeemer, King! To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

*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 palms before Thee went; Our praise and prayers and anthems Before Thee we
present. [Refrain]*

Invocation

Children's Moment

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Triumphant God, we join the crowds of the ages in shouting your praises. While our lips give you glory, our lives seldom reflect your purposes. We sing easily of your greatness but living faithfully is often beyond us. We hear of your salvation, yet sin is still close and real, daily leading us away from you. We know that your power comes from humility and meekness, yet the lure of power and the powerful tempt us. Have mercy on us. Ride into our hearts with healing grace. Forgive what we have done and direct who we shall be. Lord, save us. Hosanna! Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

This is good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

****Gloria Patri**

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.

THE WORD

Scripture Matthew 21:1-11

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "The Real Meaning of Palm Sunday" Rev. Tom Akers

Choir Anthem or Hymn of Reflection

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Call for the Offering



How to Give: you can go directly to our website and use our online giving platform to set up a one-time or recurring gift; you can mail your offering directly to the church (POB 132, Palestine, IL 62451), or you can drop your tithes and offerings at the church office, Mon – Thurs, 10 am – 2 pm.

Presentation of Offerings and Song of Dedication

****Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology) (#606)**

*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.*

Prayer of Dedication

Communion

Communion Hymn *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* Blue Hymnal #514 vs. 1,2,3

*Let us talents and tongues employ, Reaching out with a shout of joy: Bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.*

Refrain: *Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

Christ is able to make us one. At the table He sets the tone, Teaching people to live to bless, Love in word and in deed express. (Refrain)

Jesus calls us in, sends us out Bearing fruit in a world of doubt, Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere! (Refrain)

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayer

Breaking and Pouring

Partake of the Bread as it is Received

Hold the Cup to Partake Together

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. AMEN.

SENDING

****Hymn of Sending** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* **Blue Hymnal #88 vs. 3,4**

*Refrain: All glory, laud and honor To Thee, Redeemer, King! To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

*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]*

Benediction

Postlude

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PRAYER REQUEST

Newly Added or Updated:

Family of James McGahey

Family of Anita Inboden Carroll

Our Continuing Care Concerns:

People of Ukraine

Jim Goodwine – Dual Pacemaker

Jeff Shaner

Sally Shepherd

Tony Kirby – Several tests at Carle Clinic

Marilyn Henderson

Bill Miller – Colon Cancer

Kimberly Harmon – Undergoing chemo treatments

Jack Cook – Eye Surgery

Mike Devin (Loretta's Brother) – Suffered a stroke

Nancy Seamon – Lung Cancer

John Hunter - Cancer has returned

Teresa Blackburn – Diagnosed with Cancer

Phoebe Fuller – Heart Issues

Christy (Woodworth) Blickensderfer - Cancer

Miranda (Inboden) Waddel – Breast cancer

Doris & Bill Powell – Doris battling lung cancer

Bob Roberts – Recovering from Triple Bypass Surgery

David Bennett – (Samantha Knoblett's Dad) suffered a stroke.

Nick, Lawrence, & Jacob (Knoblett friend's Children)

Blain Loll – Diagnosed with Leukemia

Levi, Samantha Knoblett & Kids

Cheryl Mefford – Blood clot in both legs

Mei Judge – doing well with treatment

Jim Higgins – Back Surgery with complications

Brenda Wolfe

Remember our college students:

Kendra Biggs – Bellarmine

Lindsay Ryan – EIU

Charlie Catt – LTC

Remember those in our church family who are in assisted living or care homes:

Timber Creek Village

Sharon Biggs, Mary Laughead, Paul Rosenberg
1302 W Highland Avenue, Robinson, IL 62454

Sisters of Providence

Guileen Manual
1 Providence Pl, St Mary-Of-The-Woods, IN 47876

BridgePointe Health Campus

Cheryl Mefford
1900 College Ave, Vincennes, IN 47591

Arbor Rose of Robinson

Carolyn Ripley
500 S Reed Street, Robinson, IL 62454

Cotillion Ridge

Richard & Lee Vehling
600 Robinwood Dr, Robinson, IL 62454

The Villages at Oak Ridge

Joan Goodwin
1694 Troy Rd, Washington, IN 47501

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARCH GIVING – ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

MEETING DATES

- April 10, 6:00 p.m. – Investment Committee Meeting

IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

- Sundays Through Lent, 2:30 p.m. – Lenten Book Study using “*Learning to Walk in the Dark*” by Barbara Brown Taylor.
- Wednesday, 6:45 p.m. – Choir Practice
- April 7, 6:00 p.m., 1st Christian Church – Good Friday Service
- April 9 – Easter Sunday; Easter Egg Hunt – Meet inside front doors at 9:45 a.m.
- April 10 – Bridal Shower RSVP Deadline
- April 23, 1:00 p.m., Church Basement– Bridal Shower in honor of MaryAnn Catt

LOCATED AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY

- The Upper Room – March & April
- Presbyterians Today – March & April
- Lent Devotionals
- Recipe Cards – Fill with your favorite recipe and bring it to the shower to share with the bride
- Thank You Card – The Clothing Center Workshop
- Thank You Card – Catt Family

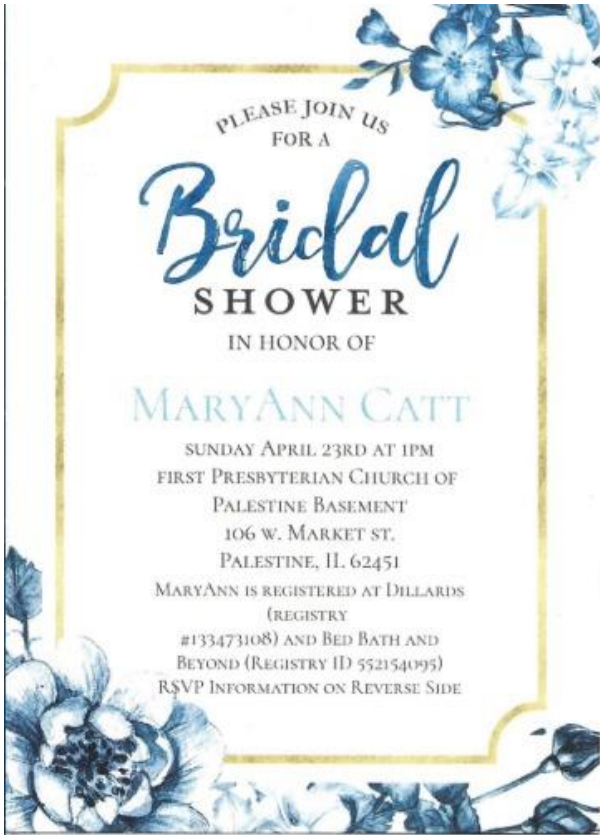
MARCH 19, 2023, DONATIONS:

TBD

March 2023 Online Giving:

TBD

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A recipe for the
Bride to Be

Fill out the a recipe card available in the back of the church with your favorite recipe and bring it to the shower to share with the bride.

Please RSVP by April 10

