

8:30 & 11:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
PALM/PASSION SUNDAY
March 28, 2010

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE "Toccatina and Fugue in D Minor" J. S. Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH
(Please sign the Welcome Pads at the end of each pew)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP (8:30 AM only)
(A brief moment of prayer and reflection in preparation for worship.)

#CHORAL INTROIT "The Palms" J. Faure
Join all and sing, His name declare, Let every voice resound with acclamation: Hosanna! Praise to the Lord! Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation.

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 118:1, 22-26

LEADER: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

PEOPLE: **The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

LEADER: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

ALL: **Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!**

PEOPLE: **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

LEADER: We bless you from the house of the Lord.

*HYMN #89 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Ellacombe

*CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)

Eternal and ever present God, in Jesus Christ you have come to us. But as we begin our Holy Week journey we confess we are too eager to move from the celebration of Palm Sunday to the joy of Easter. We confess we spend little time reflecting on the cost of your love for us in the Last Supper, Good Friday and the cross. We confess we don't stop to reflect how we too have denied Christ when the

way is hard. We confess we have lost the depth of Holy Week, and so our celebration of Easter becomes less. (Silent Confession)

Gracious God, though we are at times faithless, you remain ever faithful. May we believe that you again have forgiven us in Christ. And so may we forgive ourselves and each other. And may we linger a little longer in the journey of Holy Week, and discover anew your love for us. This we pray in the name of the One we confess as our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

##*CONFESSION RESPONSE "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" J. Berthier
O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call answer me; come and listen to me.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*ASSURANCE RESPONSE #467 refrain O Store Gud

"How Great Thou Art"

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, How Great Thou art!

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Park Lenhart

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 50:4-9a (p. 643)

#ANTHEM "Hosanna in the Highest!" David W. Music

Hosanna in the highest! Daughter of Zion, rejoice and see, your King comes to you. Shout now, O daughter of Jerusalem, your King comes to you. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest!

#THE GOOD NEWS FOR THE YOUNGER DISCIPLES
(Children 0-4 years return to the nursery, and children grades K-5 are dismissed to "Children in Worship.")

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 20:9-19 (p. 77)

THE GOOD NEWS FOR THE OLDER DISCIPLES Dr. Hink
"The Question and a Story"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

#RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS & CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

Presentation of New Members

Jeff Snyder

Personal Profession of Faith

*Community Profession of Faith (8:30AM also)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Baptismal Question and Prayer

Baptism – Kenneth Charles Messina

Welcome

*HYMN #91

“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”

St. Drostan

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer/Silent Prayer/Congregational Prayer

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Sweet Hour

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my petition bear To Him, whose truth and faithfulness Engage the waiting soul to bless. And since He bids me seek His face, Believe His word and trust His grace, I'll cast on Him my every care, And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

OFFERING

Offertory

“Song of Zechariah”

Hal H. Hopson

Hear, ye folk of Israel, Soon the Lord appeareth; Riding on a donkey's back, King of all is He. Loud will the streets rebound; What a bright triumphant sound; What a joyful dancing day, our salvation comes. Sing, O Zion's daughter! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem. Hail the King behold He cometh; Sing and shout! In Him salvation comes. Peace shall come to Israel, Heathen nations crumble; Catch the vision Israel, God will keep His word. Bells on the horses ring; Voices of the people sing.

*Response #446 v. 4 **“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”**

Azmon

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim, To spread through all the earth abroad The honors of Thy name.

*Prayer of Dedication and **The Lord's Prayer**

“...sins, as we forgive those who sin against us...”

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

- 4/1 Maundy Thursday worship and communion, 7:00 PM. Nursery.
4/2 Community Good Friday Worship at St. Paul's' United Church of Christ in Hermitage (Todd Avenue) – 12-3 PM.
4/4 Easter Sunrise Worship led by Youth Group at FPC – 7:30 AM
Easter Breakfast - 8:15 AM
No Sunday School classes
Easter Worship and Communion – 11:00 AM

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE led by the youth group will be in the Sanctuary of First Pres at 7:30 AM on Easter Sunday. **Breakfast** will follow at 8:15 AM. A free will offering will be taken at the breakfast to support summer mission trips. Please come and hear how God is at work in the lives of our youth as we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ!

PLEASE WELCOME our new members, Bev Sackett and Ken Messina. We are pleased to have them become part of the people of God at FPC.

TODAY IS THE DAY... DINNER THEATER@FIRST –dinner by the Presbyterian Women at 6 PM, theater by the Covenant Players at 7 PM. Tickets: Adults \$15, Children 12 and under \$10, Theater only \$5. Tickets are available today after church and at the door. Dinner is limited and is on a first come basis.

“THE BIG PICTURE OF THE PROPHETS” seminar has been extended one class. The final class will meet this Wednesday, March 31, 6:30-8:00 PM.

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY Please sign up by April 5th by calling the office for the Progressive Luncheon on April 14th. Also indicate if you need transportation. You will be called sometime during the week prior to the lunch by your hostess. You should arrive at her home about 11:30 AM. Following the lunches, a combined dessert and fellowship time will be held at 1:30 back at the church.

THE ANNUAL DINNER of Christian Associates of the Shenango Valley will be Thursday, April 22 at 6:30 PM at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Sharon. Jon Kolb, a former Pittsburgh Steeler and an inspirational speaker, will provide the program for the evening. The cost of the catered buffet dinner is \$12.50. Reservations need to be made by April 15. Forms are available in the church office. No reservations will be accepted by phone or at the door.

REMINDER – The Mission Team will have a brief meeting this Tuesday, March 30, 7 PM, to discuss participation in the “backpack food mission” for children at Case Elementary School.

YEAR OF THE BIBLE: What basic principle does the psalmist suggest for those who wish to have a long life? (Ps. 34:12-14) Paul writes that Abraham is the ancestor of people who are linked to him not primarily by circumcision, but by what? (Rom. 4:11-12) While “the wages of sin” is death, according to Paul, what does God offer freely because of Christ? (Rom. 6:23) These questions are from the readings for March 22-27.

SPRING GATHERING of the Presbyterian Women of Shenango Presbytery will be Thursday, April 15 at Westfield Presbyterian Church. The theme is “Patterns for Living.” Lunch is \$6 and reservations need to be made by April 9. Forms are available in the church office. Please contact Dorothy Davis or Ella Lee if you are interested in attending. Carpooling arrangements will be made.

THE SPRING LUNCHEON of PW of First will be Tuesday, April 20 at noon in Fellowship Hall. Program is Barney Scholl on Mercer County Habitat for Humanity. Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased in the church office. We will be honoring our new PW Honorary Member at the luncheon as well as approving the 2010 Budget and 2010 Benevolence Budget. Plan now to join us. All members and friends of FPC, men and women, are invited.

PW RUMMAGE SALE is coming April 30 & May 1 from 9 AM – 2 PM. If you wish to donate items to the sale, they may be brought to the church beginning Monday, April 26 until **noon** on Thursday, April 29. If you are unable to bring your items to the church, a pick up service is available. Please call the church office by **noon** on April 21, leave your name, address and phone number and you will receive a call to arrange pick up for Monday or Tuesday. A donation is requested to help defray the cost of the pick up service. Additional information will be coming.

SUMMER CAMPING BROCHURES are now available. Contact Debbie D. if you would like one.

NO PAIN, no palm...no thorns, no throne...no gall, no glory...no cross, no crown.

- William Penn