First Presbyterian Church the Square



April 9, 2017 PALM SUNDAY 11:00 AM

Service for the Lord's Day

Gathering

Prelude "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"	Teschner
Welcome and Announcements	
 *Call to Worship L: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! P: Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! L: Lo, your king comes to you; 	Zechariah 9:9
P: triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.All: Let us worship God!	
*Hymn 197 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"	ELLACOMBE
*Prayer of Confession Almighty God, you despise nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that, truly repenting of our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness	

through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Silent and personal confession.)

Kyrie (Glory to God, 437)
 You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
 You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
 You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

* Declaration of Pardon

*The 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 of God

Time with the Children

Sharon Hand

"Hosanna (In the Highest)" "Hosanna! You're My King" Tommy and Becky Holland Tuttle

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons Exodus 12:1-14 (page 65); Mark 15:16-37 (pages 1009-1010)

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

"The Real Jesus: The Cross"

Michael D. Bush

Thanksgiving

* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed, (Glory to God, p. 35) 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.

* Hymn 215

WONDROUS LOVE

"What Wondrous Love Is This?"

Offering

- Beethoven

"Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Please place friendship register sheets in the offering plate.

* The Doxology

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.

The Lord's Supper

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 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.

The Communion of the People

All baptized Christians are invited to participate. It is our practice to hold the elements until all have been served. We use grape juice only.

Prayer of Thanksgiving



* Hymn 223

HAMBURG

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

* Charge and Blessing

* Response

GIVE THANKS

"Give Thanks" (Hymn 647, no repeats)

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" Give thanks. Give Thanks.

* Postlude

*If you are able, please stand.

Today at First

Sunday School 9:30 AM, Education Wing

Fellowship 10:30 AM, Rodgers Center

> Worship 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Preacher Michael Bush

Liturgist Erica Hand

Acolyte Calyn Campbell

Musicians Pat & Gwen Bacon

Flowers

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Larry & Kay Burlingame's 50th Wedding Anniversary by Bill & Mary Dunnavant.

Sunday School Classes Toddler's Class (Room 102) Children's Class (Room 101) Young Adult Class (Room 105) Women's Class (Room 112) Men's Class (Parlor-Rodgers Center) Corner Class (Room 107) Discussion Class (Room 100) Welcome to First Presbyterian Children. Children are always welcome in worship. Child care is available for infants and toddlers in the nursery, through the doors at the front of the sanctuary, then right.

To join this church. Speak to the minister.

Order CDs of the service. Call the church office: (256) 232-0112.

Connect to our online community life. Visit fpcathens.org for information, news, and sermon audio. Join our Facebook group for community life. Follow our Facebook page for news, updates on recent events, and upcoming opportunities.

Connect to pastor and staff. Call the church office. The interim pastor's email is mbush@fpcathens.org.

Accessibility. There are reserved parking spaces on Jefferson Street in front of the sanctuary. Enter the building through the walkway to the right of the sanctuary or through the office entrance. Ask an usher for an assistive hearing device.

To give sanctuary flowers. See the chart outside the right-hand door at the front of the sanctuary or call the church office. The Week Ahead HOLY WEEK 12:00 PM, Noon Worship Service & Lunch Each Day

Monday, April 10, 2017 12:00 PM, Holy Week Service

Tuesday, April 11 12:00 PM, Holy Week Service 6:00 PM, Cursillo 4th Day ADK Teacher's Sorority - Rodgers Center -6:30 PM, Session Meeting - Conference Room (#100)

Wednesday, April 12 9:30 AM, Pottery Class -Basement 12:00 PM, Holy Week Service 5:30 PM, Wednesday Supper 6:00 PM, Adult, Youth & Children 7:00 PM, Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 13 12:00 PM, Holy Week Service 6:30 PM, Maundy Thursday Service & Communion

Friday, April 14 12:00 PM, Holy Week Service

Saturday, April 15 7:00 AM - Gideons -Rodgers Center 9:00 - 11:00 AM, Easter Egg Hunt & Fellowship -Revival

April 16 - 22, 2017 Sunday, April 16 - EASTER

Sunday School 9:30 AM, Education Wing Fellowship 10:30 AM, Rodgers Center Worship 11:00 AM, Sanctuary Liturgist: Tom Clem Acolyte: Eloise Chouinard

Monday, April 17 Church Office Closed - No Scheduled Activities

Tuesday, April 18 6:00 PM, Cursillo 4th Day Limestone Historical Society - Rodgers Center -

Wednesday, April 19 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM, Empty Bowls Luncheon - Revival 5:30 PM, Wednesday Supper 6:00 PM, Adult, Youth & Children 7:00 PM, Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 20 5:30 - 7:00 PM, Girl Scouts Troop 468 - Rodgers Center

> Friday, April 21 - No Scheduled Activities -

Saturday, April 22 7:00 AM - Gideons, Rodgers Center 2:00 PM - 12:00 AM, Revival Reserved

The Session

Class of 2017 Richard Estes Christine Hilgeman Don Payne Jerry Witt Class of 2018 Larry Burlingame Sharon Hand Julie McNeese Mason Ruf Class of 2019 Brad Clem Jacob Greene Deb Kohlhase Jennifer Quillen

Duane Counter, Treasurer

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