

LITURGY OF PALMS

Prelude	Jesus Paid It All	Dr. Mary Crowell
Introit	All Glory Laud and Honor	The Bell Choir
Welcome and Announcements		Pastor Jim Truesdell

*Call to Worship Psalm 118 (selected) Elder John Noel

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good;
whose mercy endures for ever.
**Let Israel now proclaim,
'The mercy of the Lord endures for ever.'**
Open for me the gates of righteousness,
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
**This is the gate of the Lord;
those who are righteous may enter.**
I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.
**The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**
This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
**On this day, the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**
Hosanna, Lord, hosanna!
Lord, send us now success.
**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord;
we bless you from the house of the Lord.**
God is the Lord, who has shined upon us;
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
**You are my God and I will thank you;
you are my God and I will exalt you.**
Give thanks to the Lord, who is good;
whose mercy endures forever.

*Hymn All Glory Laud and Honor # 196

*Prayer John Noel

Proclamation of the Entrance Into Jerusalem John Noel
Matthew 21: 1-11
pgs. 977-8

* Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

This Little Light of Mine

Time with Young Disciples Pastor Truesdell

Prayer for Illumination John Noel

First Reading Isaiah 50: 4-9a
p. 728 John Noel

Anthem Jesus Shall Reign The Bell Choir

Second Reading Matthew 27: 11-54
p. 987-88 Pastor Truesdell

Response
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "*Faces in the Crowd*" Pastor Truesdell

LITURGY OF THE PASSION

Silent Prayer of Confession

Responsive Prayer on Christ's Passion

Our Redeemer suffered death was buried and rose again for
our sake. With love let us adore him, aware of our needs.
Christ our teacher, for us you were obedient, even to death.

Teach us to obey God's will in all things

Christ our life, by dying on the cross you destroyed the
power of evil and death:

Enable us to die with you, and to rise with you in glory.

Christ our strength, you were despised, and humiliated
as a condemned criminal

Teach us the humility by which you saved the world.

Christ our salvation, you gave your life out of love for us:

Help us to love one another.

Christ our Savior, on the cross you embraced all time
with your outstretched arms:

**Gather all the scattered children of God into your
realm.**

Jesus, Lamb of God,

have mercy on us

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

have mercy on us.

Jesus redeemer of the world,

grant us peace.

Eternal God, as we are baptized into the death of Jesus
Christ, so give us the grace of repentance that we may
pass through the grave with him and be born again to
eternal life. For he is the One who was crucified, dead
and buried, and rose again for us, Jesus our Savior.
Amen

Invitation to Worship God with Our Offering

Offertory Beautiful Savior The Bell Choir

*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.**

*Prayer of Dedication Pastor Truesdell

*Hymn When I Survey the Wondrous Cross #224

*Charge Pastor Truesdell

*Benediction

* Postlude Crown Him with Many Crowns Dr. Crowell

***Stand if you are able**

Holy Week and Easter Services

First Presbyterian Church

Monday: Reverend Clint Coffey,
First Christian
Mark 11: 15-18
Jesus Cleanses the Temple

Tuesday: Reverend Jeannie Randal
St. Timothy Episcopal
John 12: 20-36
Some Greeks Wish to See Jesus

Wednesday: Reverend Jack McDaniel
First Methodist Athens
Jesus Speaks

Thursday: Reverend John Ryberg
First Methodist Athens-*John 13:1-17*
Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

Thursday: Maundy Thursday Service 6 pm-
John: 1-17, 31b-35
The God Who Kneels

Friday: Reverend Dr. Jim Truesdell
First Presbyterian Church-*John 18-19: 1-42*
Near the Cross

Sunday Sunrise Service: 6: 30 am
PW Leading
The First Witnesses, Women!

Easter Sunday Service: 10 am
The World is New!

For Our Visitors:

We welcome you to worship and would love to connect with you personally. Prayer Request/Visitor cards are located in the pews. Please place it with the offering or give it to the pastor following the service. Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Announcements:

- Play (or learn) Mahjong and other games each Monday night at Revival
- Potter's hand meets each Wednesday morning from 9-12
- Choir practice Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
- Easter Egg hunt for the children of the church during Sunday School
- North Alabama Presbyterian Men, April 6th @ 6 pm.

Thank You to the Bell Choir for their performance today

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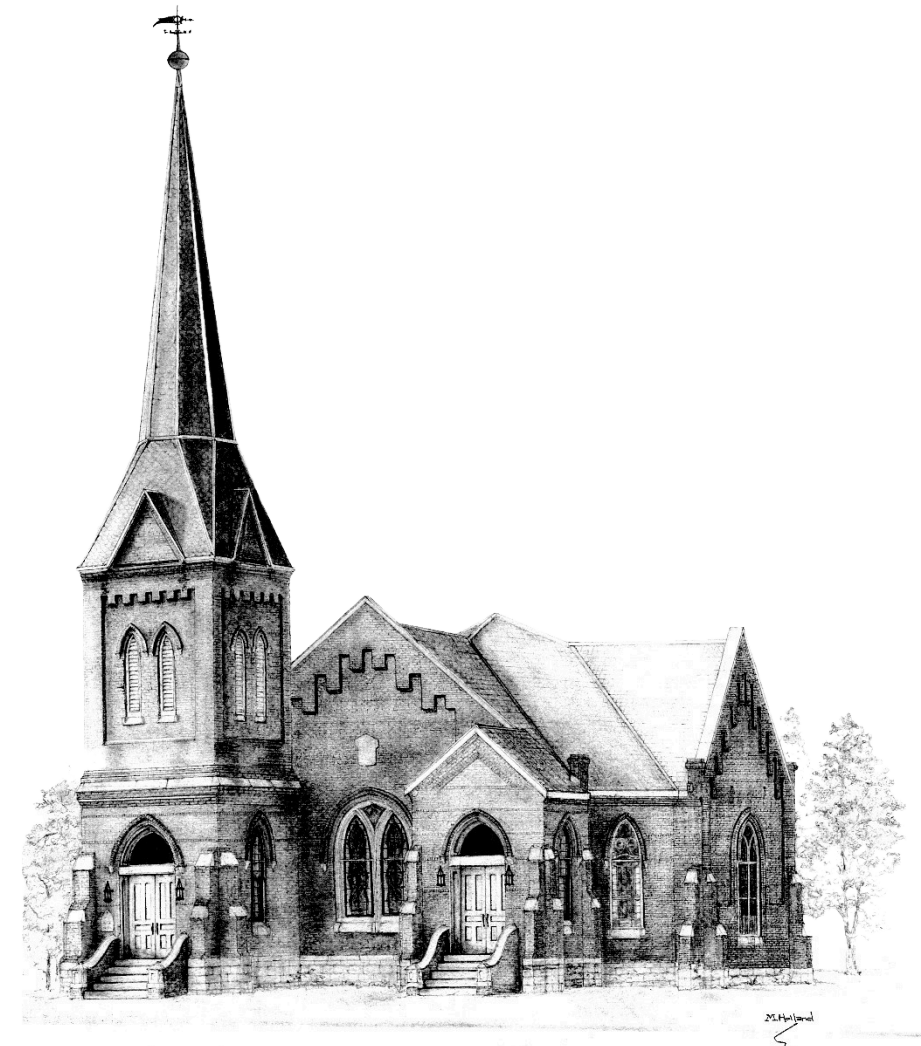
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Palm Sunday



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We serve each other, the Athens community, and the world on the square in downtown Athens. Our church family is a community of believers who come seeking the grace and peace of God.

If you are looking for a place where you will be accepted, nurtured, and nourished in your journey of faith, or if you are still examining the claims of Christianity, then you are welcome at First Presbyterian Church.