

First Presbyterian Church

Cleveland, GA

March 24, 2024



“Growing together by sharing Christ’s love”

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Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024**

We Gather to Worship God

PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God of salvation, our Lord entered his passion to raise us to life. In this holiest of weeks, help us to walk the way of the cross, that we may be raised in a resurrection like his and dwell forever in you, Eternal God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRELUDE TO WORSHIP “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” arr. Jan Sanborn

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” GtG #196

GREETING

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Based on Zachariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt the foal of a donkey.

***GATHERING PRAYER**

***HYMN** “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna ”

GtG #396

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord, we confess
our hands are not clean, our hearts are not pure.
Forgive our capricious discipleship
and keep our faith constant, O Lord.
Lead us always to a deeper experience of your love.
Enliven us by the familiar, but always new story of shame and triumph,
suffering and hope, that this week reveals.
Mold us to the ways of the Servant whose life we honor this morning
with palms and praise, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Word of the Lord from Psalm 118 ...
I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.
In Christ, God answers us and sets us free!
In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

***SONG OF RESPONSE** “Hear the Good News of Salvation”
GtG #441 (v. 2)

**All the sins I have committed to my Savior now I bring.
I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing:
Jesus Christ, how much I love You! Jesus Christ, You Save from sin!
How I love You! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.**

We Hear the Word of God in Scripture and Song

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE	Philippians 2:5-11	Charles Massingale
ANTHEM	“Hosanna to the King”	Craig Courtney
GOSPEL	Mark 11:1-11	

SERMON

“What Happens When You Assume?”

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

“My Song is Love Unknown” GtG #209

We Respond to the Word of God

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Philippians 2:5-11

**Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human
likeness.**

**And being found in human form, he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

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; and
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERING

HYMN FOR MEDITATION

“Be Still and Know”

arr. Mark Hayes

SONG OF GRATITUDE

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

GtG #708(v. 1)

**We give thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***HYMN** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” GtG #223

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** “Lord, Prepare Me” GtG #701

POSTLUDE “This Is My Father’s World” arr. Carol Tornquist

Devotion for Discernment

Scripture: Matthew 18:1-4

Focus Text: “Unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven” (v. 3).

Listening to God: When I made you, I wove your spirit together with mine. You will always be my child. The best parent in all the world cannot love as I can love you. My love is unconditional and unbreakable. When you live into this relationship, you fulfill the purpose for which you are placed on earth. Why are you always struggling to be independent? I created you to depend on me and your fellow human beings. It is when you let go and become as dependent as a little child that I can do the most in your life.

My Prayer:

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Our annual **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** will be collected today and Easter Sunday. This offering supports hunger programs, self development programs and disaster assistance. Checks can be made to FPC with OGHS in the memo section. See insert.

Service of Wholeness - March 27 at 12:30 PM: Prayers for and with one another are a central part of our Christian faith. Our Presbyterian tradition has a special service called a "Service for Wholeness" that offers a time for people to come and receive prayer. This is not a healing service in the Benny Hinn style. This service centers around living into God's word to us in James 5:13-14: *"Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord"* (James 5:14). You don't have to be sick to come and receive prayer. Come with any need, concern, or hope and allow others to pray with you and for you. Our first Service of Wholeness will be held on March 27 at 12:30 PM in the sanctuary.

Maundy Thursday Service and Cantata - March 28 at 7:00 PM. The FPC Chancel Choir will present *Come Walk With Me* cantata.

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service - March 31, 7:15 AM at CeNita Vineyard

Easter Sunday Service - March 31, 11:00 AM at FPC

Yonah Lodge 382 is planning on displaying **Veteran memorial markers** along roadsides in Cleveland to honor deceased veterans of the armed forces. The metal crosses will be displayed from the weekend before Memorial Day through July 5. Requests forms, available in the Upper Narthex, and payments of \$150 per memorial must be returned to the church office before the end of March.

FPC Yard Sale - Mark your calendars, the church will host a yard sale on April 19-20. Proceeds will benefit The Growing Place. More information to come.



The flowers in the sanctuary are provided by Elaine Wiegert in honor of her daughter's, Rebecca's, birthday.

The Week at a Glance

Monday, Mar 25th

Office Closed

Tuesday, Mar 26th

9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

8:00 - 12:00 TGP

Wednesday, Mar 27th

9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

8:00 - 12:00 TGP

12:30 Service of Wholeness

2:00 Knit'n'Stitch

6:30 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Mar 28th

9:00 - 1:00 Office Hours

8:00 - 12:00 TGP

7:00 Maundy Thursday Service

And Cantata

Friday, Mar 29th

Office Closed

Sunday, Mar 31st

7:15 Sunrise Service

9:30 Choir Rehearsal

10:00 Coffee & Conversation

11:00 Worship Service

Remember in Your Prayers

Members' Special Needs, at Home, or Hospitalized

David and Clair Arvold and their family

Family and Friends

Salvatore Ciriello, father to David Ciriello

Diane & Mark Grainger

In the Military

Zack Ciriello.....Ciriello and Murdoch family

Greyson Ekdahl-McBrideCiriello and Murdoch family

Charlsie Maddox Maddox family

Tyler Lovell Royds family

THE SESSION

Reverend Burnetta Armour, Moderator
Bruce Morgan, Clerk of Session
Jim Hiers, Clerk of Session, Emeritus



Class of 2024

Phil Baughman
Worship

Jim Crawford
Membership

Class of 2025

Bruce Morgan
Administration & Finance

Hugh Walters
Building & Grounds

Elaine Wiegert
Mission and Discipleship

Class of 2026

Judy Massingale
Membership

Nancy Webber
Communications

THE DIACONATE

Rita Morgan, Moderator
Judy Massingale, Session Liaison

Class of 2024

Viveca Cooper
Debbie Wessely

Class of 2025

Rita Morgan
Adele Page

Class of 2026

Kim Ciriello
Bob Thomason

Pastor:

Director of Music:

Accompanist:

Organist

Usher:

Greeters:

Liturgist:

Elder of the Month March:

Deacon of the Month March:

Rev. Burnetta Armour

David Arvold

James Geiger

Rachel Ficklin

Elaine Wiegert

Charles Massingale

Hugh Walters

Collin Armour

Charles Massingale

Jim Crawford

Debbie Wessely