

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

March 28, 2021

Palm/Passion Sunday

10:00 AM

**PRELUDE** *The King Rides In* Smith

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE & POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS**

*Worship is marked by lighting the Christ candle, a reminder that Christ is present among us. The pouring of the water reminds us that in baptism we are cleansed, delivered, raised, forgiven, reborn, anointed, restored, and strengthened for a life of faith.*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASSING THE PEACE**

**INTROIT** *What Wondrous Love is This? (Verse 1)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist: Aaron Roos

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Rejoice and be glad!  
Let us sing of the glory of God and lift our voices together in praise!

**People:** **Behold, this day our king arrives triumphant and victorious,  
yet humbly riding upon a colt.**

Leader: He enters Jerusalem declaring peace among the nations of the world,  
and his dominion shall extend to the very ends of the earth.

**People:** **Blessed is the One Who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

Leader: Confident of our Savior's presence here,  
let us gather to worship the Lord our God.

**People:** **Blessed is the One Who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

**\*HYMN #196** *All Glory Laud and Honor (vs. 1-3)* Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

**CALL TO CONFESSION:**

Leader: We want to lift our voices in praise, but we are often misled by the crowds.  
We want to come by your side, but we are often confused with what you ask  
of us. We want to walk with you on your path, but we often stumble. Join me  
in confession as we offer our hearts to God.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Eternal God, a parade of palm branches and shouts of "Hosanna!" proclaim the hopeful expectation of this day. Indeed, so joyful was Jesus' arrival into Jerusalem. We, too, gather to celebrate his coronation, even though the crown that awaits our Lord is one made of thorns. We often have not listened to what Jesus is saying, what he is asking of us. Many times we have lacked resolve and grown timid in our faith. Forgive our past failures, and grant us courage to follow Christ, even into the darkness of Gethsemane and the despair of the cross.

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

Leader: Even when we falter, God's love reaches to us in forgiveness and new life.

**People:** **How can we thank God for all that God has done for us?**

Leader: Believe and live the Good News of Jesus Christ!

**People:** **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**All:** **Hallelujah! Amen!**

*(In the somber and penitent mood of Lent, no Gloria Patri is sung after the confession.)*

**FIRST GOSPEL READING** Mark 11: 1-11

**PSALTER** Psalm 22 Cantor: Abraham Roos

**Psalter Response:** *"My God, My God, why have You abandoned me."*

**ANTHEM** *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus* Dan Forrest

**SECOND GOSPEL READING** Mark 15:1-20

**SERMON** *What Was Jesus Thinking?*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(From: A Brief Statement of Faith)*

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (we say "debts")**

**OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS**

Offertory *Kyrie* Frescobaldi

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

**\*HYMN #216** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* St. Christopher

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *What Wondrous Love is This? (Verse 4)*

**\*POSTLUDE** *Jesu, Meine Freude* Johann Cruger

**Today's Prayers:** Ann Marie Montgomery, Shirley Brannan, Cameron Orr, Bill Titus, Dale LaPointe, Marsha Foster, Mary Frances Moss, Ron Schnitker is in Hospice, Jason Sybert, along with all those on the front line sacrificing so much for the rest of us, all teachers, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, all those adversely affected by the Covid-19 and for our nation.



In 1620 Pastor John Robinson sent the Pilgrims off to America with a final sermon in which he talked about "more light." He believed that God wants us to be continually open to hearing new things from God's Word in the Bible. A "More Light" Presbyterian church welcomes lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons to full participation in the life, ministry, and witness of the congregation. We work to expand the inclusiveness of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

**Christ Welcomes All!**

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**One  
great hour  
of sharing.**

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***What Was Jesus Thinking?***

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## ***All Glory, Laud, and Honor***

**Refrain:** All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's Name comest, the King of blessed One. **Refrain**
2. The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. **Refrain**
3. To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. **Refrain**

## ***Beneath the Cross of Jesus***

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,  
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;  
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.
2. Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see  
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;  
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:  
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.
3. I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;  
content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,  
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**



### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**April 1**

**7pm Zoom <LINK>**

On this night we remember and celebrate the final supper Jesus shared with his disciples in the context of Passover. Jesus washed his disciples' feet, and dined with them. We will gather at The Table, each of us in our own homes, as intimately as we can on Zoom. We will share in the liturgy. All who wish to have a speaking part will have the words sent out before Thursday. In this service we will hear Jesus' command to love one another.

Time: Apr 1, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85793375558?pwd=S3pFQ0cxMzVkTmNJK2VwSCs4eFZlQT09>

Meeting ID: 857 9337 5558

Passcode: 362519

### **GOOD FRIDAY Wood County Community Service April 2 Noon via YouTube <link>**

FPC BG joins with eight (8) other churches in Wood County for a reflective, somber, holy service. We gather through YouTube with St. Aloysius Catholic, St. Paul's, Peace, and St. Mark's Lutheran Churches, Trinity, and First United Methodist Churches, First Christian and the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints. Our Choral Scholars and our organist, Adam Miller, provide the music for this powerful, thought provoking, spirit-filled service recognizing the death of our Lord, Jesus Christ.



BGMA YouTube Channel to watch the service

- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuy7AMYNfmtPeoy6qNndpHq>



### **EASTER SUNDAY**

**April 4**

**In-person & FB Live**

**7 a.m. Sunrise Service in our Court Yard** - We will shout, "He is Risen! HE IS RISEN INDEED!" Of course, we will all be wearing masks and social distancing- but we will meet in-person in the court yard. This service will be a brief grand celebration of the Resurrection! Mary found the tomb EMPTY! Jesus was not there!

**10 a.m. via Facebook Live** - The Grand Celebration of the Resurrection! The trumpets will blast! The brass sextet will shake the rafters as we give praise and glory to God who defeats death and offers us life! From your home, we will gather for prayer and praise and Holy Communion. Stay to the end for the Hallelujah Chorus! He is risen! He is risen indeed!

Trumpet 1: **Brian Kuderik**  
Trumpet 2: **Gerhard Hofer**  
Tuba: **Elliot Nickeson**

Trombone 1: **Maria Eley**  
Trombone 2: **Michael Borjas**  
Horn: **Ronald Koch**

## Week of March 28 thru April 6

SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service – Palm Sunday via FB Live
	11:30 a.m.	Staff meeting in Pastor David's office
	1:00 p.m.	Intergenerational – Green Space Update via Zoom
TUESDAY	6:00 p.m.	Christian Education Committee via Zoom
WEDNESDAY	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Devotions via Zoom <a href="http://bit.ly/BGMADEVO">http://bit.ly/BGMADEVO</a>
	5:30 p.m.	Lectionary Bible Study via Zoom
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship via Zoom
FRIDAY	12:00 p.m.	BGMA Community Good Friday Service via YouTube
SUNDAY	7:00 a.m.	Courtyard Sunrise Service
	10:00 a.m.	Easter Worship Service via Facebook Live and the receiving of OGHS offering



The Bowling Green Community 8th Annual Lenten Series will be held Wednesdays at via Zoom (<http://bit.ly/BGMADEVO>) The series is presented by the

BGMA. This year the format will be devotional, using the book "A WAY OTHER THAN OUR OWN" by Walter Brueggemann.

March 31<sup>st</sup> – Drawn Away, Drawn Toward by Vicar Robin Small & Pastor Helen Dukes



### It's Lent! Which means it's also time for One Great Hour of Sharing!

Here's some of the ways the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special offering helps:

- **Through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the OGHS offering has sent funds to aid domestic response such as COVID assistance programs.** It also aids internationally by providing disaster assistance and helping refugees.
- **OGHS funds also go to the Presbyterian Hunger Program.** In 2019, this program sent over \$1 million to 20 countries, including programs to alleviate famine in countries including South Sudan, Somalia, Yemen, and Nigeria, as well as programs in the United States.

- **The third major area to benefit from the OGHS is the Self-Development of People.** Grants have been given to groups with projects such as renovation of a senior center, refugee assistance, homeless aid, substance abuse recovery, and help in providing health care.

**One Great Hour of Sharing** is one of the most impactful offerings of the year. To send a check to the church please write "OGHS 2021" on the memo line or use our PayPal app that is attached to most emails or the church's website. Please be generous!

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - Sunday Afternoon Gatherings

The newly created **Youth Council** (The CE Committee, the Youth Advisors, and the Youth) have planned programs, activities, gatherings, and studies for young and old, some in-person (at a safe distance and masked) and some on-line. You are **ALL INVITED EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT 1 PM!**



**March 28- Green Space Update:** *Trees, Labyrinth, Stations of the Cross, Indigenous Garden, Holy Land, Biblical Garden, Community Garden, Play Space, Open Space-* How are we going to develop this property for community use? The Green Team will share dreams, visions, hopes and ideas via Zoom.

**April 4-** Easter Celebrations in your own homes.



**April 11-** Service Project- Spring Cleaning at the Church Property - We'll be inside and outside sprucing up the sanctuary, fellowship hall and building our community garden in the Green Space all in preparation to be able to re-open mid-May. **Come lend a hand.**

**April 18-** Confirmation Class: **What Does it Mean to Show Christ's Love?** In Fellowship Hall.



**April 25-**Field Day with Recreation Specialist Rev. David Montgomery. Fun and frolicking for all. Pastor David has a bachelor's degree in Recreation Leadership and a career full of experiences. There will be activities for all ages and all physical abilities. Come for FUN!