First Presbyterian Church

A More Light Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
126 S. Church St., Bowling Green, OH 43402

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 24, 2024 **Palm Sunday** **10:00 a.m.**

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing. **LITURGIST: Rev. Jeff Schooley**

PRELUDE ***Ride on King Jesus*** Traditional Spiritual, arr. Lloyd Larson

PASSING the PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT ***You Are Welcome Here*** Mark Burrows

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)
One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
All: Hosanna in the highest!
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HYMN #197** ***Hosanna, Loud Hosanna Ellacombe

CALL TO CONFESSION (liturgist)
Like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem and then later pronounced "Crucify him," we are fickle people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Remembering the events of Jesus' last week helps us see ourselves for what we are: sinners in need of a Savior, a Savior—praise God—we have in Christ. In honesty and hope, we confess now our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you, we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, that our faith is often more show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own.

CHORAL KYRIE RESPONSE ***Kyrie*** Plainchant
SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsively)
One: Hear the Word of the Lord from Psalm 118:
One: Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever."
All: Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free.
One: The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.
All: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.
One: In Christ, God answers us and sets us free!
All: In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #197** ***(sing the 3rd verse)

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

CANTATA ***"No Greater Love"*** Lloyd Larson

Narrated by Kat Nic and Libby Dachik

1. *Sing Hosanna to the King!*
2. *Remember Me*
3. *Alone in the Garden He Prays*
4. *Betrayed, Rejected, Condemned*
5. *Surely He Has Borne Our Griefs*
6. *There Is No Greater Love* Seamus Coon, soloist

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(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; the life everlasting. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS
Offertory ***Da Jesus an dem Kreuze stund*** Samuel Scheidt
***Doxology** (**Unison) Hymn #609**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
***Prayer of Dedication**

Venmo

HYMN #223** ***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Hamburg

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE** ***What Wondrous Love Is This

POSTLUDE** ***What Wondrous Love Is This Wilber Held

PRAYERS: All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, the family of Dean Clarke, the family of Barbara Georgi (Sandi Carsey's Mom), Nettie Rose, Kat Nic, Linda Myers, Ken Oman, the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, those picking up and trying to recover from surgery and loss.

This is a MORE LIGHT Presbyterian Church!

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.)

. There are no closed doors here.

Christ Welcomes All Here!

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Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

2. From Olivet they followed ‘mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud; the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

3. “Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1. When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; did e’er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Week of March 24 thru March 31

SUNDAY	**10:00**	**a.m.**	**Worship Service**
	11:30	**a.m.**	**Potluck in the Fellowship in FH**
	4:00	p.m.	Girl Scouts in the Green Lounge
	7:00	p.m.	Meditation Group in the Green Lounge
MONDAY			**OFFICE IS CLOSED**
TUESDAY	**1:00**	**p.m.**	**Book Group in the Green Lounge**
	5:30	p.m.	La Conexion ESL classes
	6:00	p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous in the Green Lounge
	7:00	**p.m.**	**Christian Nurture & Membership meetings**
	8:00	p.m.	A.A. in the Fellowship Hall
WEDNESDAY	**9:00**	**a.m.**	**Sorting Clothes in the Deacons’ Shop**
	12:00	**p.m.**	**BULLETIN DEADLINE EVERY WEDS.**
	7:00	**p.m.**	**Choir rehearsal**
THURSDAY	**9:30**	**a.m.**	**Deacons’ Shop is open to the public**
	9:30	**a.m.**	**Staff meeting in Pastor Jeff’s office**
	5:30	p.m.	La Conexion ESL classes
	5:30	**p.m.**	**Maundy Thursday Dinner & Service in Fellowship Hall**
	8:00	p.m.	Meditation Group in the Green Lounge
FRIDAY	**7:00**	**p.m.**	**Ecumenical Good Friday Service at St. Mark’s Lutheran**
SUNDAY	**10:00**	**a.m.**	**Worship Service w/Communion & Baptism**

SAVE THE DATE! Legacy Giving Luncheon – April 21 - Giving through charitable bequests, permanent endowment funds, and other estate plans enables us all to share God’s material gifts with the church and to help fund the mission and ministry of First Presbyterian Church Bowling Green now and into the future. On **Sunday, April 21st, you are invited to attend a special luncheon to hear more about all the ins and outs of legacy giving!** Our guest speaker will be Stephen Keizer from the Presbyterian Foundation and he will have a wealth of information to share on the many types of planned giving that are available. In the near future, we will let you know the details about making a reservation for this special event, so save the date!

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Events Calendar

Sunday, March 24, 2024 – Palm Sunday

10 a.m. Special choir-led worship

*featuring a Holy Week cantata

11:30 a.m. Church potluck meal to follow worship

[No WeMeet on Wednesday, March 27]

Thursday, March 28 – Maundy Thursday

5:30 p.m. Dinner-and-Worship in Fellowship Hall

*Communion will be served at your table

Friday, March 29 – Good Friday

7 p.m. Special Bowling Green Ministerial Association-led service at St. Mark's Lutheran Church

*Featuring a blended choir from St. Mark's, First Presbyterian, and Trinity United Methodist Churches

Sunday, March 31 – Easter Sunday

10 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship

Communion worship service featuring special music

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering and Fish Collection

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, March 29 at 7:00 PM

A Tennebrae Service of Darkness
Presented by
Bowling Green Community Churches
and a Combined Choir

Hosted by: St. Mark's Lutheran Church
315 S. College Dr., Bowling Green

Sponsored by the Bowling Green Ministerial Assoc.