

Service of Divine Worship

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 24, 2024

Assemble in God's Name

As You Focus for Worship

Loving God, whose presence becomes real to us when we sink to the depths of despair, whose care dawns on our awareness when we have felt your absence, minister to us through the Word who became flesh to dwell among us, that we may take the risks of faithfulness as Christ did. Teach us the love that will go all the way to the cross so we will not be discouraged but will serve with caring persistence until the world believes. Amen.¹

Gather in the Fellowship Hall with Palms

Welcome and Proclamation of the Good News

***Call to Worship:** *Responsive Reading*

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good,

whose steadfast love endures forever.

Blessed is the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!²

Let us worship God.

Proclamation of the Entrance to Jerusalem: Mark 11:1-11

Invocation²

Palm Sunday Processional

Men & Boys: *"Hosanna!"*

Women & Girls: *"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"*

Process to the front of the sanctuary, place your One Great Hour of Sharing and regular gifts in the basket there. Go to your seat by way of the side aisles.

***Hymn #88:** *All Glory. Laud and Honor*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination:

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.³

Children's Time

Susie Faas

Ministry of Music: *Ride on King Jesus*
Heritage Choir

Joseph Martin

Sermon: *Preparing the Way of the Lord*

Reverend Kevin Stainton

***Hymn # 276, verses 1 & 3:** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Joy & Concern Cards will be collected during this hymn

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Life Together

Installation of Ruling Elder

Passion Sunday

Ministry of Music: *Lonesome Valley/We Shall Walk*
Heritage Choir

Mabry and Schwarz

Prayer of Confession: *Unison Reading*

O God, we are not worthy to bend our knees before you. Too often, our actions have shouted, "Crucify!" Our fears have led to denial. Our self-interest has prompted false witness. We have compromised our integrity to avoid criticism. We have bowed down to false gods whose fleeting promises seem momentarily

attractive. We are so confused! We want to do what is right, but we do not want to suffer. We would like to get rid of the burden of our mistakes, but we find it difficult to change. O God, deliver us from ourselves.¹

Silent, Personal Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Christ has witnessed your tears of remorse.

Our sins are forgiven.

Your past is wiped clean.¹

Thanks be to God, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***Hymn #86:** *When We Are Tempted to Deny Your Son*

The Passion of Christ: Mark 14:43-15:41

Prayer of Christ's Passion: *Responsive Reading, see insert*

Hymn #93: *Ah, Holy Jesus (Please Remain Seated)*

Stripping of the Sanctuary

Depart in Silence, Follow the Christ Candle Out of the Sanctuary

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^{*} *Those who are able may stand.*

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Prayer of Christ's Passion:
Responsive Reading

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 out-stretched arms:

Gather all the scattered children of God into your realm.

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Invocation:

Liturgy of the Palms

God Most High, gracious and glorious, blessed is the one who comes in your name. Lead us now on the road to the cross. May we follow with faithfulness and joy, shouting hosanna in the highest heaven; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Tuesdays Together In

Lent

Tuesdays Together in Lent

Each Tuesday evening, during the Lenten season, we will gather together to study and learn as a church community. Adults and teens are invited to meet at Heritage for Potluck dinner, fellowship, and study. Childcare for our younger children is available. Contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org

Tuesday March 26 from 6-8pm is our last meeting!

Food: 6-7pm will be a weekly potluck supper. The church will provide a main entree and we ask congregation members to provide a side dish or dessert.

Study: From 7-8pm Pastor Kevin will lead us in study and conversation using the PCUSA curriculum “Follow Me—Make Disciples”.

Sign up on the “LENT” bulletin board in the Atrium or use this link: <https://bit.ly/TuesdaysTogether2024>



Spirituality Centers

Spirituality Centers Will be set up through Holy Week. Spirituality Prayer Centers are set up for all ages, in our Adult Library and Fireside rooms and will be open and available for your use when the building is open. They provide wonderful space to pray individually, with a family member, or a prayer partner. Plan a time to be renewed and refreshed through the power of prayer.



Lenten Resources and Practices

Lent began on Ash Wednesday. This is a 6-week period when Christians prepare for Easter through reflection, study, and service. We have prepared several resources and experiences that are appropriate for all ages as we experience Lent. Take-Home resources will be available in the atrium.



Basketball at HPC

Basketball in our church gym will start on Tuesday, April 2 through May 29, 7-8:30pm—open to all ages 16 and up. Please join us for some pick-up games or simply just shooting around. See Tom Ball with questions.



Community Cupboard

Please leave your donations in the grocery cart in the front hallway, not in the shed or elsewhere. We are providing only non-perishable food items and hygiene products. Please do not donate anything else. Also, no glass containers.

At the present time we could use especially: Cereal, hearty stews, Vienna sausages, juice, canned fruit, and toothpaste.

We appreciate your help and support in this new mission project.



Save the Date for VBS: June 24-28, 6-8:30pm

Vacation Bible School is one of our favorite seasons! Mark your calendars, so you don't miss any of the fun and faith at Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is CAMP FIRELIGHT! We are looking for lots of helpers for VBS. If you would like to help with advance planning or decorating, or if you would like to be a volunteer the week of VBS, please contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org. There is a place at VBS for everyone.

Prayer Requests

Joys:

- Ada Graham Stine—new granddaughter of Karen & Jim Stine—born Thursday, 3/14/24 in Chicago

Concerns:

- Anthony Rought—finishing Navy boot camp
- Logan County, OH—recovery from devastating tornados.
- Shawn Allen—friend of Joyce Klein—Stage 4 Cancer

Continued Prayer:

- Prayers for the people of Ukraine and Russia, and for peace.
- Prayers for the people of Israel and Gaza and all victims of terrorism and war
- Transitional Leadership Team
- Phyllis Atkins – friend of the Stanfords – heart valve replacement
- Norm Atkinson—Chris Atkinson's dad—hospitalized after a fall
- Jayne Cool—Cathy Ewing's mother –treatment for cancer
- Gary Hoffman—Megan Fisher's grandfather—Hospice
- Frank Huffman—friend of Sheri Miller—surgery
- Mitchell Kent—teammate of Sam Le Cras—tractor trailer accident
- Cathy Kinzie—cousin of Pat O'Kray—congestive heart failure
- Twilla & Gary Lane—friends of the LeVans—Twilla chemo for breast cancer.
- Carole Phillips—memory care at Optimized Senior Living
- Bonnie Reeves
- Steve Ritz
- Merideth Rought—healing after a car accident
- Roger Rude—health issues
- Pat Shafer – friend of Bev Stainton – medical testing
- Ron Trapp – Pastor Emeritus – Hospice Care
- Sandy White—recovery from 2/26 foot surgery

In Memoriam

- Sheri Miller, Connie Ison & family—in the recent death of their Aunt Leah Cowan.
- Family of Micah Ewing's student whose mother passed away.
- Family of Micah Ewing's colleague who was killed in a car accident.
- Megan—friend of Kim Moore—Megan's husband died in a car accident.

Intercessory Prayer: Winton Hills Presbyterian Church

Call the church office, 398-7671, to request the prayer chain be started



Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 24, Palm/Passion Sunday

9:00 am: Sunday School for all ages

9:30 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: In Person Worship & Livestream Worship on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

5:00 pm: Kids of the Kingdom, 'Tweens and Legacies

Monday, March 25

Tuesday, March 26

10:00 am: Crafting Group

6:00 pm: Tuesdays Together in Lent

Wednesday, March 27

7:00 pm: Bells Practice

Thursday, March 28, Maundy Thursday

11:00 am: Adult Bible Study

6:00 pm: Maundy Thursday Simple Supper

7:00 pm: Maundy Thursday Service

8:15 pm: Easter Music Rehearsal

Friday, March 29, Good Friday

12:00 pm: Committee Minutes Due

Saturday, March 30

12:00 pm: Food with Friends

Sunday, March 31, Easter Sunday

9:30 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: In Person Worship & Livestream Worship on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

Worship Leader Today: Susan Brose

Sanctuary Flowers Today are Given By Sandy White in Memory of her husband, Nelson

Greeters Today: Matt & Carson Wulf

Birthdays: Alison Mount, Tim LeVan, Sarah Jill Sinisi, Linda Spaeth, Al Stevenson



Maundy Thursday Worship and Simple Supper

Thursday March 28 is the Thursday of Holy Week traditionally called Maundy Thursday, the evening of the Last Supper and Jesus' arrest.

We will gather for a simple meal of soup and bread at 6pm and worship at 7pm with communion. This is the holy night which begins our Lord's passion for our sakes. Gathering together to share bread and the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation is an important part of our Lenten journey and preparation for the celebration of the Resurrection on Easter morning.

Please join us. Sign up with this [LINK](#), or use this QR Code:



HPC Easter Breakfast

Heritage Presbyterian Women will be hosting a yummy Easter Breakfast.

Please join us Easter morning for breakfast from 8:30 - 9:45am. Enjoy egg casseroles, bacon, yogurt and fresh fruit.

Volunteers will be needed to cook casseroles at home (ingredients are provided with the recipe) and help with cleanup.

Please sign up online at <https://hpcmason.breezechms.com/form/cf40449> or add your name to the sign up sheet on the PW Board in the Atrium so enough food is planned. Thank you and we hope to see you there !!



Easter Sunday
Breakfast



Sandwich Mission Continues

A big THANK YOU to all of you who continue to make sandwiches for “Our Daily Bread”, on Race Street, in downtown Cincinnati! Through Friday, 3-15-2024, you have made 28,459 sandwiches, in 198 weekly deliveries over the past 4 years. If stacked, these sandwiches would be as high as a 217 story building.

TODAY: One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing fish banks and sharing calendars are available in the Atrium, under the Children’s Ministry bulletin board. Gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing will be used to provide relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and assist in the empowerment of the poor and oppressed.

We invite you to make a contribution, as an example of the Lenten discipline of service to others. *We will return our offerings and fish banks to HPC today, Palm Sunday, March 24.*

2024 Pledges & Gifts

Use this link to give online: <http://bit.ly/2WjfB2m>

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Announcements

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