

## PALM SUNDAY

**Welcome and Announcements****Prelude** *Hunter's Chorus*

C. M. von Weber

Nolan - violin, Ron Ollis - organ

**Call to Worship****Centering Prayer****Anthem** *Entrance into Jerusalem*

Wes Cameron

Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, Ron Ollis - organ

**Prayer of Confession****Assurance of Pardon****Prayer for Illumination****Scripture Reading** Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

**Sermon** "A Humble Messiah?"

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer****Benediction****Postlude** *Toccata: All Glory Laud and Honor*

Michael Burkhardt



*Thank you for your gifts that support our ministries, year in and year out.  
Tithes and offerings may be dropped in the basket by the baptismal font.  
To show love for one another, please remember to exit the sanctuary by row from the rear  
and maintain six-foot distance from those not in your household.*

**Remember in your thoughts and prayers:**

**Health concerns:** Baywood Crossing residents and staff; Mary Knapik; Jamie Jamison; Camp Clemmons; Cathy Sydnor; Health care workers and all those struggling with the coronavirus; Sarah Brady; Karen Shimnowski's sister, Denita Logan; Brian Davis; Diane Hall; Faye Chapman; Bill Flora

**Upcoming Events @ FPC - more details at [fpcpasadena.org](http://fpcpasadena.org)**

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**Lent Devotionals** - the final Lent Devotional for Holy Week was emailed and mailed earlier this week to prepare to celebrate the risen Christ with reflection and prayer.

**Maunder Thursday Worship Service, April 1, 2021.** Worship will be virtual with communion in your home using your own communion elements (a sip of wine or juice and piece of bread or cracker). At FPC website: [fpcpasadena.org](http://fpcpasadena.org). The service will be available online by 5 pm.

**One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering**

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. Envelopes and more information can be found in your pews and narthex March 28 and April 4. Please give generously this Lenten season.

**Stepping Out in Faith Sunday School** led by Pat Abrams meets Sundays at 8:30 via Zoom. To join, contact Bonnie Keith.

**Prayer Shawl Group meets every Tuesday via Zoom at 1:30 pm.** To join this group contact Johnnie Haltom or Barbara Davis.

**The Wednesday Brown Bag and Bible meets every Wednesday at noon.** Email Rev. Fair at [revfair@fpcpasadena.org](mailto:revfair@fpcpasadena.org) to add your name. If needed, contact the church office for Zoom link at [office@fpcpasadena.org](mailto:office@fpcpasadena.org).

**Brunch & Book Group meets next on Saturday, April 17, at 10 am via Zoom** to discuss *Born a Crime: Stories of a South African Childhood*, by Trevor Noah. Contact Ruth Askine or Rev. Fairfax Fair to join.

**Library News** - Drop by the library to check out the new books that have been added to the collection. Books may be looked up using the card catalog or computer. Please observe a two person limit in the library at one time. Questions? Ask Bonnie Keith.

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**Reminder: Narthex doors open at 10 am. Worship Service is at 10:30 am.** Also, for the safety of each and every one of us, **masks must be worn while in the building - even while sitting in the sanctuary.**

**Live-streaming of Sunday's service can be found on our website.** Please use your good judgment about which option is best for you and your health. When the pandemic is over, we look forward to all being together again safely.

## **First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena In-Church Worship Protocols**

For at least the next year, we anticipate our lives will be shaped by the timeline set by COVID-19. We face difficult choices between conflicting needs, wants, and imperatives. We anticipate that we will be continuously evaluating what worship and all other church functions look like.

Despite our best efforts to provide a safe worship experience, conditions may again require the closing of the building. The pastor, in consultation with church leaders, will use CDC, Harris County, and PCUSA guidelines and good judgment to determine how to promote safety in reopening FPCP while actively monitoring local transmission rates of COVID-19. To preserve the health of our members, if circumstances change and worshipping together is not wise, services will again be virtual only.

We recognize that some of our members have underlying health issues or risk factors. Their health and safety must be at the forefront of our considerations. Persons with a high morbidity risk from COVID-19 are urged to stay home and continue to worship virtually. We will nonetheless strive to promote safe, in-person worship experiences for all that do not discriminate against persons with disabilities or high-risk conditions.

### **Church Physical Set Up:**

- Doors will be left open so no one has to touch a door handle. This includes the designated entry door [the front door under the porte-cochere] and the doors into the sanctuary.
- No-Touch Hand Sanitizer dispensers will be installed in the Narthex.
- Offering plates will be placed by the baptismal font.
- Pews will be marked so people space themselves safely and avoid contact.
- Hymnals, Bibles, friendship folders, offering envelopes, Kleenex, etc. will be removed from pews.
- Signs will be posted that only one person at a time is to be in the restroom and additional signs will be posted to wipe handles touched with sanitizing wipes.
- The Church kitchen will remain closed.
- Signs encouraging hand washing and mandating face mask use (covering nose and mouth) will be posted in the Narthex.
- Signs encouraging social distancing will be posted in the narthex as well as the sanctuary.
- Sanitizing wipes will be available as needed.
- Gloves will be available in the Narthex and at the back of the church.
- One microphone per speaker will be set up.
- Camera will be set up to provide option of live streaming the service

### **Worship Procedures**

- **Everyone in the building and on the church grounds must wear a cloth or medical mask.** Members are strongly encouraged to bring their own. We may have some available, while supplies last. Individuals uncomfortable wearing a face mask or with a medical condition that makes wearing a mask problematic may continue to participate in our on-line services.
- Social distancing of a minimum of six feet must be observed at all times, with the exception of members who live in the same household.
- Non-contact infrared thermometers will be used to take temperatures upon entry. Anyone with a temperature of 100.2 and higher will not be allowed into the building.
- Names of worshipers will be recorded as they enter to keep track of who has been part of the worship experience in the event that they need to be contacted.
- Greeters will be asked to stand back a minimum of six feet and welcome folks verbally.
- Bulletins and announcements will continue to be available online for the live streamed service.
- Bulletins will not be distributed to participate in the service in the sanctuary. Information will be projected on the screens at the front of the sanctuary.
- We will present shortened services to minimize risk.

*Worship Procedures continued...*

- Live streaming on YouTube or recorded services will continue for those who are not comfortable returning to 'in-person' worship
- Soloist may sing from behind a three-sided plexiglass shield.
- There will be no congregational or choral singing. It has been determined that singing is among the riskier behaviors for spreading droplets/aerosols which can carry the virus a significant distance and remain suspended in the air.
- Worshipers will leave by row, as directed.

**Other Changes to Normal Practices**

- Online (ZOOM) continues for Brown Bag, Session and ministry meetings, PW, Book Group, Wonderful Wednesday, etc.
- Office open by appointment. As on Sundays, masks required for staff and visitors.
- Forego November celebration of communion.
- Use of building by outside groups remains suspended.
- Congregants who are sick or who have had close contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 are to stay home.
- Local health officials will be contacted if a person diagnosed with COVID-19 has been in the church and this information also will be communicated with members so they are aware of potential exposure. The Clerk of Session, with the assistance of the church office, will be responsible to make the communications.

**DISCONTINUE:**

- Children's Sermon
- Passing the Peace, hugs, handshakes, elbow bumps, etc.
- Physical use of Bibles and Hymnals
- Nursery
- Coffee
- Use of water fountains