

PARK CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Palm Sunday

PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 24, 2024 10:30 AM

Chiming of the Hour

The ringing of the bell invites us to quiet our hearts & minds as we gather for worship.

Words of Welcome & Announcements

*Welcome to worship at Park Central Presbyterian Church!
May you experience God's grace and love within the worship service.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

“Fanfare and Variations on ELLACOMBE”

Lawrence A. James

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Cry out people of faith! Rejoice and praise God!

If we could not sing praise, the very stones would cry out!

Cry out people of faith! Your savior draws near to Jerusalem.

Hosanna! God saves! Blessed is the One who comes in God's name!

***HYMN 89** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of street parades and hosannas,
we know that you are calling us
to speak out against oppression,
to speak up for love, and to speak hope to fear,
but so often we are silent.**

**We worry that we will say the wrong thing,
so we don't say anything at all.**

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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**We worry that we will offend,
so we keep our convictions to ourselves.
We worry that we will speak up and won't be heard,
so we stay silent.
Forgive us, we pray.
Spark conviction in us.
Give us the courage to cry, "Hosanna!"
Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING**

NETTLETON

*Come, thou fount of every blessing;
Tune my heart to sing the grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love!*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

O give thanks to God, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever!
Let Israel say,
"God's steadfast love endures forever."

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to God.
This is the gate of God;
the righteous shall enter through it.
I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is God's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD.
The LORD is God,
and God has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.
You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.
O give thanks to God, for God is good,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL MEDITATION
Ride On, King Jesus

Megan Hook, *soprano*
Composer

*Ride on, Kind Jesus
No man can-a hinder me.
Ride on, Kind Jesus, ride on
No man can-a hinder me*

*For He is King of Kings,
He is Lord of lords,
Jesus Christ, the first and last
No man works like him.*

*King Jesus rides a milk white
horse
No man works like him
The river of Jordan He did cross
No man works like him*

*For He is King of Kings,
He is Lord of lords, oh
Jesus Christ, the first and last, oh
King Jesus ride in the middle of the air, oh
He calls the saints from everywhere, ah*

*Ride on, Kind Jesus
No man can-a hinder me.
Ride on, Kind Jesus, ride on
No man can-a hinder me*

*He is the King
He is the Lord, ha
Yes, He is the King
He is the Lord, ha
Jesus Christ, the first and last
No man works like him*

Ride on, ride on, ride on, ride on, Jesus!

THE SECOND LESSON

John 12:12-16

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—
the King of Israel!”

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

“Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Please rise in body or spirit*

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO ENGAGEMENT

You may place donations to the church in the offering plate as you exit. You may also send in a check or click Donate on the church website.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy...

... who forever sing to the glory of your name.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you. My

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heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly God.

You are holy, O God of majesty...
... Great is the mystery of faith.



Gracious God...
...As Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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.**

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Organ Music During Communion

“Sonata for E-flat Alto Saxophone” Op. 19
II. With tranquility

Paul Creston

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Prayer after Communion

**God, our help and strength,
you have satisfied our hunger in this holy meal.
Give us courage to take up our cross and,
in full reliance on your grace,
to follow Jesus.
Help us to love you above all else
and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.
Give us strength to serve you faithfully
until the promised day of resurrection,
when, with the redeemed of all the ages,
we will feast with you at your table in glory. Amen.**

***HYMN 92** Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Gray Clouds”

Neil Thornock

*During the postlude, some people sit or stand quietly and listen to the music.
Others prefer to connect with those around them or greet visitors as they leave.
Please feel free to make the transition between worship and re-entering the world
in whatever way is meaningful to you.*

*Please join us in the Gathering Hall following worship
for snacks, coffee, and fellowship.*

Announcements for March 24, 2024

Wednesday, March 27

5:30 pm Trustees meeting

Thursday, March 28

7:00 pm Tenebrae Service

Sunday, March 31

10:30 am Worship service

11:30 am Fellowship hour

Tenebrae Service

On Maundy Thursday (March 28) we will hold a Tenebrae service at 7:00. Tenebrae means shadows. In this solemn service, we follow Jesus through the shadows of Holy Week. This service is open to all who wish to attend and will be livestreamed as well.

Easter Worship

We will have the honor of sharing Easter worship next Sunday with the Emmanuel Congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana. Their congregation has been worshipping in the third floor chapel for the last year, and we welcome the opportunity to share the joy of the resurrection together.

Save the Date

We will be packing kits for Church World Service after worship on April 14. All are welcome, and a simple lunch will be provided!

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Liturgist.....Ben Merchant
Greeters Craig Williams
Fellowship Hour Sapey family

Holy God,
I ask that you keep me mindful
of the profound nature of this Holy Week.
Help me to go beyond the joyful parade of the palms
and to follow Jesus into the suffering of this world,
mindful that he was obedient to you,
even to the cross.
Amen.

Park Central has accepted the invitation
from the Presbyterian Church (USA) to become a Matthew 25 congregation.
We are answering Christ's call to become even more a church of action,
where God's love, justice, and mercy shine forth and are contagious.

To learn more about Matthew 25, please visit pcusa.org/matthew25

Robert Allen.....Director of Arts and Technology
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