

# *Palm Sunday*

*April 5, 2020*



## *Order of Worship*

### **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

PRELUDE

*The Palms*

Jean Baptiste Faure

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Sanctified Art

On Palm Sunday so many years ago, the people saw Jesus and asked, Who is this? So in worship, we respond. In worship, we declare: Jesus is the alpha and omega. Jesus is our teacher and preacher. Jesus is a miracle worker and healer. Jesus is our source of love. Jesus is our path in the wilderness. So may we lay down our hearts like they laid down their coats. Let us worship Holy God!

✦HYMN 196

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

✦CALL TO CONFESSION

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sanctified Art

Gracious God, on Sunday the city of Jerusalem cheered for you. They laid down coats and palms for you. They shouted "Hosanna!" and called you king. But on Friday they abandoned you. On Friday they yelled "Crucify him!" On Friday, you were in the wilderness alone. God, we want to be Palm Sunday Christians, but we know all too well that we also are the Good Friday crowd. So today we ask for forgiveness. Forgive us for the moments when we deny you and your message of love. Forgive us for preventing the peace of the gospel. Forgive us our sins. Amen.

✦ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

Rev. Kimmy Briggs

There is also a special pre-recorded message for children under Worship Resources on our website. Check it out!

HYMN 197

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

ELLACOMBE

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:1-11

SERMON

Rev. Neeley Lane

*Wilderness Wanderings: Peace Along the Way*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠HYMN 198 (stanzas 1-3) *Ride on! Ride on in Majesty!* ST. DROSTANE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Ride on! Ride on in Majesty*

Henry Milman



Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Announcements and prayer concerns are on the following pages.

You are invited to "Text to Give" your offering: Text FPCCOV to 73256

See below for details and other ways to give.

## We thank you for your continued support of First Presbyterian Church of Covington!

**Giving by Text:** Text **FPCCOV** to **73256** to give using your text messaging. If you made a pledge for 2020, choose "2020 Pledge" as the fund. Then the system will walk you through entering your bank or credit card information. If you did not make a pledge you can choose another fund such as "Non-pledge"; or "Flowers-all", etc. There is a drop-down menu you can scroll through to choose a fund.

### Other ways to give:

You may continue to give by mailing checks to the church, dropping your offering in our mailbox (open the box and drop it in, then close the box, or by giving on-line.

To use Realm visit <https://tinyurl.com/fpcgiving>

1. Log-in with your email and password
  2. When your page opens click on "Giving" on the left-side menu
  3. At the top click on +giving tab
  4. Fill out form with amount and fund (you can change it to any fund by clicking on the menu arrow)
  5. If you pledge you need it to say "2020 pledge"; or non-pledge or choose another fund
  6. Click continue when you've filled out that page;
  7. On the next page you can choose a credit card or bank; continue to put in account information
- After you complete that the program leads you into clicking through the process and then "finish"

Call the church office if you need help. If you've never set up a Realm account (or forgotten your password), Peni can send you a link to do that. Be sure after you've entered your log-in information to save the page to your favorites so you can click on it to go back to the site when you want to access it again.

### *In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

- ◆ Lee Scarborough - grandson of Wayne & Eleanor Scarborough, nephew of Stephanie Scarborough is a medic in the Army Reserves called for duty.
- ◆ Karen Moss-breast cancer
- ◆ Warren Liem-home, recovering from broken hip with home rehab
- ◆ Chris Martin-recovering from cataract surgery
- ◆ Tricia Hinton-recovering at home
- ◆ Natalie Phillips-for thyroid cancer
- ◆ Carter Mackenzie-neck injury (son of Julie & Jeff Mackenzie)
- ◆ Olaava Mackenzie-stranded in Thailand due to the Corona virus situation (daughter of Jeff & Julie Mackenzie)
- ◆ Richard Juliano-surgery (friend of Jeff Mackenzie)
- ◆ Miles Bryant-family concerns (son of John and Nancy Bryant, friend of the Liems)
- ◆ Roger Tingler-hip surgery
- ◆ Tom Bass-cancer treatment & dialysis (friend of Beth & Danny Vining)
- ◆ Martha Daddario-kidney surgery (friend of Jeff & Julie Mackenzie)
- ◆ Brenda Howell-breast cancer treatment
- ◆ Anderson Krieger-return of leukemia
- ◆ Denny Dobbs-knee surgery
- ◆ Noah Hicks-recovering from knee surgery
- ◆ Wilford Reed-daughter was in car accident; his brother has age-related issues (friend of Jeff MacKenzie)

- ◆ Denise Vining-recovering from kidney transplant (she is Danny & Beth Vining's niece)
- ◆ Julia Jones-recovering from cancer surgery (friend of the Carmichaels and the Boltons)
- ◆ Karen Lein Kaasa-cardiac bypass (sister-in-law of Julie MacKenzie)
- ◆ Bob Darby-kidney problems (friend of Jeff MacKenzie)
- ◆ Bill Miller-vascular dementia (brother of Beth Vining)
- ◆ Joyce Williams-Alzheimer's (sister of Danny Vining)
- ◆ Peter Milner-cancer (nephew of Day & Larry Kennon)
- ◆ Larri Harris-melanoma treatment (friend of Susan Boteler)
- ◆ Angela Gregory-cancer treatment, in Scotland (sister of Dave Gregory)
- ◆ Robby Ashworth-treatment for brain tumor
- ◆ Matt Cooper-CPD officer at home but still recovering
- ◆ Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grandson of Chuck and Sherry Brasher)
- ◆ Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
- ◆ Robin McKeown-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
- ◆ Sophia Hawley-cystic fibrosis

### *Independent and Assisted Living*

- ◆ Penny Blakeney-home
- ◆ Julia Brubaker-Benton House
- ◆ Maxine Blankenship-The Oaks
- ◆ Jean Elder-The Oaks
- ◆ Patti Borders-Merryvale
- ◆ Dot Fincher-Merryvale
- ◆ Guy McGiboney-Merryvale
- ◆ Betty Robinson-Merryvale
- ◆ Louise White-Merryvale
- ◆ Roger Wallace-Merryvale
- ◆ Jerry McGaffney-Merryvale

### *Worship Notes*

- ◆ Recordings of Sunday sermons can be accessed on the church website: [www.fpccov.org](http://www.fpccov.org).
- ◆ Music and hymns printed in our bulletins are covered by licenses authorizing their use. Licenses are from: CCLI #11379886 and One License # A-728738.

### *THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY*

We give thanks for those who have volunteered to serve by providing technical assistance with broadcasting the worship service.

## *Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church*

<i>This Week at FPC</i>	
<b>Sunday, April 5 Palm Sunday</b> 11:00 Worship Service (pre-recorded)	<b>April 9 Maundy Thursday</b> 6:00 Worship (pre-recorded)
<b>Holy Week Devotions</b> Mon-Friday at noon each day on Facebook	<b>Sunday, April 12 Easter</b> 11:00 Worship Service

### **Christian Education Offerings**

We continue to value Christian Education as a community. We have created a link on the homepage of our website to provide opportunities for all ages.

For Children: Check out a special video from Dan and Perri!

For Youth: We're gathering on Zoom Sunday at noon. The link is on the website.

For Adults: Resources are provided on the spiritual discipline of Sabbath.

### **Other Ways to Connect During the Week**

Story Time with Kimmy on Facebook Live Wednesdays and Fridays at 1:00pm.

During Holy Week Kimmy and Neeley will offer reflections each day at noon. Videos will be on Facebook and on the website. You're invited to leave your comments on Facebook.

### **Family Care Shoppers**

We recognize many of our members are fearful of going out in public during this time. Therefore, some church members have volunteered to be your personal care shopper. If you are in need of food and/or other household items please contact Neeley and we will get what you need on your doorstep.

If you are willing to join the shoppers in shopping/distribution, please let Neeley know.

### **Volunteer with the First United Methodist Food Pantry**

The Food Pantry at First United Methodist is in need of volunteers. Please see the weekly e-news for specific instructions about who can volunteer.

### **Interested in Joining the Church?**

If you're interested in joining the FPC church family, you are welcome to reach out to Neeley. You can enjoy a virtual coffee together and discuss what it means to become a member.

To set a date: by email: [neeley@fpccov.org](mailto:neeley@fpccov.org); By phone: 770-786-7321, leave a message, please.

## *FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF*

Neeley Rentz Lane	<i>Senior Pastor</i>	Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO
Kimmy Briggs	<i>Director of Family Ministries</i>	Jenny Giles and Danielle Schubert	<i>Organist/Ambassador Choir Nursery</i>
Peni Kehoe	<i>Church Administrator</i>	Darlene Alley	<i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>
Krista Firkus	<i>Music Director</i>		

## *MEMBERS OF SESSION*

<b>Class of 2020</b>	<b>Class of 2021</b>	<b>Class of 2022</b>
Doug Bolton	Jay Lanners	Aubrey Evans
Stan Hall	Warren Liem	John McCarthy
Cindy Moon	Pam Stillerman	Stephanie Scarborough
Bob Tabb	Donna Weesner	Trista Hooten Wilson
Allie Hay	Cy Wolverton	



## Witness and Easter Lilies

*As the church is closed, we suggest that you mail your check, give through our Realm portal (choose "Flowers" for the fund) or drop your check in the mail box outside the church office entrance. You may send an email to Peni in the office with your "in memory" or "in honor" names to: [admin@fpccov.org](mailto:admin@fpccov.org).*

If you would like to make a donation this Easter to honor or memorialize a loved one, fill out this form and attach a check made out to FPC and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office no later April 7th. Please put "lilies" or "Easter Witness" in the memo space on your check or envelope. A minimum donation of \$11 is suggested. This year whatever donations we collect for lilies over and above the cost of the flowers will be given to the Change the World Day event. After Easter the lilies will be delivered to various members. Thank you!

**Given by** \_\_\_\_\_

Please use the first and last names for any person being remembered.

**In memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**In honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Amount enclosed \$** \_\_\_\_\_