

# WHITE MEMORIAL — PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

March 28, 2021  
Palm Passion Sunday  
Live Streaming and In Person Worship with registration  
8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

*Christopher Edmonston, Pastor*  
*Andrew Amodei, Executive Director*  
*Anne Galliher, Pastoral Resident*  
*Kelly Gold, Director of Children's and Youth Music*  
*Kirsten Homdrom, Associate Director of Music*  
*Karl Zinsmeister, Director of Music*  
(8:00) *Bo Baggett, Anneliese Goettsch, Wyatt Gold, Peri Mock*; trebles  
(11:00) *Anneliese Goettsch, Wyatt Gold, Cece Marsh*; trebles  
(8:00) *Wynn Dorsett, Nancy Honeycutt*; sopranos  
(11:00) *Wally Andrew, Wayne Rogers*; tenors

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### GREETING

### PRELUDE

*Intrada on Ellacombe*  
Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

(adapted from Psalm 118)

One: Let the people say, "Hosanna!" Let the people cry out to God,  
"Save us!"

**All: Open the gates, for the Lord is near. Christ has come to enter  
our hearts and change our lives.**

One: Let us give thanks to God, for God has given us the gift of salvation.

**All: It is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes! On this  
Sunday of Palms and Passion let us celebrate and remember  
the good deeds of our loving Savior.**

One: This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

### HYMN 196

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and others in thought, word, and deed. We remember long ago when the people waved their branches and shouted their praises. But, just like us, their zeal for faith gave way to the dark desires for power and prestige which corrupted their hearts. Just like them, we long for cheap grace instead of the transformative wonder of your love. You ask us for our whole selves; but we give only the minimum. Forgive our sin and call us repeatedly back to you; in the name of our Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 118:1-2; 19-29

<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

<sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

<sup>20</sup>This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

<sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

<sup>25</sup>Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

<sup>26</sup>Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

<sup>27</sup>The Lord is God, and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

<sup>28</sup>You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God, I will extol you.

<sup>29</sup>O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

## A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 11:1-11

- <sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples
- <sup>2</sup>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.
- <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’”
- <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it,
- <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?”
- <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it.
- <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it.
- <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.
- <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,
- “Hosanna!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
<sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”
- <sup>11</sup>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

*“God’s Word in the Wilderness: Palms and Passion”*

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*Hosanna*

Gregor/Pfohl

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

(Ecumenical Translation)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.  
Amen.

## **RESPONDING IN FAITH**

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*(from A Declaration of Faith, PCUSA)*

**Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record.  
The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history.  
It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the  
kingdom of God - the just and loving rule over all.  
It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit.  
That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own.  
It forms our memory and our hope.  
It tells us who we are and what we are to do.  
To retell it is to declare what we believe.  
Jesus' involvement in the human condition is God's involvement.  
His compassion for all kinds of people is God's compassion.  
His demand for justice, truth, and faithfulness is God's demand.  
His willingness to suffer rejection is God's willingness.  
Jesus' love for the very people who reject him is God's love.**

### **HYMN 198**

*Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

## **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

### **CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Fugue in g minor*  
Marcel Dupré (1896-1971)

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## JOYS & CONCERNS

### IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

**John Poindexter Irby III** – March 19, 2021

WMPC family members: son and daughter-in-law Bucky and Amie Irby,  
and grandchildren Henley Irby and John V. Irby

**Mary Louise “Mary Lou” Wahl Lang** – March 21, 2021

WMPC family members: niece Lora Zinsmeister and her husband  
Karl Zinsmeister.

### PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

**Steve, Karen, and Madeline Haneline**, on the death of Steve's brother  
Travis Daniel “Dan” Haneline, March 24, Longwood, FL.

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#### **Music included in today’s service:**

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## All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.  
our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

# Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! 198

1 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the  
 2 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
 3 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of  
 4 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur -  
 pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs  
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and  
 pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to

sues its road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
 now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
 won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 mor - tal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

This 19th-century Palm Sunday text is better understood as the reflections of someone standing outside the event rather than as coming from those participating in the actual procession. This poignant text is set to a tune written especially for it later in the same century.

# What's happening this week at WMPC

## SUNDAY | MARCH 28

### Cancer Companions

Sundays | through April 25

4:30-6:00 p.m. | Zoom

[Registration required for any/all classes.](#)

## MONDAY | MARCH 29

### Holy Monday Worship Service

Pre-recorded devotional Worship Service available all day beginning at 8:00 a.m.

## TUESDAY | MARCH 30

### Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

7:30 a.m. | Zoom | [Registration required](#)

### Wholeness and Healing Service

Pre-recorded Worship Service available all day beginning at 8:00 a.m.

## WEDNESDAY | MARCH 31

### Holy Wednesday Worship Service

Pre-recorded children's Worship Service available all day beginning at 8:00 a.m.

### Boxed Dinners to Go

Pick-up between 5:00-6:30 p.m.

### McDonald Lane

Don't forget if you ordered a boxed dinner to go, today is the day to pick-up! Your host for the evening is the Outreach Committee. They will be collecting boxed mac and cheese.

### Walk Down McDonald Lane for Communion Elements, live music, art and more!

Wednesday | March 31 | 5:30-6:30 p.m.

### McDonald Lane

On Wednesday, March 31 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. all are invited to stop by the Carol Copeland Courtyard to pick-up communion elements and a Christ Candle for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter worship services. If you ordered a Wednesday meal, you can pick it up at this time, too. The OnPoint House Band and Brass Ensemble will offer music while members and guests are invited to experience the stations of the cross which we will have set up. Please join us for this time of music, art, and informal, socially-distanced fellowship.

## THURSDAY | APRIL 1

### Keenagers

10:00 a.m. | Zoom

Join us as Parish Associate Jim Ferry compares the Easter story from the four Gospels.

Please contact Tonya Higgins at [thiggins@whitememorial.org](mailto:thiggins@whitememorial.org) to receive Zoom link.

### Maundy Thursday Worship Service

6:30 p.m. | Live Stream | from the Main Hall

## FRIDAY | APRIL 2

### Good Friday Worship Service

6:30 p.m. | Live Stream | from the Sanctuary

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## SAVE THE DATE

### Easter Memorials

Contributions in memory of a loved one or in honor of a family member, friend, or member of the church family are welcomed and may be for any amount; suggested gift is \$20 or more. All those honored or memorialized will be listed in the bulletin insert on April 4. Contributions received in excess of the cost of Easter flowers and greenery will go into a fund used for all decorations in the sanctuary, main hall and overflow worship space during the year. All requests must be in the church office by noon on Monday, March 29. Send your contribution to Rebecca Turner, and call her at 919-834-3425, ext. 222, with questions. [The form can be found online here.](#) Due to COVID-19, our Pastoral Care Ministry will not be delivering plants to anyone this year.

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### Easter Worship Service

Sunday | April 4

Combined Sanctuary and OnPoint@1704 worship with communion. Pre-recorded service available on Live Stream at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. plus OnDemand.

In-person viewing of pre-recorded Easter service will be offered at 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in the Main Hall. [Registration is required.](#)

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Registration for most events can be found on our website [www.whitememorial.org/register](http://www.whitememorial.org/register)