



# Bethany Presbyterian Church

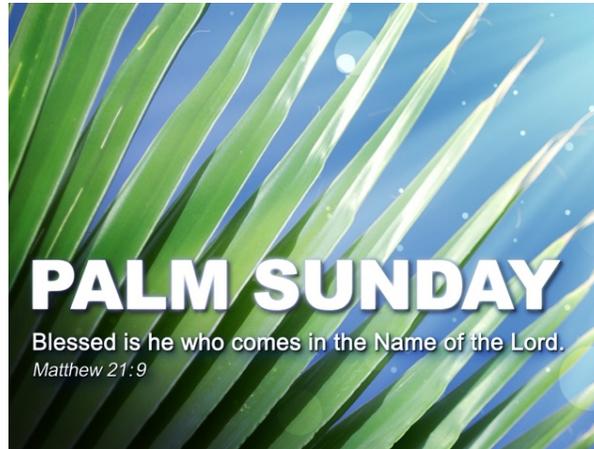
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April 14, 2019 – 11:00 am

*Palm / Passion Sunday*



*Many people spread out their clothes on the road while others spread branches cut from the fields. Those in front of him and those following were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest!'"*  
Mark 11:8-10 (CEB)

## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*The jubilation and celebration of Palm Sunday soon deteriorates to the humiliation, degradation and torture of Christ as his death comes near. By Thursday night his disciples have deserted him. Friday morning brings a sham of a trial and condemnation to death. The world waits for Sunday.*

### TRINITY CHIMES

**PRELUDE:** *Ride One in Majesty!*

D. PAXTON

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \* AN OFFERING OF PEACE

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

***And also with you.***

*(Please take a moment to share the peace of Christ with your neighbor.)*

\* **GATHERING SONG:** *Filled With Excitement* (see page 5)

HOSANNA

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

***We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.***

Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

***We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.***

Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

***Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.***

## OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

### AN OFFERING OF CONFESSION

We love parades! We love the excitement, the colors, the noise! Today we celebrate Christ's entry into Jerusalem. His followers have stripped branches from the trees and wave them in the air. They have thrown their cloaks in the path of the donkey that his steps might be cushioned. And the scene is wonderful.

***But there is a reality here. The reality is that although we wave our branches and shout "Hosanna!", we have not always behaved as disciples. Too often we have wandered from the path of Christ and stumbled along on our own, believing our way to be superior. We have turned from those who have needed help, because it wasn't convenient for us to be of help of service. We have done and said things that are not worthy of disciples.***

Yet, here we stand, in the parade route, waving our branches. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to turn our lives around and truly serve you. Help us to really mean "Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the Name of the Lord!"

### AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

### AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

Laying aside judgment, God offers us redemption; setting aside anger, God embraces us with love; letting go of grief, God pours living water upon us. This is the good news, my friends: God's steadfast love endures forever.

***Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God! Amen.***

### \* RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE: *Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!*

TRADITIONAL

*Glory, glory, hallelujah! Since I laid my burdens down. (Repeat)  
I feel better, so much better, since I laid my burdens down. (Repeat)  
Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah!" Since I laid my burdens down. (Repeat)*

### AN INTRODUCTION TO OUR MUSICAL PRESENTATION

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE IN MUSIC

### SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

THEODORE DUBOIS

#### INTRODUCTION

*O all ye who travel upon the highway, hearken to me, and behold me,  
Was e'er sorrow like unto my sorrow?  
For the Lord Almighty hath dealt bitterly with me;  
Call me now no more Naomi, from today call me Mara.*

#### FIRST WORD

*Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. And the people clam-or'd:  
He is death guilty; take him, let us crucify him!  
Be his blood, ay, be his blood on us, then and on our children!  
Then they did crucify Jesus. Take him! And the two thieves, one at His right hand,  
The other at His left hand; Then they did crucify Jesus.  
Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.*

#### SECOND WORD

*Verily, thou shalt be in Paradise today with me, Amen, Amen, so I tell thee, Amen.  
Hear, O Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.*

#### THIRD WORD

*See, O woman! Here behold thy Son beloved.  
See yon mother, bow'd in anguish, who beside the cross doth languish,*

*Where on high her son is borne; Is there mortal, who not seeleth  
To behold her where she kneeleth, Full of woe, and all forlorn?*

#### **FOURTH WORD**

*God, my Father, why hast Thou forsaken me?  
All those who were my friends, all have now forsaken me,  
And they that hate me do now prevail against me;  
And he whom I have cherished, he hath betray'd me.  
Even the vine that I have chosen, and that I have planted:  
Wherefore art thou now so strangely turned into bitterness, that I by thee am crucified?*

#### **FIFTH WORD**

*I am athirst! And the Jews then passing by him all did rail upon him,  
And wagging their heads at him, they said unto him:  
Ah! Thou wouldst fain destroy the temple; if thou be Jesus, Son of the Father  
Now from the cross descend thou, that we behold it, and believe on thee when we behold it.  
If thou art king over Israel, save thyself, then!*

#### **SIXTH WORD**

*Father, into Thy hands I commend my soul.  
For Thou art my God and my Father; Thou art my Savior.  
Into Thy hands I commend my soul.*

#### **SEVENTH WORD**

*And with a loud voice Jesus cried, exclaiming: It is finished!  
And he did bow His head, and rendered up His spirit.  
And it was about the sixth hour; and the sun was darkened, and darkness covered the earth,  
Until about the ninth hour; and the veil of the temple was rent, and all the earth did quake;  
And the rocks were rent, and all the graves were opened wide.*

#### **PRAYER**

*Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee for ever;  
For on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed.*

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE**

### **A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

### **AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES**

**OFFERTORY:** *Triumphal March*

\* **A DOXOLOGY:** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

*God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,  
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:  
Gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;  
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.*

\* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

\* **DEDICATION OF THE PALMS**

*"Many people spread out their clothes on the road while others spread branches cut from the fields." (Mark 11:8)*

***Our Lord enters Jerusalem one final time. The crowds were joyous and shouted "Hosanna"!***

*We wave our palm branches to remember this celebration and to shout our Hosannas!*

***But our joy quickly turns to grief, as we remember the passion with the palms.***

H. TURNER

BEACH SPRING

(During our closing hymn, you are invited to bring your palm branches forward and place them on the communion table. These branches will be saved and will be burned so that the ashes can be used at next year's Ash Wednesday Service.)

\* **CLOSING HYMN #276:** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

RATHBUN

\* **LENTEN CANDLE LITURGY: LETTING GO OF CONTROL**

Faith enables us to let go and to live out of control. When we learn to depend on God, we learn how to let go of control.

***Palm Sunday and the events of Holy Week were not what the people hoped for or imagined when they dreamed of a Messiah.***

Christ is doing a new thing among us, so lay down your cloaks, shout hosanna, and risk following Christ all the way to the cross. As we extinguish this light, we let go of control. We let go of our assumptions, our own plans, our hopes, so that we can see Christ in our midst, transforming the world.

[A candle is extinguished.]

***Holy One, as we enter the coming days of darkness, remind us that you are the one who calls new life out of death, light out of darkness. Give us the strength to follow you to the cross. Amen.***

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **POSTLUDE:** *The Joy of the Lord*

G. SEWELL

\* *Please stand in body or spirit.*

**THE CHOIR**  
**CHRISTOPHER BAGLEY, DIRECTOR**

**Sopranos**

Micaela Bundy \*  
Tina Patterson  
Nancy Purcell  
Reis Smith  
Morgan Troxler

**Altos**

Mary Dalton  
Karen Maxwell  
Shelby Smith  
Kim Snyder

**Tenors**

Sylvester Allen \*\*  
Randy Cousins \*\*\*  
Bobby Peele

**Basses**

Reid Dalton  
John Johnson  
Glenn Patterson

\* Soprano soloist

\*\* Tenor soloist

\*\*\* Baritone soloist

Our Soprano soloist, Micaela Bundy, is the Vocal Music Instructor at Eastern Alamance High School.

# 199 Filled with Excitement

*Mantos y palmas*



1 Filled with ex-cite-ment, all the hap-py throng spread cloaks and  
 2 As in that en-trance to Je-ru-sa-lem, ho-san-nas  
 1 *Man-tos y pal-mas es-par-cien-do va el pue-blo a-*  
 2 *Co-mo en la en-tra-da de Je-ru-sa-lén, to-dos can-*



branch-es on the cit-y streets. There in the dis-tance they be-  
 we will sing to Je-sus Christ, to our Re-deem-er who still  
*le-gre de Je-ru-sa-lén. A-llá lo le-jos se vis-*  
*ta-mos a Je-sús el rey, al Cris-to vi-vo que nos*



gin to see, there on a don-key comes the Sav-ior Christ.  
 calls to-day, asks us to fol-low with our love and faith.  
*lum-bra ya en un po-lli-nal Sal-va-dor Je-sús.*  
*lla-ma hoy pa-ra se-guir-le con a-mor y fe.*

*Refrain / Estribillo*



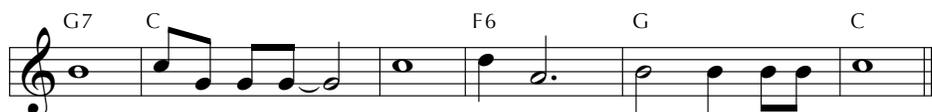
From ev-ery cor-ner a thou-sand voic-es sing praise to the One who comes  
*Mien-tras mil vo-ces re-sue-nan por do-quier; ho-sa-na al que vie-ne en el*



in the name of God. Our ac-cla-ma-tion breaks forth in shouts of  
*nom-bre de Dios. Con un a-lien-to de gran ex-cla-ma-*



praise, our tri-um-phant song of joy: "Ho-san-na,  
*ción y pro-rrum-pen con voz triun-fal: "¡Ho-sa-na!*



ho-san-na to Christ! Ho-san-na, ho-san-na to Christ!"  
*¡Ho-sa-na al rey!" "¡Ho-sa-na! ¡Ho-sa-na al rey!"*



# Our Faith Community @ Work

**WORSHIP Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Nancy Purcell and A. J. Campbell)

**WELCOME** to this service of worship at Bethany Presbyterian Church (PCUSA). Whether you are a member or a guest we are so glad that you are worshipping with us this morning and pray that this time of worship will be both renewing and rewarding for you. If you have

any questions about Bethany, please speak to the pastor or call the church at 336.227.4041. You can find us online through our website at [www.bethanypreschurch.org](http://www.bethanypreschurch.org); on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian](http://www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian); or on Twitter by following [@bpresbyterian](https://twitter.com/bpresbyterian).

**“I will show love to those who were called unloved and, to those who were called ‘not-my-people’, I will say ‘you are my people’ and they will answer, ‘you are our God.’”** (Hosea 2:23) Bethany Presbyterian Church is a place where the mind is nourished as well as the spirit, and where we affirm the dignity and worth of every person. As we are all created in the image of God, we believe discrimination is incompatible with Christ’s Gospel of unconditional love. While we celebrate our Presbyterian identity, we acknowledge that we are not alone on the path to understanding God. We invite conversations that move us to seek a deeper understanding of life in the Spirit. **Be who you are and be welcome here.**

**For our children:** Childcare is available during the entire worship hour for infants and preschool children. Children are invited and welcome to stay in the service, in whatever manner befits their person: they should feel free to squirm, whine, dance, sing, cry, pray, or otherwise make themselves known. Activities for children can be found at several locations throughout the sanctuary. See an usher if you can’t find one.

**Audio and Visual Assistance:** A hearing enhancement system is available for those who have a need. An usher will be happy to provide you with a receiver this morning. Large print bulletins are also available.

Please take a moment – members and guests – to sign the **Fellowship Pads** that are located on each row. If you are a guest, please share any contact information you wish to, so that we may be in touch.

**Operating our audio and video systems** this morning is **Rick Purcell**. Anyone wishing to join this team of volunteers please contact the church office at any time.

**Audio Recordings** of each Sunday’s sermons are available through a link on our website, on our Facebook page, or at [www.buzzsprout.com/9198](http://www.buzzsprout.com/9198).

Resources used in this morning’s worship:

- *Final Words From the Cross* resource, by Adam Hamilton
- *The Text This Week* website ([www.textweek.com](http://www.textweek.com))

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events as we continue our journey towards Easter:

- **Today, April 14<sup>th</sup> - Passion/Palm Sunday:** Special presentation by our choir, **“Seven Last Words of Christ”** by Theodore Dubois, under the direction of Christopher Bagley
- **Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm: Maundy Thursday Communion Service**
- **Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> - EASTER SUNDAY / CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION**

This morning we do celebrate **Palm Sunday**, remembering the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem for the last time. All worshipers should have received a palm when you entered the sanctuary. If you didn’t, please see an usher. You are invited to joyfully wave your palm during our Gathering Hymn. Watch the choir for direction!

Please plan to join us this **Thursday, the 18<sup>th</sup>** for our powerful and meaningful **Maundy Thursday Communion Service**. The service will include prayers, proclamation, the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, the proclamation of the New Commandment, the stripping of the sanctuary and draping the cross, and will conclude with Sylvester Allen’s memorable offering of *Gethsemane*, from *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

**Next Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> is EASTER SUNDAY!** Join us as we joyfully announce good news of the empty tomb! As is our custom, our service will conclude on the side lawn with the flowering of the cross. You may bring your own flowers or use those provided at the doors.

Do you have a smartphone? Are you on Facebook? If so, take a moment to **“check in” on Facebook**, letting your friends know that you are here at Bethany Presbyterian Church! It may seem like a small thing, but in reality, it is a wonderful message of evangelism and witness, as you let the cyber-world know what is important to you.

**SERVE Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Jean Payne and Randy Cousins)

Our ongoing prayer list is below. Please let the church office know if there are any changes.

Bill Faucette	Diane Miller	John & Ann Sutton
Jack Cook	Peter Slater	Ruby Martin
Joan Richardson	Joey Leake	Shirley Lane
Teresa Wilborn	Shannon Russell	Ida Whitney
Tiffany Tauchren	Mary Moore	Katherine Turner
Jean Berry	Barbara Cousins	Jeremy Harden
Christy Lutterloh	Pat Kennedy	Anne McDaniels
Eleanor Thompson	Donna Mitchell-Ayers	Mike Sutton
Nancy Sutton	Pete Campbell	Steward Dillard
Norma Proctor	Ben Johnson	Shelvia Russell
Levi Byrd	Katherine Bayliff	Alex Thomas
Foy Bayliff	Randy Thompson	Bill Abplanalp
Dusty Kimrey		Robert Sykes

**TEACH Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Karen Maxwell and Tracey Troxler)

All are invited to take advantage of the several educational opportunities for all ages on Sunday mornings. Sunday school classes begin at 9:45 a.m.

**Fellowship Class** (Fellowship Classroom – by ramp door)

This class is using our denomination’s *Present Word* curriculum and lives up to the class name in all aspects of their life here at Bethany.

**Children** (Upstairs – the really, really green room!)

This class for younger children is using our denomination’s *We Believe* curriculum in introducing our children to the faith.

**Youth** (Upstairs, across from the choir room)

Using a variety of creative curricula, this class explores topics that relate to faith and adolescence.

Our weekly Bible study, ***Disciple Bible Study: Into the Word, Into the World***, meets each Tuesday (except for the second Tuesday of the month) at 7:00 here at the church. The study will conclude on Tuesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**SUPPORT Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Ron Osborne, Chip Allen, and Ben Russell)

Elders of the Month for April are **Nancy Purcell** and **Ben Russell**.

## This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- **Palm/Passion Sunday**
- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship, including Dedication of the Palms

Tuesday, the 16<sup>th</sup>:

- 7:00 - Disciple Bible Study

Wednesday, the 17<sup>th</sup>:

- 7:00 – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, the 18<sup>th</sup>:

- 7:00 - Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Sunday, the 21<sup>st</sup>:

- **EASTER SUNDAY**
- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship / concluding on the side lawn and the Flowering of the Cross

### Session

**Moderator:** Rev. John W. Johnson

**Clerk:** Rick Purcell

**Treasurer:** Ron Osborne

### Class of 2019:

A. J. Campbell

Ron Osborne

Jean Payne

### Class of 2020:

Chip Allen

Randy Cousins

Karen Maxwell

### Class of 2021:

Nancy Purcell

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Tracey Troxler

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