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From the Pews, Zach Weaver

It's fair to say I have not always been a glass half-full kind of guy. I can see problems, whether likely or worst case scenario, far into the future. As I get older, I've tried to focus more on positivity, especially gratitude. Being grateful is important in the Weaver house. At bedtime or after we say grace, I ask my girls what they're grateful for each day. Sometimes it's TV, their parents (flattery never hurts), or their food. Whatever it is, it's important that we're grateful because we're incredibly blessed.

Palm Sunday is the celebration of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem. In our passage from Mark 11:1-11, Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a colt fetched from the village, and the people rejoice shouting:

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Hosanna is a term for both adoration and joy, but also prayer. The people are exclaiming their gratitude for Jesus and his arrival as answering their prayers.

Gratitude is especially pertinent this week as we celebrate Holy Week and the coming Easter Sunday. There is much to be grateful for despite our current personal and social challenges — warmer weather, vaccinations, time with family, and, hopefully, a return to some normalcy that left us more than a year ago. It's a week to be grateful for what Jesus did for us this week many years ago and for what God is doing today.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 28, 2021 | In-Person at 11:15a | Palm Sunday



Preparation for **Worship**

We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. May we who praise him today also follow him in the way of the cross, that dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prelude

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

arr. Dobrinski

* Call to Worship

Zechariah 9:9

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

People: Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Leader: Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

All: Let us worship God!

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Musical Response

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

ELLACOMBE

*Hosanna, loud hosanna,
the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple
the joyful anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them,
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.*

*“Hosanna in the highest!”
That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer;
the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence
eternally rejoice.*

* Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you entered Jerusalem
to die for our sins.**

**We confess that we have not hailed you as Lord and Savior,
believing instead that we could save ourselves.**

**For brief faith that fades in trouble,
for enthusiasms that fizzle out,
for hopes we parade but do not pursue,
have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, gracious God,
and give us such trust in your power that,
in every place and with every person,
we may live for justice
and embody your loving-kindness. Amen.**

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* Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Mary Margaret Moore

Hearing **God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson, *Mark 11:1-11*

The Psalter, *Psalms 118:21-29*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Is This the Right Psalm for Palm Sunday?"

Responding to **God's Word**

* Affirmation of Faith, *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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Recognition of Elders and Questions to the Congregation

For ordination and installation

Hastings Blumer

Ross Glidewell

Meg McKnight

Kate Weaver Patterson

Lesley Usher

Russ Williams

For installation

Jay Culclasure

Jara Jones

Toni Paylor

Neil Shurley

Keith Stevenson

LeAnne White

Call to Prayer

“The Steadfast Love of the Lord”

McNeill

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

God’s mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning.

Great is your faithfulness, O Lord.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Guilmant

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Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*

Leigh Stuckey, *liturgist*

Billy Moore, *sponsor*

Nancy Smith, *organist/pianist*

Westminster Bells

Butler Mullins, *head usher*

Bob Dellert, Ashley Gettys, *greeters*

**All who are able may stand*

Join Us in Welcoming

BAPTISM

We welcome *Mary Margaret Moore*, daughter of Rembert & Lauren Moore, in our worship service this morning.

This morning we welcomed into our fellowship Anna Pearse Doherty, daughter of DJ & Stacey Doherty, at our 9a recorded service.

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PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP FROM HOME ON SUNDAY MORNING?

Our pre-recorded service will continue to air on our website at 9a, and on our social media platforms. Our in-person worship service will air on our website via livestream at 11:15a. The Harbinger that you receive in the mail will be for our pre-recorded worship. If you would like the Harbinger for our 11:15a livestream worship, you may download it from our website at <https://wpc-online.org/sermon-archive>.

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A SEASON OF OUTDOOR SERVICES CONTINUES

Today at 3p we will celebrate Palm Sunday. Join in singing and reflect on God's word to us. Registration is required and is limited to 150 worshipers. Masks should be worn throughout the service and distance maintained in order to guarantee safety. We will continue to stream a service of worship featuring hymnody and liturgy and offer Sanctuary services on Sunday mornings. Join us!

MEN OF THE CHURCH - SPRING CAMP THORNWELL MISSION

The Spring Men's Mission Trip to Camp Thornwell will be Wednesday, May 12 through Saturday, May 15. Overnight indoor accommodations will be limited according to Covid protocol, so sign ups to reserve beds are required (<https://wpc-online.org/events-registration/mens-mission-trip/>). Camping onsite is also an option. All food will be provided. We will be finishing construction of a cabin structure plus the ever present landscaping, cleaning, and odd jobs. We have something for all to do whether you come for a day or for one or more nights. Contact Paul O'Neal (paulmoneal@aol.com) with questions.

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SUNDAY MORNING ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

The Pastor's Zoom Bible Study is scheduled for Sunday mornings at 10 am and will run through early May. Leigh Stuckey will lead participants in engaging and provoking discussions based on the texts of the day. We hope you will join us.

Meeting ID: 918 5587 5662

Passcode: 785672

ZOOM CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us each Sunday for a Zoom Children's Sunday School at 10a.

Meeting ID: 980 3425 3372

Passcode: 700049

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JUSTFAITH:

FAITH AND RACIAL HEALING

Zoom meetings have resumed and will continue through Monday, May 24 at 6p. For information, previously registered class members may call Susan McLeod (787-6262).

HIKING GROUP

The next outing of the Hiking Group will be a bike ride on the Doodle Trail from Easley to Pickens - Thursday, April 8. Register with Anne Holleman (holl2759@att.net or 979-1606).

WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB

The Westminster Book Club will meet on Tuesday, April 6 at 7pm. Verify location or type of meeting with Ellen Stevenson (ellens7377@gmail.com). Ingrid Erwin will lead the discussion of *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman. Join us! New attendees are always welcome.

NEW MEMBERS

Last Sunday at the Zoom Session Meeting, we welcomed the following new members into our fellowship:

- Jim & Betsy Bloodworth joined by transfer from First Presbyterian, Greenville, with their son, Ben (13).
- Laura Bloodworth joined by transfer from First Presbyterian, Greenville.
- Jay Bloodworth joined by transfer from First Presbyterian, Greenville.
- Scott & Melissa Anderson joined by transfer from First Presbyterian, Greenville.
- Mac & Claire Gilliland joined by transfer from University Presbyterian, Chapel Hill, NC.
- Brad Harper joined by transfer from Fort Hill Presbyterian, Clemson. He has a daughter, Addie (9) and a son, Pierce (6).
- John & Emily Merrell joined by transfer from Fourth Presbyterian, Greenville. They have a son, Jack (9), and a daughter, Kate (7).
- Michael & Lindsay Oswald joined by reaffirmation of faith.
- Harris & Caroline Quinn joined by reaffirmation of faith. They have two sons, Buck (2) and Kirby (1 mo.).

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 28 – April 4, 2021

March 28

PALM SUNDAY

9:00a	Online Worship Service
10:00	Zoom Sunday Bible Study
	Zoom Children's Sunday School
	Confirmation Class: Session 4 in Green Lot
11:15	In-Person Worship Service
3:00	Outdoor Palm Sunday Worship Service
5:00	WPCYG Middler Shepherd Groups
6:30	WPCYG Senior High Shepherd Groups

Thursday, April 1

MAUNDY THURSDAY

6:00p	Maundy Thursday Worship Service with communion
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Friday, April 2

GOOD FRIDAY

12:00p	Good Friday Online Worship Service
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April 4

EASTER SUNDAY

8:00a	Outdoor Easter Service
9:00	Outdoor Easter Service
10:00	Outdoor Easter Service
11:00	Outdoor Easter Service

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