



The Presbyterian Church  
in Morristown

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**April 9, 2017**

*Palm Sunday*

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**Celebration of Worship**

**Gospel Proclamation**

Leader: Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,  
“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**People: Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”**

**Procession of Palms**

**Introit**

Wave Palm Branches

Mark Burrows (b. 1971)

The Children of the Church

Barbara Valenti, piano

*Wave palm branches, sing Hosanna! Praise God Jesus comes.*

**\* Call to Worship** (*responsively*)

The Rev. Dr. David Smazik

Leader: Give thanks to God, for God is good.

**People: God’s steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Holy God.

**People: Hosanna in the highest!**

**\* Hymn 196**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*Valet Will Ich Dir Geben*

\* If you are able, please stand.

## Confession and Pardon

The Rev. Sarah Green

### Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. We join the parade and shout hosanna, then deny our Lord in his hour of need. We wave the palms and sing praise, then hand our Savior over to die. Forgive us, God of grace. Our lives are in your hand—deliver us from evil. Save us, by your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Kyrie: Hymn 603**

Lamb of God

*Agnus Dei (Vasile)*

### Silent Prayer

#### Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*)

Leader: Jesus Christ is our salvation.

**People: The stone that the builders rejected has become head of the corner.**

Leader: Our pretention and rebellion are forgiven, and we are freed to sing our alleluias.

**People: Praise be to God!**

**\* Response: Hymn 581**

Glory Be to the Father

*Gloria Patri (Greatorex)*

**\* Passing of the Peace**

## A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

### Reception of New Members

**Christopher and Theresa Crean**

**Ann Johnson (to be received at a later date)**

**Blaine and Amy Nicklaus**

**Michael and Adrienne Psathas**

### Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**First Scripture Reading:** Matthew 21:1-11 (New Testament, page 21)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Anthem**

Ride on, King Jesus

arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

The Chancel Choir

*Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquerin' King. Ride on, King Jesus, ride on.*

*No man can a-binder thee. I was but young when I begun. But now my race is almost done.*

*King Jesus rides a milk white horse. The river of Jordan he did cross. He's the King and the Lord.*

*He's the first and the last. He's the Lord of Lords. Jesus is the Prince of Peace.*

**Second Scripture Reading:** Matthew 27:24-31 (New Testament, page 30)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon**

“Watch Your Step”

Rev. Smazik

### **\* Hymn 200**

A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd

*Christian Love*

### **Greeting/Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God**

*(Please sign and pass the friendship pad, found in the pew, to the person next to you.*

*Offering envelopes and prayer request cards are located in the pew pockets for your convenience.*

*Donations may be made online through our website. Cards will be collected with the offering.)*

### **Offertory**

Solus ad Victimam

Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

The Chancel Choir

*Alone to sacrifice thou goest, Lord, giving thyself to Death whom thou has slain. For us thy wretched folk is any word? Who know that for our sins this is thy pain? For they are ours, O Lord, our deeds, our*

*deeds, why must thou suffer torture for our sin? Let our hearts suffer in thy Passion, Lord, that very suffering may thy mercy win. This is the night of tears, the three days' space, sorrow abiding of the eventide, until the day break with the risen Christ, and hearts that sorrowed shall be satisfied. So may our hearts share in thine anguish, Lord, that they may sharers of thy glory be; heavy with weeping may the three days pass, to win the laughter of thine Easter Day.*

### **\* Doxology (Hymn 608)**

*Praise God (Hopson)*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;**

praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore.

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer** (*unison*)

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.

**\* Hymn 221**

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

*Passion Chorale*

**\* Benediction**

**Postlude**

Prelude in C minor

Kevin Graf, organ

Jan Zach (1699-1773)

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**WORSHIP LEADERS**

The Reverends Dr. David Smazik and Sarah Green;  
Alexandra Mead, Director of Christian Education; Dr. Matthew Webb, Director of Music  
Kevin Graf, Organ Scholar; The Chancel Choir  
Sarah Valenti and Caleigh Lawlor, Acolytes

**GREETERS**

Marcia and Ken Heiden, Jane Donegan and Marilyn Hummer

**USHERS**

Vern Verhoef, Head Usher; Sydney Ewen, Stan Mack,  
Bev and Tom Tignor, and Vicky Willson

**FLOWERS**

Given in honor Marion Russel's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday  
by the Valenti Family

## FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

The Outreach Committee in honor of One Great Hour of Sharing

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## OPEN MEETINGS THIS WEEK

*For a full schedule of meetings, please visit [www.pcmorristown.org](http://www.pcmorristown.org)*

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### Sunday, Apr 9 – Palm Sunday

- 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion (Chapel)
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Seminar (Parish House)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 p.m. Jazz Vespers (Sanctuary)

### Monday, Apr 10

- 4:00 p.m. Tax Prep Assistance (Church)

### Tuesday, Apr 11

- 8:30 a.m. Tax Prep Assistance (Church)
- 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi (Parish House)
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Church)

### Wednesday, Apr 12 – No open meetings

### Thursday, Apr 13 – Maundy Thursday

- 8:30 a.m. Tax Prep Assistance (Church)
- 9:15 a.m. Christian Yoga (Parish House)
- 8:00 p.m. Worship at the **Parish House**

### Friday, Apr 14 – Good Friday

#### Office closes at noon

- 9:00 a.m. AAA (Parish House)
- 11:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Church)
- 12:00 p.m. Worship – Requiem for the Living by Dan Forrest (Sanctuary)
- 8:00 p.m. Worship – Contemplative Service of Light, Shadow and Song (Chapel)

### Saturday, Apr 15 – Holy Saturday

- 8:00 a.m. Prayer Vigil (Parish House; 8am-2pm)

### Sunday, Apr 16 – Easter

- 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion (Chapel)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)



This Palm Sunday we will be joining hundreds of other churches, of both Presbyterian and other denominations, to use **eco-friendly palm fronds** for both environmental and humanitarian reasons. Presbyterian Women and PCUSA have been [trying](#) to make congregations aware of how palm fronds are harvested and how detrimental incorrect harvesting is to both the eco-system and the surrounding communities. It is much easier to harvest the entire tree, which strips the palm tree of all its fronds, effectively killing it. By using an eco-friendly approach and direct purchase from the communities, a balanced system of harvesting is maintained, workers are paid a living wage, and the community and eco-system can thrive. For more information, please visit <http://www.ecopalms.org>.





# Wel come

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We are a historic church, part of a historic denomination, and we celebrate this history while exploring ways to bring passion and freshness to our worship and congregational life. Join us as we seek to discover Fresh Traditional ways to **proclaim, gather, and nurture**, all toward continuing Jesus Christ's earthly ministry of building God's Kingdom.

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**Visitor's Information brochures are in the stands at the entrances to assist you in finding your way around our campus.**

## **VISITING WITH CHILDREN?**

- **Activity materials** for young worshippers are in the drawers of the literature chests in both vestibules.
- **Infant and child care** is provided during the service in Howard House, the building to the right of the sanctuary.
- **Restrooms:** Please accompany children (under age 10) to the restrooms. (Located through the left door by the bell tables.)

## **SPECIAL NEEDS?**

- **Feel free to ask** ushers and greeters for assistance if you have any questions or special needs. **Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices** are available from the ushers in the narthex at the back of the church.

## **PLEASE COME AGAIN**

- **Sunday Worship Schedule:**
  - 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion
  - 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- **There will be no Wednesday Bible Study or Worship this week.** On Wednesday, April 19, we resume the following schedule:
  - 10:30 a.m. Bible Study in the Choir Room
  - Noon Worship Service in the Chapel (followed by a light lunch)

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