



April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

10:30am

GATHERING

Chimes

*Scripture – Matthew 21:6-11

Jesus' disciples went and did as he had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

**“Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”**

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?”
The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Prelude

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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.

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

“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.

CONFESSING

Call to Confession – based on Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O people of Zion!
Shout aloud, O people of God!
Look, your king comes to you;
Triumphant and victorious is he,
Humble and riding on a donkey.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Scripture – Psalm 118

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hymn #196 (remain seated) *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

[*refrain*] All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David’s royal Son,
Who in the Lord’s name comest, the King and blessed One. [*refrain*]

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. [*refrain*]

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. [*refrain*]

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King! [*refrain*]

*Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Gathering our Offerings

Offertory Music

Response – Doxology #606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

LISTENING

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Illumination

Scripture – Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon – “The whole city was in turmoil...”

We come as guests invited when Jesus bids us dine,
His friends on earth united to share the bread and wine;
The bread of life is broken; the wine is freely poured
For us, in solemn token of Christ our dying Lord.

We eat and drink, receiving from Christ the grace we need,
And in our hearts believing on him by faith we feed;
With wonder and thanksgiving for love that knows no end,
We find in Jesus living our everpresent friend.

One bread is ours for sharing, one single fruitful vine,
Our fellowship declaring renewed in bread and wine:
Renewed, sustained, and given by token, sign, and word,
The pledge and seal of heaven, the love of Christ our Lord.

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right for us to give thanks and praise...**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed by Thy name, Thy Kingdome 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.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

All who desire the communion meal are invited to come forward to the table, receive a portion of bread from the pastor, take a cup from one of the elders, and return to the pew. We will share in the cup together once everyone has been served.

Music during communion

Closing Unison Prayer

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life.

**May this food strengthen us in love
and help us to serve you in each other.**

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.

DEPARTING

*Charge and Benediction

*Sung Response

May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

Grant you peace; perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.

Lift up your eyes and see His face and His grace forever.

May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

Postlude



Information & Announcements

Welcome to our guests!

Whether you are sharing in the worship of God with us for the first time, visiting with family or friends, or returning for a visit to your home church, we welcome you today in the name of Jesus. Please share some contact information with us so we can follow up with you and make a place for you in our weekly fellowship. You may email our church office at admin@northminstermacon.org.

PRAYER CONCERNS

If you have a need or a request for prayer, please contact the church office.

Current Member Concerns: Ann R. Smith; Ann Hall; Jane Ebey; Kathy Wheeler; Frank & Evelyn Clark; Lynn Southerland; Tom Jones; Nancy Miles; Kathy McCord - Current Friends and Family Concerns: Margaret Yawn; Donna Carole Kitchens; Joel Jones; Nelda Crow; Sara Walcott - Military Personnel Prayer List: Austin Riley; Joshua Sulkers; Isaac Falkenstine (Bonnie Diboll's grandson); Walker Wright (Mayhew's grandson); James Watwood

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the wedding of Brent Gunn and Alex Grindler.

Macon Recovers – Hygiene Pantry Restock

Our wonderful neighbors at Macon Recovers are holding a Hygiene supply drive from March 1 through April 30. Supplies requested include but are not limited to shampoo & conditioner, cleansing wipes, body wash, deodorant, wash cloths, shaving cream and more. You may drop off your donations Tuesday through Saturday between 11AM and 7PM next door at 595 Wimbish Rd.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development. Their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. We will collect this offering Easter Sunday, April 9.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 6 at 6pm, the Northminster Chancel Choir presents, "The Shadow of the Cross" arranged by Lloyd Larson. We invite you to come to this special Tenebrae service as we remember Jesus' last Passover.

Baseball in the Dominican Republic

Northminster has an incredible opportunity to help get children and youth in the Dominican Republic off the streets and into a sport that can help them in amazing ways. If you have any baseball equipment – bats, gloves, cleats, balls, bases – collecting dust in your closets, please bring them to the church by April 30th. We are also collecting monetary donations to help with shipping of the donated equipment and providing purchase of additional equipment.

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Our calling at Northminster is to make disciples, to grow in faith together, and to serve others in Christ.

CONGREGATION: Ministers of the Good News; SESSION of Ruling Elders: Kari Alderman; Jeff Denny; Barbara Fatkin; Nita McCord; Jinny McDuffie; Ray Mosely; Michael Napier; Donna Shuford; Minor Vernon; Genny Whitaker

RALPH HAWKINS, Pastor and Teaching Elder PAUL EVANS, Parish Associate GUNNER CHANCEY, Director of Music
KAREN JONES, Clerk of Session JENNIFER WHITEHEAD, Ministry Assistant

In-Office hours this week: Sunday, Monday, Thursday 9:00-1:00

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