



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Palm Sunday

Shelby Presbyterian Church

April 2, 2023

10:00 a.m.

*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: "All Glory Laud and Honor" (arr. Krug) Handbell Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Larry Wilson

CALL TO WORSHIP (Mat. 21:1-11) Larry Wilson and Drew Mangione

Lay Assistant: When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethpage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus then sent out two disciples.

Pastor: "Go into the village before you and immediately, you will find a donkey tied up and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. And if anyone says anything to you, you will say, 'The Lord has need of them.' Then immediately he will send them."

Lay Assistant: This happened in order that it might be fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet who said:

All: "Say to the daughter of Zion: Look! Your King comes to you humble and mounted upon a donkey and upon a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."

Lay Assistant: The disciples went and after doing as Jesus commanded, they brought the donkey and the colt and put upon them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Those in the massive mob spread their cloaks in the road. Others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Then this mob and those accompanying them cried out:

All: "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

Lay Assistant: When Jesus entered into Jerusalem, the city was stirred:

All: "Who is this? This is the prophet Jesus, the one from Nazareth of Galilee."

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE: "The King of Glory" See Insert

CALL TO CONFESSION Larry Wilson
Let us face this day of palms and Jesus's passion with honesty, confessing our sin before God.

UNISON SONG OF CONFESSION (Tune from Hymn #434: "Restore In Us, O God):
O Christ you are our King, and you that we proclaim, yet still we turn our backs on you, so in our place you hanged.
Forgive us Triune God, renew us by your grace, that we, when all our searching ends, will see you face to face. (silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS
Sisters and brothers, believe the good news!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*GLORIA PATRI (sung): ***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.***

*THE PEACE OF CHRIST Larry Wilson
The Peace of the Lord be with you! **And also, with you!**

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN Carol Ann Hoard

ANTHEM: "Just Beyond the Palms" (Martin) Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Larry Wilson
Let Your Word, O God, break open our hearts this day through the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may enter into the coming Holy Week with the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE: Matthew 27:11-54 (Responsive, see insert)

SERMON: "The Shame of the Cross" Drew Mangione

*HYMN #221: "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Romans 8:1-4): **We believe there is no condemnation for those who walk in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

CALL TO PRESENT TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory: "Wondrous Love" (arr. Geschke) Handbell Choir
*DOXOLOGY (sung): ***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***
*Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN #196: "All Glory Laud and Honor"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE: "A Jubilant Peal" (Helman) Handbell Choir

Music Licenses: 1575277 (CCLI)/ A-739540 (One License)

Sound Board: Patrick Glenn & David Grose

Ushers: Elizabeth Schweppe, Claire McCullough, Holly Petrilli, Trey Warrick
Scriptures read in service are original translations, unless otherwise noted. Feel free to read a familiar translation and listen for different word choices.

CHILDCARE is available each week for infants through preschool in the Nursery (Room 102) and is staffed by Lindsay Carter and Lilly Hamilton. In order to protect your children, please be sure they are accompanied to the nursery by a parent or responsible adult caregiver.

WE WELCOME all who worship with us this morning. Please take a moment to fill out the friendship pad in the pews. If you are interested in more information or in becoming a member of our family of faith, please call the church office, 704-487-8503. If you have questions about our hearing loop system, please call the church office Monday-Thursday, 9:00-4:00, Friday 9:00-12:00. **After the service, all first-time visitors are invited to the back of the church where a church member will welcome you with a special gift.**

THE PALM fronds and the arrangement of palms on the retable are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gretchen Campbell and Bonnie Sanford by Joyce Boyette.

THANK YOU TO THE HANDBELL CHOIR for sharing their talents today: Jennifer Niblack, Anne Langley, Bruce Moser, Mimi Martin, Barbara Hannah, Mallory Brown, Julie Bryan, and Brett Niblack

EASTER EGG HUNT is today at 3:00 at Beverly Elmore's house, 121 Lakemont Drive!! YOUTH will need to meet at 1:30 at Mrs. Elmore's home to hide the eggs.

THE MEDIA COMMITTEE is updating SPC's Online Directory and would love to refresh your family's photo if you'd like. David Grose will be available before and after worship on Easter Sunday, April 9th. In addition, if you have printed edits that need to be made please submit those to bit.ly/SPCdirectoryupdate.

OUR NEXT SPC BLOOD DRIVE is April 18th. We already have 31 blood donors and a great team of volunteers signed up. We need 20 more donors. Visit <https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html> to make an appointment to donate.
Next drive: Tuesday, June 20

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE ON YOUR CALENDARS: GROWING IN GRACE rehearsal scheduled for April 29 has been changed to Sunday, April 30 from 3:00-6:00 pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The SPC Montreat Retreat is scheduled for Friday, September 15th – Sunday, September 17th.

THESE DAYS devotional books for April-May-June are available in the narthex. Please take one for your family.

THIS WEEK (APRIL 2 - 8, 2023): HOLY WEEK

Today	1:30 pm	Youth meet to hide eggs
	3:00 pm	Easter Egg Hunt at Beverly Elmore's
	5:00 pm	Deacons Meeting in Back Parlor
Monday	9:30 am	Hot Meal Ministry in Ellis Hall
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts in Scout House
	8:00 pm	AA in Ellis Hall
Tuesday	10:30 am	Staff Meeting in Ellis Hall
Wednesday	12:00 pm	Lenten Service/Lunch at Aldersgate UMC
	6:00 pm	Growing in Grace in Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
Thursday	6:00 pm	Maunder Thursday service in Ellis Hall
	8:00 pm	AA & Al-Anon in Ellis Hall and Back Parlor
Friday	12 noon	Good Friday service in Sanctuary

REMEMBER IN PRAYER (also see ongoing prayer list in newsletter) . . .

Our prayers and sympathies go out to Ann Beam and family on the death of her mother Joanne Schenck on March 25, 2023.

Debra Blanton, Pat Birmingham, Amy Brown, Myra Carpenter, Karen Carpenter, Curt Collins, Debbie Ferrell, Ina Harrington, Robert Hilton, David Kelley, David LeGrand, Cheryl Lutz, Ryder Moore, Pauline Persing, Clay Pruett, Rick Steeves, Patty Thorne, Doreen Wacaster, Barbara Weller, Teresa Wingo, and the homeless of Cleveland and Gaston counties; all those battling COVID and the flu; the victims of Ukrainian conflict; victims of natural disasters and war; all those serving in the military and their families; Food Ministry; Turning Point Academy, Rainbow Connection, the students at Gardner Webb University and all our schools, colleges and universities; our brothers & sisters of Monte los Olivos; Tenwek Hospital; John McCall in Taiwan; Christians around the globe who are persecuted for their faith.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday, April 6th

6:00 pm – A Common Table Service to share in the Lord's Supper and worship together in Ellis Hall. Participate in person or via Facebook or YouTube.

Good Friday, April 7th

12:00 pm – A Service of Music and Scripture in the Chapel. This will feature a variety of musical offerings from the congregation and meditation on Jesus's last words as recorded in the four gospels. Participate in person or via Facebook or YouTube.

Easter Sunday, April 9th

Bring flowers to put on cross outside.

10:00 am – Worship in Sanctuary with Communion, the SPC Bell Choir, Chancel Choir, and the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Participate in person or via Facebook or YouTube.

Monday, April 10th

Church Office will be closed. Pastor Drew and Carol Ann, Minister of Christian Education and Families, will be off this week. Bill Jobe will preach on April 16th.

The King of Glory

Refrain



The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es.



O - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voic - es.

Verses



1. Who is the king of glo - ry; how shall we call him?
2. In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
3. Sing then of Da - vid's Son, our Sav - ior and broth - er;
4. He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion,
5. He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en.



He is Em - man - u - el, the prom - ised of a - ges.
He goes a - mong his peo - ple cur - ing their ill - ness.
In all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an - oth - er.
He took up - on him - self the sins of the na - tion.
And he will share with us his heav - en - ly vi - sion.

A RESPONSIVE READING OF MATTHEW 27:11-54

Drew Mangione, Carol Ann Hoard (red), Larry Wilson (purple), Sherry Thomas (green), the Choir (blue), and the Congregational in bold.

Jesus stood before the governor, who questioned him saying, **"Are you the King of the Jews?"**

Then Jesus spoke, **"You say so."**

When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he did not answer. Pilate said to him, **"Do you not hear all the testimony against you?"**

Jesus did not answer him, not even one utterance, so as to amaze the governor very much.

Now, at the feast, the governor was accustomed to releasing to the mob one prisoner whom they desired. Now, they were holding at that time a well-known prisoner called, Barabbas. Therefore, with them gathered together, Pilate said, **"Whom do you desire that I release to you? Barabbas or Jesus, who is called Messiah?"** for he knew it was on account of ill will that they delivered him.

Now, as he was sitting on the seat from which he ruled, his wife sent a message to him saying, **"Let nothing be between you and that just man. For I have suffered much today in a dream on account of him."**

Then the chief priests and the elders persuaded the mob that they should ask for Barabbas and eliminate Jesus.

Then answering, the governor said to them, **"Which of the two do you desire for me to release to you?"**

And they said, **"Barabbas."**

Then Pilate said to them, **"What should I do with Jesus who is called Messiah?"**

They all said, **"Crucify him!"**

And he said, **"Why? What evil did he commit?"**

And all the more they kept crying out saying, **"Crucify him."**

Then Pilate saw that it did no good, but instead it was becoming a riot. He took up water and washed his hands before the mob, saying, **"I am without guilt for this blood. You, yourselves will see."**

And answering all the people said, **"His blood is on us and on our children."**

At that time, he released Barabbas to them and after having Jesus scourged with whips, he delivered him up in order to be crucified.

At that time the governor's soldiers, having taken Jesus with them to the Praetorium, gathered the entire company before him. Then, having stripped him, they put a scarlet cloak on him. And having twisted together a crown from out of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand. And having gone down on one knee before him, they mocked him, saying, **"Hail, King of the Jews!"** They spit on him and took the reed and kept striking him on his head. They mocked him more and took the cloak off him, and they put him in his own garments and led him away to crucify him.

Now, going out they found a man from Cyrene named Simon. They pressed him into service in order that he might carry Jesus's cross.

And having come to a place called Golgotha, which is called the place of the skull, they gave him wine mixed with bitter herbs to drink, and having tasted it, he was not willing to drink it.

Having crucified him, they divided his garments, casting lots. And they were set there guarding him. Over his head they put up a sign with his crime written: **"This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."**

At the same time, two robbers were crucified with him, one at his right and one at his left. Those passing by kept slandering him, shaking their heads and saying, **"You were going to destroy the temple and build it in three days. Save yourself! If you are the Son of God, then also come down from the cross!"**

Likewise, the chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him, saying, **"He saved others. He is not able to save himself. He is Israel's King. Let him come down now from the cross and we will have faith in him. He trusted upon God. Now let God rescue him if God wants. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"**

Likewise, even the robbers being crucified with him taunted him. Then from the sixth hour darkness had come over all the land until the ninth hour. Then at about the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" That is, **"My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?"**

Then some of those who were standing there, having heard him, answered, **"This man calls Elijah."** And immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled it with vinegar, put it on a reed and gave him a drink.

And the rest were saying, Let us see whether Elijah comes to save him. And Jesus again, having cried out in a loud voice, yielded up the Spirit and behold, the veil of the temple was torn

from top to bottom into two. The earth was shaken, and rocks were split and the tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had died, resurrected, and went from out of the tombs after his resurrection. They entered into the holy city, appearing to many.

And the centurion, and those with him keeping guard over Jesus, having seen the earthquake and the thing happening, feared greatly, saying, **"Truly, this was God's Son."**

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God