

SERVICE OF WORSHIP (8:30 MARCH 25)

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Mark 11:9

GATHERING MUSIC

"We Fall Down" Tomlin

ORGAN PRAISE

"Introduction to the Hymn of Praise" Berthier
Frank Shelton

INTROIT

"Alleluia!" DeJarnette
The Sanctuary Choir, Jim DeJarnette

* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Matthew 21) John Goodale

Leader: Alleluia! Hosanna to the Son of David!

People: Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord!

Leader: Hosanna in the highest!

People: All Glory, laud and honor to You, Redeemer, King!

* HYMN OF PRAISE, No. 265, vs. 1, 3, 4

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Mark Israel, Stephen Hock, Mike Heath, Trumpets

* DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

**WELCOME AND GREETING

* Congregation standing.

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*** SONG OF PRAISE**

"In Christ Alone" Townend/Getty

Palm Sunday Choir; Bethany Hanson, Director; Marj Killick, Piano;
James Bristow, Guitar; Jay Hahn, Bass; Scott Barbier, Percussion

CALL TO CONFESSION

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and everlasting God, we come before You confessing our sins. In Your tender love for the human race You sent Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon Him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, paying once and for all the debt we owed. Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of His suffering, and also share in His resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*** RESPONSE**

"Laud and Honor to the Father" arr. DeJarnette

Tune: Regent Square

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed** Jennifer Holz

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 Spirit, 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 sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON Danny Shaw

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

"Festival Sanctus" Leavitt

SERMON

REALLY? Untruths Uncovered

"Jesus Was Just a Guy" Mark 11:1-11 Tim McConnell

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Benedictus/Hosanna" Rutter

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

* **HYMN OF RESPONSE, No. 342, vs. 1, 2**

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"Paraphrase of the Hymn of Response" Burkhardt

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*** HYMN OF PREPARATION**

“How Far Will We Follow Jesus?”

How far will we follow Jesus? –
Galilee, or Calvary?
Have we hearts for where He leads us;
Will we follow, fight, or flee?
How far will we follow Jesus?
Will we follow where He leads?

How much will we learn of Jesus? –
Stricken man, or Paschal Lamb?
Will we stay where comfort keeps us,
Or embrace the great “I AM?”
How much will we learn of Jesus? –
Son of God, and Son of Man.

How far will we follow Jesus?
Walk His Way, or go astray?
Will we claim the cross that frees us,
And the joy of Easter day?
How far will we follow Jesus:
Will we follow all the way?

Words: James DeJarnette; tune: Lauda Anima

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GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP Katie Fowler

SONGS OF WORSHIP Chris Cullins

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*CHILDREN'S SERMON (11:00) Kathy Dobyms

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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SONG OF RESPONSE

BENEDICTION

Our **Prayer Team** is available to pray for you in the front of the Worship Center following the service.

* Children 3–Kindergarten are invited to **Bible Break** after the Children's Sermon during the 11 a.m. service.

Check your potty-trained children in at a check-in station if you'd like them to attend.

Pick up children in Room 236 promptly after the service concludes. Children are always welcome in worship.

HAPPENINGS

Holy Week at First Pres

Give Back the Blessing – This year's special Palm Sunday offering will support important translation efforts in Mongolia and the new Family Connections Center here in Colorado Springs. Learn more at www.first-pres.org/blessing2018.

* Palm Sunday Concert

The Truth Will Set You Free
Today, March 25, 4-5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Docent-led art exhibit tours will follow the concert.

Service of Guided Reflection and Prayer

March 26, 12-12:45 p.m., Sanctuary

*Maundy Thursday Communion

March 29, 7 p.m., Sanctuary

*Good Friday Ecumenical Service

March 30, 12-3 p.m., with organ meditation at 11:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Easter Sunday Services: 6 a.m. sunrise service, Sanctuary services at 7, *8:30, *10 and *11:30 a.m. and Worship Center services at *9 and *11 a.m.

Many volunteers are needed to welcome and guide guests into Easter worship on April 1. Sign up today in the Plaza or in the Narthex area.

There will be no Sunday morning communities, children's program, youth program or Kaleo meetings on Easter Sunday.

***Nursery available, no registration needed.**

Curious About Jesus?

He's the reason we're here! Ministers are available after each service and would love to listen and answer your questions.

New to First Pres?

We're so glad you're with us. Greeters have a welcome gift for you and can help you find your way into the life of the church. Meet them at Guest Central, just east of the Sanctuary, and near the Weber Street doors in the Plaza.

Adults | 884-6117

Engaged Couples Workshop Weekend – April 27 and 28. Cost is \$80 per couple. Hosted by Pat and Ann Hartsock. Register at www.first-pres.org/ecw.

Women | 884-6117 | first-pres.org/women

WOW Tuesday morning Bible study will not meet during Holy Week.

Students | 884-6220 | first-pres.org/students

High School meets Sunday morning and night. 5th through 8th graders meet Sunday morning.

Children | 884-6126 | first-pres.org/children

On Sundays, preschoolers meet on the 2nd floor at 10 a.m.; K-4th graders meet on the 3rd floor at 10 a.m.

Nursery | 884-6139 | first-pres.org/nursery

Nursery is available during all worship services and many midweek events. Volunteers needed for Thursday mornings! Contact Beth Morrison: bmorrison@first-pres.org.

Mission Engagement | 884-6233 | first-pres.org/missions

Our ESM Donation Sunday has moved to the second week of April to accommodate Easter Sunday. April ESM Donation Sunday will be on April 8.

Caring Ministries | 884-6145 | first-pres.org/care

The Spring Grief Workshop will run Mondays April 9 to May 21, 2018, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. If you have experienced the death of a loved one or close friend any time in the past, this workshop is for you. Brochures are available in the information racks throughout the Church or visit www.first-pres.org/grief.

Our next Prime Time (ages 60+) lunch program will be Wednesday, April 11, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room 435. John Goodale, Pastor of Caring

Ministries, will talk on "Making the Most of Our Moments." Lunch \$8; RSVP by April 9 at 884-6142.

Annual Candlelight Memorial Service, Wednesday, April 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary for anyone who has lost a loved one to death during the past year. A reception in the Narthex will follow the service for all those in attendance. Nursery will be open for infants through kindergarten.

Work at First Pres | 884-6190 | first-pres.org/jobs

Cafe 225 Barista, part-time; High School Ministry Associate, full-time; Middle School Ministry Associate, full-time; Nursery caregiver, part-time

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

Mission Emphasis: Ted Cox leads Greater Europe Mission's Narrative Films ministry, taking stories and truths from Scripture, transforming them into thought provoking short films with no Christian finger prints. These films plant seeds for evangelistic conversation. Pray for Spirit-produced creativity and adequate funding.

Local Church: Passion City Church

Pray for those in hospitals or short-term rehab:

Penrose Main

Mr. Robert Ehle

Health Care Resort

Ms. Ann Thomas

Memorial North

Ms. Maxine Sportsman

Center at Centennial

Mrs. Dorean Arneson

Mr. Jack Timberlake

Gifts to
Sanctuary Flower Fund

In Memory of:

Our Son Rick by Bob and Marilyn Ehle

My sister Bonnie Mell by Shirley Weeks

Mrs. Lena Dakin by Steve and Kathy Miranda and family

Daniel H. Jean by Evelyne Jean

Gary Becker by Ruth Becker and family

Our daughter Stefanie Juliet by Gary and Susan Cuddeback

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Vernon H. Abbott 3/16/18

Information on those who have gone to be with the Lord may be found at www.first-pres.org/memorials.