

Worship Participants

Pastors: Rev. Bob W. David + Rev. Kyle R. Otterbein

Lay leaders: (8:30) Gail Brummel (11:00) Patti Benson

Music Directors: Matthew Penning, Laura Kastens, Erin Moore

Music Participants: Joy Club with Laura Hendrickson, accompanist
Cantate Choristers, Alpha + Omega Ringers and Wes Habley, clarinet

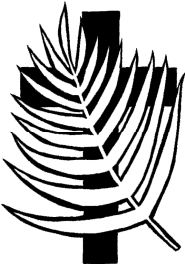
Ushers: (8:30) Beth Ann Pigge + family (11:00) Paul + Margaret Heidger

Greeters: (8:30) Gary + Linda Currie (11:00) Friends

Announcements

- Children are welcome and encouraged to participate in our worship services.
- Children's bulletins and worship bags are available in the Narthex as you enter the Sanctuary.
- Nursery care is provided for 2-year-olds and younger during both worship services.
- Children's Time is for ages 3 years through Kindergarten and meets in the Castle Room in the East Wing. This is a time of unstructured play, special activities, and continuing worship.
- Seating, sound, and worship hymnals are available in the Narthex.
- Large print hymnals and Bibles are available from the ushers.
- Flowers are given by the Heidger Family in memory of Barbara Heidger.
- Interested in the ministry opportunities of St. Andrew?
Our weekly *Mini-Messenger* and monthly *Messenger* newsletters are available online at: www.saintandrew-ic.org (under the "News" heading) or in paper version in the rack near the Welcome Table and on the table outside the main office.
- Join us for Christian Education for all ages at 9:45 am:
Children ages 2 - kindergarten meet in the East Wing. Children in grades 1-6 meet in Fellowship Hall.
Adults and Youth in grades 7-12 meet in classrooms in the North Wing.

Holy Week Schedule



Maundy Thursday (April 1): 6:30 pm dinner/worship with Last Supper drama, Holy Communion and music by the Woodwind Ensemble

Good Friday (April 2): 7:30 pm service of Tenebrae with the Logos Choir

Holy Saturday (April 3): 7:30 pm Easter Vigil with Confirmands

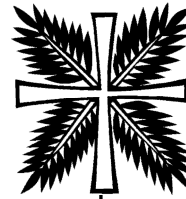
Easter Sunday (April 4): 6:30 am youth sunrise service
7:30 - 11:00 am potluck breakfast
8:00 am worship with the Agape Singers + kingsringers,
9:30 + 11:00 am worship with the Logos Choir, Resound! + Brass Ensemble

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PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 28, 2010 ♦ 8:30 + 11:00 AM



Turn My Heart :: A Lenten Passage Through the Psalms

Loving God, present in both sunshine and shadow, we watch the drama of salvation with wonder.

As we follow Jesus during this holy week, we are thankful for every moment of sunshine that fell on his path. We thank you for those who sensed the injustice of his arrest.

We thank you for each waving palm frond and every shout of hosanna.

And may we add our hosannas as we observe and learn from this story of our Lord and Savior.

Gathering

Our music is offered to the glory of God; if you wish to express a response, a spoken "Amen" or "Praise God" is welcomed. May the first note of the prelude be to you a call to silent prayer and preparation for worship. Hymns and songs may be found in The Presbyterian Hymnal (blue) or Sing! A New Creation hymnal (green).

Prelude

Fantasia in G Major by J.S. Bach

J.S. Bach is known for his use of symbolism and "text painting" within his instrumental compositions. While this piece may not have been written with this in mind, its structure and use of harmony paints a striking picture of the emotions that surround Palm Sunday. The Fantasia begins with a motive that dances, as one would expect a joyous procession to begin. The second section, however, moves us into a more triumphal march with harmonic tension that suggests the paradox of a king "riding on to die". The section ends abruptly with a dissonant chord followed immediately by a toccata-like section that leads us to imagine a flurry of evil activity—the pedal line slowly descending as Christ takes on the weight of the world's sin, crying out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Just as the story does not end with death, the piece gradually returns to a joyous celebration with hints of the anticipated resurrection.

Welcome + Announcements

*Call to Worship

Blessed are those who delight in worship. Blessed are the ones who come in God's name.

Give thanks to God, all who assemble here. God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let all who follow Christ sing God's praise. Because of God's help, we are not disgraced.

Open the gates of righteousness that we might enter.

The works of God are marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that our God has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Hosanna! Let every knee bend before Jesus!

Let every tongue welcome Christ's reign! Hosanna!

*Processional Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor *blue, #88*

Bold print - speak or sing together in unison

**please stand as you are able*

*Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, we confess that we are as fickle as the crowds in Jerusalem.

When everything seems to be going well, we join the hosanna chorus.

But in times of weariness or rebellion, praise can turn to insult.

We hide our faith when it is under attack. We link ourselves with the scoffers.

When there is opportunity to speak a good word for Jesus Christ, we are silent.

Our church lifts an uncertain word before the world, for we, its members, have not been faithful.

We need your forgiving love today, O God, more than ever. Hear our prayers.

time for silent personal prayers of confession

*Assurance of Grace

Jesus Christ was sent to show that God is love.

We are not condemned by God, but instead offered saving grace.

May the warmth of God's light melt our resistance to the ways of holiness.

We can do the good that God intends.

God can help us make that goodness our way of life.

Praise God for the grace of forgiveness!

*The Peace/Time of Greeting

The grace, love and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please greet your neighbors with, "The peace of Christ be with you." Responding with, "And also with you."

✠ Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Psalm Reading

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

OT Bible, pg. 565

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Response

Ride Through Jerusalem *by Michael Bedford*

Joy Club

Children's Message

Congregational Hymn

My Song Is Love Unknown *blue, #76*

Stanza 1: All 4: Women + children

2: Men 5: All

3: All

Parents who would like to have their children participate in Children's Time in the Castle Room are welcome to accompany their children to the East Wing during the singing of the Congregational Hymn.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

NT Bible, pg. 23

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Response

Lift Up Your Heads *by Jody W. Lindh*

Cantate Choristers

Sermon

A Word from the Donkey *Pastor Bob David + Ernie Lehman*

✠ Offering Ourselves for God's Purpose

Worship in Tithes and Offerings

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a prayer card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

Offertory

All Glory, Laud, and Honor *setting by Kevin McChesney*

Alpha + Omega Ringers

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People + 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.

✠ Sending

*Closing Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna *blue, #89*

*Charge + Blessing

Postlude

March upon Handel's "Lift Up Your Heads" *by Alexandre Guilmant*

You are invited to be seated for the postlude. Soli Deo Gloria! Glory to God Alone!

