

Go to the village
ahead of you,
and as you enter it,
you will find a
colt tied there,
which no one has
ever ridden.



Luke 19:30

First Presbyterian Church
Whiteville, North Carolina
Palm / Passion Sunday

Worship Leader: Kaye Pope

April 9, 2017

11:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Honor.

Honor and praise.

Honor, praise, and glory.

Honor, praise, and glory are yours

Almighty God, now and forever.

In celebration, we join the crowds of old,
waving branches, giving honor to the Messiah.

Yet, our celebration is bittersweet, for our story doesn't end here.

We know the pain of what lies ahead.

Today anticipates the rest of the story—

a story of betrayal and death,

a story of hope and resurrection.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT PRAYERS OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONGREGATIONAL CONFESSION

God of all times and places, we confess that we would rather join the crowds than stand alone. We prefer the popular point of view while shrinking from the risk of involvement. We will sing hosanna while everyone else is doing so, but not when the hostile Good Friday forces may hear us.

We do not like to admit our lukewarm response to You,

but neither do we want to be considered outsiders.

Forgive us for denying You.

Forgive us for betraying You.

In the name of the One whose footsteps we follow. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

“You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy”

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

"Ride on, King Jesus"

Handbell Choir

* DOXOLOGY

* PRAYER

~THE PASSION OF CHRIST~

JESUS' TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM Matthew 21:1-11

Congregational Response "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" 197, v. 1

THE PLOT TO KILL JESUS Matthew 26:1-5

Congregational Response "Ah, Holy Jesus" 218, v. 1

THE TREACHERY OF JUDAS Matthew 26:14-16

Congregational Response "Forty Days and Forty Nights" 167, v.3

THE ARREST IN THE GARDEN Matthew 26:30-56

Congregational Response "Stay with Me" 204

THE TRIAL OF JESUS Matthew 26:57-68

Congregational Response "O Sacred Head" 221, v. 2

PETER'S DENIAL OF JESUS Matthew 26:69-75

Congregational Response "Ah, Holy Jesus" 218, vs. 2-3

JESUS APPEARS BEFORE PILATE Matthew 27:1-2, 11-26

Congregational Response "My Song is Love Unknown" 209, vs. 3-4

THE CRUCIFIXION Matthew 27:27-44

Leader: Were you there?

* SENDING HYMN "Were You There?" 228

* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

* Postlude

The Journey into Holy Week begins with Palms and Passion...
and continues as we worship throughout the week.

Come, journey with us...

**All who are able, please stand.*

WELCOME! We welcome you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! May today's worship open you to God. *Your entire family is welcome*, but we do offer a nursery for children birth to 3 years of age, and a "children's church" program for children **4 years old through 1st grade**, located in the education building behind the sanctuary.

THANK YOU Handbell choir and Logan Hester (trumpet) for your music this morning.
(Annette Powell, Director, Peggy Blanchard, Ann Branch, Janet Gray, Tanner Hester, Jack Hooks, Shirley Logan, Jenny Meekins, Judy Nelson, Kim Smith, Erin Thompson)

Prayer Concerns: Frederica Stell; Bob High; Grace Palmer; Rhonda Scott; Nancy Thurston; Rita & R. L. Lewis; Geraldine Becker **Assisted Care:** Kenneth Smith; Ellen Thurston; Charlene Hinnant; Anna Jane Collier; Arlene Blaha **Friends:** Donna Parker; Carole Short; Mary Bair; Hollis Salyer; Joe Youngblood; Jean Turner; Ed Jackson; Mary Cherry; Billie Joe Conrad; Shari Dutton; Rex Ros; Brenda Walters; Hobert Wicker; David Gore; Daphne McLeod; Gail Moye; Melinda Powell; Jerome McPherson; Nancy Wilson; Pat Allen; Benny McBride; Shelby Hodge; Frank Youngblood; Barbara Shepherd; Annette Caldwell; Roger Kennedy; Jerry Ford; George Edwards.

***Please notify the church office if you would like to add someone to the prayer list, and then again when the name may be removed.**

- Next Sunday, April 16, 2017, Worship will be led by Dr. Sam Murrell.
- We extend our sympathy to the family of Rusty Cartrette, Sara Cartrette's step-son, who died March 29th in South Carolina.
- Congratulations to Wes and Tiffany Gray on the arrival of Stella Elayne on March 17th.

CHURCH CALENDAR:

Sunday:	Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 pm
Tuesday:	Ladies Bible Study 9:30-11:00 am
	NETworX of Hope, 5:30 pm
Wednesday:	Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 pm
Thursday:	Chicks with Sticks, 10:30 am
Monday, April 10:	Evening Circle, Mary Janet Maxwell, 7:00 pm
Thursday, April 13:	Maundy Thursday, FPC Whiteville, 6:30 pm
Friday, April 14:	Good Friday, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 6:30 pm
Sunday, April 16:	Sunrise Services: St. Mark's church, 6:00 am & New Hope Baptist 7:00 am
	Children's Easter Egg Hunt at First Presbyterian, after church - bring a basket!

Contact the church office: 910-642-2253 or karen@fpcwhiteville.org

NEW OFFICE HOURS (effective 3/27/17): 8:30 am - 1:30 pm, Monday-Friday

Check us out on the web! fpcwhiteville.org or www.facebook.com/fpcwhiteville

Head Usher:	April: Sally Medford	
Children's Team:	4/9: David & Susan Smith	4/16: Chris & Mandy Smith
Sound Team:	4/9: Jonathan Medford	4/16: Natalie Royal
Nursery Attendant:	4/9: Suzanne Blackmon	4/16: Susan Smith
Worship Assistant:	4/9: Kaye Pope	4/16: Coke Gray II