

First Presbyterian Church

Huntsville, Tennessee

March 24, 2024

Please remember to silence your cell phone during worship.

Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Majesty

Call to Worship

Leader: Lift your hands! Wave your palms! Give glory and honor to the Lord!

People: Hosanna in the highest! All praise to Jesus the Christ, our Redeemer and King.

Leader: He is worthy of our praise, for He comes in the name of the Lord to save us.

People: Hosanna in the highest! He is holy. He is righteous

Leader: Majesty, power and dominion belong to Christ our Lord and Savior.

People: Hosanna in the highest! In joy and gratitude, we sing praise to the Lamb of God.

Leader: Come let us worship our Lord.

*Hymn of Praise/Processional : *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

(#197-GTG-Purple;)

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

All: Holy God, as we remember Your Son's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, we confess that all too often we have been part of the crowd. When things go our way, we believe our lives are good because we worked hard. When things do not go our way, we blame others for our troubles. God, help us to take responsibility, not only for our own lives, but for the lives of our neighbors. Forgive us when we have forgotten Your commandments and have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves, but instead have judged others, believing them not worthy of our help or our compassion. Forgive us of our faults, and renew in us a sense of Your love, justice, and mercy. Guide us in ways we might live out Your commandments more fully in our lives. Help us to seek Christ in the suffering in this world, and guide us as the body of Christ to be Your hands and feet. In Your Son's name we ask.

Silent Confession

*The Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Even on the cross, Jesus cried out for forgiveness. We are worthy of forgiveness and love. We are called to share that love and forgiveness with others. Let us go and share the Good News that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven..

*Gloria Patri (

#546-Red; #581-GTG-Purple; text in side panel)

Time with Children

HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. "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.

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.

Special Music *The Holy City* Jacob Boshears, trumpet

First Scripture Reading Psalm 31:9-16

***Hymn of Preparation** *Ride on! Ride on in Majesty!*
(# 198-Purple; text @ side panel)

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory *The Old Rugged Cross*

Doxology (#544-Red; #606-7 GTG-Purple)

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

Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Lesson Luke 23:26-27

Sermon "Carrying Jesus's Cross"

Hymn of Response: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
(#198-Red; text @ side panel)

Handbell Benediction *Come Holy Spirit*

***Postlude** *How Great Thou Art* (refrain)

***Indicates you may stand.** Liturgist: Casandra Karl

Special thanks to our Processional Handbell players and Instrumentalists: Phillip Jones, Lori Phillips Jones, Rick Furrer, Casandra Karl, Jacob Boshears, Philip Thompson, Gracie Chambers, Nikki Knudson, and Pancho Karl.

Mission Statement

We seek to reflect the gospel of Jesus Christ through service and love.

Welcome to all who worship here today! If you are interested in becoming a member of this congregation, please speak to the pastor or an elder. All are welcome!

Prayer Concerns

A listing of prayer requests for church family members and friends is provided in the bulletin mailed to the church mailing list.

Upcoming Events

Every Saturday the youth will meet from 5 PM to 7 PM followed by the young adults (ages 18-30) from 7 PM to 8 PM.

Every Wednesday is choir rehearsal at 7 PM.

Every Thursday from 10 AM to 11 AM the church will be open for prayer time.

Session meets the second Sunday of each month after worship.

Today- Children's group will practice until 1 PM after worship.

March 29- Good Friday Service at 6:30 PM

March 31- Easter Sunrise Service 7:22 AM followed by breakfast; Worship Service will begin at 11:00 AM

RIDE ON! RIDE ON IN MAJESTY

1. Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road
With palms and scattered garments strowed.
2. Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.
3. Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.
4. Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, Thy power, and reign.

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.
3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.