

The First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin
Palm Sunday
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
April 5, 2009
10:30 a.m.

Enter the church in silence. Through silence speak to God and let God speak to you.

PREPARATION: *The following are the scripture texts for this morning: Psalm 31:9-16 (Pew Bible pages 439-440); Isaiah 50:4-9 (page 594) Because of the Lord's help, the Suffering Servant is not put to shame by adversaries. Mark 11:1-11 (pages 823) The account of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and the story of his suffering in his trial and crucifixion.*

PRAYER FOR THE DAY: *Lord Jesus Christ, even as you entered Jerusalem, on this day enter our world, enter our hearts and lives, and come to rule over us. Amen.*

THE GATHERING

BELL PEAL AND PROCESSION OF PALMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

PRELUDE "Fanfare"

McCabe

THE LENTEN CANDLE CEREMONY

INTROIT (Hymn #85) "What Wondrous Love Is This"

Wondrous Love

CHOIR: What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the heavy cross for my soul!

LITANY

LEADER: Let us enter God's gates of justice with thankful hearts.
PEOPLE: **Anyone who is right with God can enter.**
LEADER: This is God's day to celebrate.
PEOPLE: **Palm branches mark our celebration.**

THE FOURTH LENTEN CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

LEADER: As we extinguish the sixth Lenten candle, we recall that God's Son, Jesus Christ, became like one of us so that we may have access to God and this became possible through Christ's death on the cross. *(the candle is extinguished)*

LEADER: Let us pray. O God, what Christ has done for you and for us is truly wondrous. Even though he was your son, he humbled himself for us on the cross. We truly agree, "Jesus Christ is Lord!"

ALL: Amen.

***RESPONSE (Hymn #85)** "What Wondrous Love Is This"

Wondrous Love

ALL: **To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing!
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I Am,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing!**

***OPENING SENTENCES**

LEADER: Blessed is Jesus, who comes in God's name.
PEOPLE: **Hosanna! The realm of God comes near.**
LEADER: Blessed are all who come in God's name.
PEOPLE: **Hosanna! The realm of God comes near.**
LEADER: Blessed are you, when you come in God's name.
PEOPLE: **Hosanna! The realm of God comes near.**
ALL: **Let us worship God!**

***HYMN #89** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (SUNG TO TUNE) Valet will ich dir geben

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LEADER: The proof of God's amazing love for us is this:
while we were sinners, Christ died for us.
PEOPLE: **Because we have faith in him, we dare approach God with confidence.**
LEADER: Let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.
ALL: **Lord Jesus Christ, you come in unexpected ways. You entered Jerusalem upon humility, a servant king, riding a donkey. But the people saw only what they wanted, a warrior king, bringing an end to oppression. We, too, look to you to fight our battles. In your name we wound one another with doctrine, or worse – with weapons. King Jesus, forgive and restore us. Help us to follow you humbly, even to a cross.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: Hear the good news: through the grace of our living God, we are dead to sin and alive in Christ. We are forgiven! Thanks be to God!
ALL: **Amen!**

RESPONSE (Hymnal #573) “Lord, Have Mercy” Kyrie
CHOIR: Lord, have mercy. ALL: **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

(The children are invited to leave for Sonshine Mountain.)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING Mark 11:1-11

The Gospel of the Lord!
Praise to You, O Christ!

SERMON “Preparers of the Way” Rev. Victoria ByRoade

THE RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT One Great Hour of Sharing

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS
OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Hosanna to the Son of David” Lorenz
***DOXOLOGY (Hymnal #591)** “Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

RESPONSE (Hymn #521) “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” Finest Wheat
CHOIR: (REFRAIN) You satisfy the hungry heart with gifts of finest wheat;
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.
The mystery of Your presence Lord, No mortal tongue can tell.
Whom all the world cannot contain, Comes in our hearts to dwell.
ALL: (REFRAIN)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE
LEADER: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! Men and women will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the Kingdom of God. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took bread and blessed it and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him. This is our Lord’s table. Our Savior invites all who love him to share the feast which he has prepared.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
LEADER: The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE: **And also with you.**
LEADER: Lift up your hearts.
PEOPLE: **We lift them to the Lord.**
LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
PEOPLE: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
LEADER: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O God, our creator and redeemer. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power. You formed us in your image to love and serve you, but we forgot your promises and abandoned your commandments. In your mercy, you did not reject us but still claimed us as your own. When we were slaves in Egypt you freed us and led us through the waters of the sea. You fed us with heavenly food in the wilderness, and satisfied our thirst from desert springs. On the holy mountain you gave us your law to guide us in your way. Through the waters of the Jordan you led us into the land of your promise, and you sustained us in times of trial. You spoke through prophets calling us to turn from our willful ways to new obedience and righteousness. You sent your only Son to be the way to eternal life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

SANCTUS (Hymnal #581) Sanctuary Choir and Congregation
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION
LEADER: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He took upon himself the weight of our sin and carried the burden of our guilt. He shared our life in every way, and though tempted, was sinless

to the end. Baptized as your own, he went willingly to his death and by your power was raised to new life. In his dying and rising, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (Hymnal #582) Sanctuary Choir and Congregation
Dying, You destroyed our death; Rising You restored our life.
Lord, Jesus, come in glory!

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION CONTINUES

LEADER: Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ, and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

INSTITUTION AND FRACTURE

RESPONSE (Hymnal #597) Sanctuary Choir
Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And all that is within me, bless God's holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget not all God's benefits.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS *(Please partake of the elements as you are served.)*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
PEOPLE: **It is right to give our thanks and praise!**
ALL: **Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Help us to love all your children, to do justice and show mercy, and to live in peace with your whole creation. Guide us through the desert of life, quench our thirst with the living waters, and satisfy our hunger with the bread of heaven. Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory. Amen.**

THE SENDING

***HYMN #91** "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!" **St. Drostane**

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE (Hymn #148)** "At the Name of Jesus" **King's Weston**
ALL: At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess Him, King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

***CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** "Processional" **Mathias**
**The congregation stands. If standing is difficult for you, please feel free to remain seated.*

NEXT SUNDAY, April 12, 2009, is Easter Sunday. *The scripture readings will be: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (Pew Bible pages 492-493); Isaiah 25:6-9 (page 568) The Lord promises to swallow up death and wipe away tears. 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (page 935) Paul recounts Christ's resurrection appearances. John 20:1-18 (pages 882-883) Women tell the disciples about the empty tomb. Peter sees the empty tomb, but Mary meets the risen Christ.*

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD Woodrow Wilson said "We are not here merely to make a living. We are here to enrich the world with a finer spirit of hope and achievement – and we impoverish ourselves if we forget the errand." On this Palm Sunday, we are thoughtful of the whole world and the efforts that will be needed to seek and establish peace for all humankind. What a challenge, but what a gift to be able to see the mission and work toward it! *Dear God, give us strength and vision for claiming our responsibilities and acting on them. Give us patience and skill to help others when we would rather look the other way. Guide us as we explore ways to strengthen the bonds of peaceful resolution among disputing parties, wherever they are, no matter what the dispute. Amen.*

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME and are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin, please indicate your desire to Pastor ByRoade so we can arrange a gathering of our Session.

WE WELCOME ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE TODAY – Coloring pages for children to use during the worship hour are available from the ushers. Before "THE WORD", girls and boys PK4 through 5th grade are invited to attend Sunday school on "Sonshine Mountain". Our nursery, for infants through age 3, is in the Christian Education Building, downstairs in Room 103. Large print bulletins and large print hymnals are available from the ushers. Hearing devices are also available. Please ask for one at the Sound booth.

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

USHERS: Don Shaffer, Marge Skinner, Judith Curvelo, Ron Curvelo

LITURGISTS: Charlie and Lili Nguyen

ACOLYTE: Jonathan Gibbs

ELDERS SERVING COMMUNION: Ginger Watson, Greg Long, Rita Long, Skippy Boynton, Peg Rowe, Steve Lofton, John C. Smith, Carol Justice, Garry Justice

SANCTUARY FLOWERS THIS WEEK ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY

Hazel Kirk in loving memory of her father, Atlas Kirk

TODAY’S OPPORTUNITIES

8:45 a.m. – Worship Café

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School/Fellowship

10:30 a.m. – Traditional Worship

7:00 p.m. – First Sunday Books

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Monday (6 th)	10:00 a.m.	Strong for Life
	7:00 p.m.	DBF Missions
Tuesday (7 th)	10:00 a.m.	For Your Good Health
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Committee
	7:00 p.m.	CE Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Mission Outreach Committee
	7:30 p.m.	Transit – Young Adult Group
	7:30 p.m.	Planning and Personnel Committee
Wednesday (8 th)	10:00 a.m.	Strong for Life
	5:00 p.m.	Middle School Youth
	6:00 p.m.	Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study – Doyle
	7:00 p.m.	High School Youth
	7:00 p.m.	Video Club
	8:00 p.m.	Contemporary Music Practice
	8:00 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
Thursday (9 th)	7:30 p.m.	MAUNDY THURSDAY Tenebrae Service
Friday (10 th)	10:00 a.m.	Finance Committee
	7:00 p.m.	GOOD FRIDAY Service Sanctuary Choir & orchestra “The Seven Last Words of Christ” Théodore Dubois

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Monday, April 13 in observance of the Easter holiday.

VOICE DEADLINE is this Wednesday, April 15. All articles for the VOICE must be submitted by this date.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY DINNER this week the meal will be beef stew. The cost is \$6.50 per adult; \$4.00 12-18; \$3.00 2-12; \$18.00 max per family with children under 12. We eat at 6:15, so please come a little early to pay. Sign up today on the Friendship Register!

SPECIAL OFFERING TODAY We are all interested in what we can do that will change the world. During the service, we will be seeing a very short video that illustrates the transformation our past gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing have made possible and with the potential difference their gifts can make now. Offerings for the One Great Hour of Sharing will be collected today. It’s a fact: Together we *can* change the world. Please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

USHER TRAINING CLASS – Wednesday, April 8 – 7:00 p.m. – Anyone interested in being an usher for the traditional worship service is invited to a brief “training” by Rev. ByRoade on Wednesday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Come learn the subtle nuances of this important service and add YOUR name to our list of those willing to serve in the capacity.

FIRST SUNDAY BOOKS – April 5th - 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. in the church library. The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch & Jeffery Zazlow. What matters most? What do you want as your legacy? Carnegie Mellon computer science professor Randy Pausch was asked to give a “last lecture” after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. His book focuses on life, laughter and helping other people achieve their dreams, while seizing every moment of life. Discussion leaders: Debbie Blocher & Marge Brown. Come join the conversation! This book is available at the First Church library, the Pinellas library system and at booksellers. Bring a friend- newcomers always welcome!

RELAY FOR LIFE Friday, April 24th at Dunedin Stadium. This is a great way to support a worthwhile event while getting to know some of your fellow church members. There will be an information table in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, April 5th before and after the traditional service. This will be a great opportunity to turn in your bottles of dimes, sign up to join our team, purchase a chance to win a lovely colored pencil drawing by Dunedin artist and church member Nancy Christy and purchase a luminary in honor or memory of a loved one who has fought this disease called cancer. If you would like more information, contact Linda Frazer at 791-0912.

PLEASE REMEMBER to help the needy and contribute to Church and community food banks by contributing to **Just One Item** to our food baskets on Sundays.

TAKE STOCK IN OUR YOUTH Members of the Youth Group and Youth Committee will be in Hager Hall after both services selling shares of stock in the planned mission trip to Belize this summer.

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP In order for people who worship at 8:45 and people who worship at 10:30 to spend time together, Fellowship Hour is scheduled from 9:30 – 10:30.

PRAYER REQUESTS the names of people who have requested prayer are listed in italics the first week of their request and any time there are changes in their condition or place of recuperation. A complete listing of the people for whom we need to lift our prayers will also be provided for you in each edition of THE VOICE. (Please call the church office if you have a prayer concern.)

- *Walter B. at HealthSouth in Largo*
- *Sandi G., family friend of Dave and Bobbie E., diagnosed with incurable cancer*
- Marge B. S. following surgery
- Dorothy C. recovering from a broken hip at Manor Care on Tampa Road
- Edna-Ann Z. of Virginia, cousin of Frances D., diagnosed with lung cancer
- Ann C. and Charles (Chuck) M. under Hospice care
- For improved health: Su R., Charlie R., Martha B., Les M., Betsy P., Bill V., Leona B., Lee S., Warren M., Sharyn R., Lois K., Dotsie D., Peg H., Betsy K., Tom F., Dee F., Lonnie A.
- All of our members who reside in skilled nursing homes
- First Presbyterian Church in our desire to be responsible stewards of our talents and finances
- Our Missionaries, Rev. Dr. Archibald Woodruff and Linnis Cook, Pastors Jimmi and wife Sandra-Lee Jones at the Lords Bank Community Church, Lords Bank Village, Belize, in Central America

*First Church Year-to-Date Revenue and Expenditures
Including Preschool
April 1, 2009*

<i>Income Year-to-Date</i>	<i>\$53,991</i>
<i>Expenses Year-to-Date</i>	<i>\$47,438</i>
<i>Balance (Overage) Year-to-Date</i>	<i>\$6,553</i>

The 2009 Budget is \$712,362. It includes an anticipated deficit of (56,812).

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday – April 9

**7:30 p.m. - Tenebrae Service (Service of Darkness)
Communion and Handwashing**

Good Friday – April 10

7:00 p.m. – “The Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross”

Théodore Dubois

Sanctuary Choir with orchestra

Guest soloists:

Mary Anne Boone, soprano

Kevin Gilley, tenor

John Brockman, baritone

Easter Sunday/The Resurrection of the Lord – April 12

7:00 a.m. – Sunrise Service on the Causeway

8:45 and 10:30 a.m. – Traditional Services in the Sanctuary

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