

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Palms Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 10, 2024 • 4th Sunday in Lent

WE COME TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Fairest Lord Jesus
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart
with Mary Perry Jackson, piano

arr. Mark Hayes
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Welcome & Announcements

Introit

God of Grace and God of Glory
The Chancel Choir

John Hughes

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.

Call to Worship

We remember the story of our faith:

God has delivered us.

We rejoice in the promise of our faith:

God goes with us, step by step.

We live into the hope of our faith:

God's work in us and in the world is not yet complete.

* Hymn (#14)

For the Beauty of the Earth

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

By the gift of your grace we are saved, O God, from all that separates us from you. Still, we would rather believe that we can earn your love. Still, we would rather believe that we are in ultimate control. Forgive us when we do not recognize the radical gift of your grace; have mercy when we fail or refuse to share that grace with another. Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy. Forgive us, O God, and free us to live for you.

(A moment for silent confession.) Amen.

Response (#434)

Restore in Us, O God
Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.

Assurance of Forgiveness

* *Stand if able*

*** Response (#645)**

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take your part;
to God all praise and glory!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 58:9b-12

The Word of God for the people of God;

Thanks be to God.

Time for Children

Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. Philip Stopford

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies: for the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light: Lord of all, to thee we raise this
our sacrifice of praise. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth
and friends above; pleasures pure and undefiled: for each perfect gift of thine, to our race
so freely given; graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven: Lord of all,
to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise. For thy church which evermore lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

Second Reading

Mark 9:2-26

The Word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"How Long? Being a Faithful Church in a Secular Age"

Dr. Andrew Root, Visiting Theologian

*** Hymn (#309)**

Come, Great God of All the Ages
(verses 1-3)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*** Affirmation of Faith**

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

Come to Me
with Ted Louckes, tenor

Dan Forrest

Come to me, all you who labor, come to me, and I will give you rest.
Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and you will find rest for your souls.
Come, my child, learn my heart, for I am gentle and lowly.
See how great my love for you, that I have called you my child.

* Response (#697)

Take My Life
Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

* Prayer of Dedication

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn (#39)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

* Charge & Benediction

* Postlude

Let All Who Have Breath Praise the Lord

arr. Douglas Wagner

*Please join us after worship for hospitality and fellowship
in Patten Hall. All are welcome!*

Leading Worship Today

Dr. Andrew Root (Visiting Theologian), Rev. Bryant Anderson (Pastor), Rev. Beverly Dempsey (Associate Pastor), Ronn Cummings (Director of Music & Fine Arts), and Cathy Fortson (Organist).

Let us know you're here!

Please take a brief moment to let us know that you have joined us for worship today. Sign the connection pad in the pew or pull out your phone and visit palmschurch.org and click "Worship Attendance." This simple form will help keep our church family connected.

KidWorship

Following the Time for Children at the 11 a.m. worship service, all children, age 3 through 5th grade, are invited to attend **KidWorship**. This program will feature music, Bible study, games, prayer, and more fun activities to help kids grow in faith and deepen connections with one another. **Children can be picked up after worship** in our children's area on the second floor of the education building.

For families wishing their children to remain in worship, worship bags with materials designed to engage children during worship are available in the back of the church.

Meet our Visiting Theologian

Dr. Andrew Root is the Carrie Olson Baalson Professor of Youth and Family Ministry at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. He writes and researches in areas of theology, ministry, culture, and younger generations. His most recent books are *Churches and the Crisis of Decline*, *The Congregation in a Secular Age*, *The End of Youth Ministry?*, *The Pastor in a Secular Age: Ministry to People Who No Longer Need God*, *Faith Formation in a Secular Age*, and *Exploding Stars, Dead Dinosaurs, and Zombies: Youth Ministry in the Age of Science*. He lives in St. Paul with his wife Kara, two children, Owen and Maisy, and their dog. When not reading, writing, or teaching, Andy spends far too much time watching TV and movies.



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made possible by the generosity of the Tom & Jan Walker family.**

Prayers & Concerns

IN OUR PRAYERS

Nancy Aves, Jean Faulds, Anne Flora, Sara Gordon, Dottie Harper, Louise Jackson, Pat Kelk, Joan Kemp, Penny Leonard, Faye Lightburn, Nancy McCarthy, June McGrane, Nelson Moore, Mary Noojin, Barbara Pickett, Nancy Rathburn, Betty Spielman, Michelle Weitz, and Malvina White

IN THE MILITARY

James McDuffie Brunson, Woody Cromley, Zach Johnson, Dr. Janet West, Andrew Whelan, Daniel Wise, and Dr. Austin Yoder

GLOBAL MISSION

Richard & Ursula Wagner (AMFA) and Pastor Charles George, Zoe Church, Home of Compassion, Delft, Cape Town, South Africa; Leon & Jacky Dorleans and Nadege Gay, Haiti Outreach Ministries (HOM); CODEP-Comprehensive Development & Reforestation Project (Haiti); Dr. Connie Duke, Art Creation Foundation (Haiti); Dr. Tharwat Wahba, Evangelical Theological Seminary, Cairo (ETSC) and the Presbyterian Church of Egypt; Dr. Roger Wegurih, "Operation Go Home" (Upper Presbytery, Ghana); Dr. John Azumah, The Sanneh Institute (Ghana); and The Akrofi-Christaller Institute for Theology, (Ghana)

LOCAL MISSION

Jeff Winkler, BEAM; Steve Gilbert, Beaches Habitat for Humanity; Latoya Thomas, The Carver Center, Jelisa Jackson, The Gail Baker Center; Dee Davis, The Jordan Center, Faculty, students, and families of local Beaches Area schools, Lucas Seilhymmer, Mission House; Rick Cartlidge, The Sanctuary on 8th Street; Lori Anderson, Dial-A-Ride, Mary Jane Brown, Beaches Community Kitchen

PRAYER REQUESTS

Submit a prayer request by contacting Pam Mann at either 904-509-6192 or gatorpep@aol.com.



In Memory

Elaine Sanford

October 30, 1924 - February 27, 2024

No service details at this time



Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship, Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Hospitality and Fellowship, Patten Hall
- 9:40 a.m. Adult Sunday School, Chapel
- 9:40 a.m. Children's Lenten Sunday School, RM 209
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, Sanctuary/Livestream
- 11:15 a.m. KidWorship, RMS 209, 213, 215
- 12:00 p.m. Hospitality and Fellowship, Patten Hall

MONDAY, MARCH 11

- 1:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study, Conference Room
- 5:30 p.m. Chancel Bell Choir, Sanctuary

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

- 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Small Group, Library
- 10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women (PW) Morning Circle, RM 203
- 2:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women (PW) Afternoon Circle, RM 202
- 6:15 p.m. Men's Over 50 Basketball, Gym

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

- 9:00 a.m. Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study, RM 202
- 9:30 a.m. Lectio Divina, Library
- 12:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Lent Study, RM 202
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Choir, Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group, RM 203
- 6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer, Chapel
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball, Gym

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

- 11:00 a.m. Parkinson's Support Group, RM 202
- 1:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women (PW) Crafters, RM 202
- 4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer, RM 202

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

- No Events Scheduled

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

- 9:00 a.m. Palms Work Day, Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship, Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Hospitality and Fellowship, Patten Hall
- 9:40 a.m. Adult Sunday School, Chapel
- 9:40 a.m. Children's Lenten Sunday School, RM 209
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, Sanctuary/Livestream
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PALMS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Deeper in Faith, Stronger in Action: Lenten Study of Life
Together by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

NOW - MARCH 24
9:40 a.m.
CHAPEL

CHILDREN'S LENT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children will explore Gospel passages about matters of the heart and what we value most.

NOW - MARCH 24
9:40 a.m.
RM 209

PALMS WORKDAY

Work projects include Fellowship Hall kitchen cleanup, stage cleanup and organization, and painting. If you would like to volunteer your time, please contact Alex in the church office at 904-246-6427.

MARCH 16
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
FELLOWSHIP HALL

EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

You can make a donation to the Oasis Garden to honor, remember, or celebrate someone special! Forms are available in Patten Hall and the church office.

NOW - MARCH 18

BRUNCH WITH THE BUNNY DONATIONS

Donations are needed for Brunch with the Bunny: plastic Easter eggs, individually wrapped candy (preferably nut-free and not chocolate), and non-candy/food items (stickers, small toys, etc.) that can be stuffed into eggs.

NOW - MARCH 27

BRUNCH WITH THE BUNNY

Join us for our annual Brunch with the Bunny. We'll have a delicious pancake brunch, age-based egg hunts, crafts, and photos with the Easter Bunny.

MARCH 30
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
FELLOWSHIP HALL

For more information, call the church office
904-246-6427 or go to palmschurch.org

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