

Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.

Our Approach to God

Prelude Intrada on Ellacombe, setting by Robert J. Powell

*The Call to Worship (based on Psalm 118:1, 26, 28)

Give thanks to the Lord because he is good.

His steadfast love endures forever!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

We give thanks to God. With shouts of praise, we proclaim his greatness.

Hosanna in the highest!

*The Hymn of Praise "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" 89

*The Call to Confession

Like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem and then later cried out, "Crucify him," we are people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, words, or deeds. Remembering the events of Jesus' last week helps us see ourselves for what we are: sinners in need of a Savior. In honesty and hope, we confess our sins to God.

*The Prayer of Confession

Jesus, our Lord, we shout hosanna to praise you. With eager hands, we place our cloaks and palms on the path before you. Yet, Lord, we confess that the mouths that seek to praise you often deny or defy you. We confess that the hands that seek to serve you often become fists. We confess that our faith is often more show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are. [Silent Confession.] Lord, have mercy on us. We trust you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon (based on Psalm 118:1, 5, 14)

We know that God's steadfast love endures forever. When we call on the Lord in our distress, he answers us. The Lord is our strength and our salvation. In Christ, our sins are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

The Anthem "Hosanna! Sing a Loud Hosanna!" Mark Hayes
Chancel Choir

The Word of God

The Psalm Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 page 675 OT

The Time with the Children

The New Testament Reading Philippians 2:5-11 page 266 NT

The Gospel Reading Matthew 21:1-11 page 30 NT

The Sermon Rev. Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith Apostle Creed (Traditional) page 14 hymnal

*The Hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" 88

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory

*The Doxology

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.

*The Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer (using sins)

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the elements

(Hold the bread until all have been served. We will eat it together symbolizing our unity in Christ. Drink the cup when it is served symbolizing your individual relationship with Christ.)

Prayer

*The Hymn "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" 98

*The Charge and Benediction

*Postlude "My Song Is Love Unknown," setting by James Biery

* Congregation Standing - for those who are able.

Liturgist: Kitty Myers

Greeter: Karen Kalina

Ushers: Adam Engel, Natalie Martinez, Pam Moran & Laura Bosley

Serving Communion Today: Adam Engel, Natalie Martinez, and Pam Moran

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Natalie Martinez and Rebecca LaLonde

The church office will continue to be open Monday -Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Please call (989) 792-1023 if you need to schedule a different time to come and conduct any church business.

Give Online!

We thank those of you who have utilized our new online giving option! As you have heard, we partnered with the Presbyterian Foundation for a new, easy to use, online giving tool! You can scan this QR code with your smart phone to set up online giving. You can also visit our website, www.spcsaginaw.org, and click the "Give Now" button. You can use this for one-time giving, or to set up recurring giving! Thank you for your gifts to Second Presbyterian Church!



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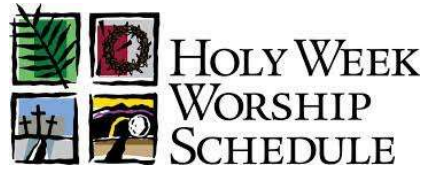
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Hosanna

in the highest!

Seeking and Serving Christ. We are a Place for Growing Christians.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday Service – April 6 @ 7:00p.m. at First Presbyterian Church

Good Friday – April 7 @ 12:00p.m. & 12:30p.m. at First United Methodist Saginaw

Easter Sunday – April 9 @ 9:00a.m. SPC

Music and Worship Committee

We need your help!! The Music and Worship Committee is looking for volunteers to help with Fellowship Hour, Liturgists, Greeters and Ushers on Sundays. There are sign-up sheets available so please look for a Sunday service you can help! Thank you for supporting Second Presbyterian Church!

We also need people willing to learn and help with the Live-Stream operations. Please see Linda Poplewski, Fred Herter, Karen Schadel or Bruce Smith if you are interested in learning the live-stream process.



Busy Hands and Hearts

Will meet at the church **Monday, April 3 @ 1:00 p.m.** You do not have to sew or knit to join in. If you or anyone you know has yarn to donate, please place it in the Busy Hands box in the gathering area's Mission corner. If you have any questions, please call Pam Moran @ 989-792-7388.



Scholarship Information

Applications for the Muriel Lakey Scholarship and the Mary Ann Rigterink-Geiersbach Scholarship are available in the top bin on the cart by the office. Applications need to be turned in by April 16th.



Fish Fry Update

A HUGE thank you to all who helped make the recent fish fry a success. Your support helped feed 425 meals and netted a profit of over \$4,100! The funds earned through this endeavor will be used to keep the church grounds in tip top shape all summer long. Our next Fish Fry is Friday, October 20, 2023. We hope you'll help at the next one – we have a wonderful time getting to know each other!

Please let one of the following individuals know if you are willing the help:

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Alan Poplewski	(989) 928-7957	alanpoplewski@hotmail.com

Mission News

For the month of April, our Mission Focus will be through Presbyterian Giving Catalog - Livestock Gifts.

The goal of the Presbyterian Giving Catalog is "To connect people as neighbors with others experiencing needs, supporting projects and friendships that grow gardens and generations, bring water and watch for corruption, share education, tools and training, and link each of us, more closely with one another and with God." Throughout the month of April, we will be collecting donations to purchase livestock,



which will be given to those in need to help foster independence through farming. The amount and number of donations received will determine the animals we are able to sponsor (flocks of chickens, piglets, goats, cows, beekeeping, or oxen/plow. Donations may be placed in the box on the Missions table or in the church office. If you would like more information on the Presbyterian Giving Catalog, please visit their website at [Presbyterian Giving Catalog](https://www.presbyteriangiving.org)