



PALM AND PASSION

WELCOME

- Greeting

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

- Announcements
- Minute for Creation - Chloe Ann Adams
- Prelude ~ *Grand March* - Michael Helman, Canterbury Bells

We invite you to sign and pass the Fellowship Pad located at the end of your pew during the Prelude and then return it to the center aisle so that you can turn and greet one another during the Passing of the Peace.

CALL TO WORSHIP - Luke 19.29-40

When Jesus had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this,

"The Lord needs it."

So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said,

"The Lord needs it."

Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

The Pharisees said to stop. Jesus answered,

"If these were silent, even the stones would shout."

+OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray,

**Gracious God, as we enter this Holy Week,
strengthen us to move beyond the festive parade of palms
and to follow Jesus into the way of the cross,
that united with him and all the faithful,
we may one day enter through the gates of righteousness into the eternal city,
the New Jerusalem,
where we may praise you with Christ and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.**

+TRIUMPHAL ENTRY - Hymn 196 ~ *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

+ PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

STEWARDSHIP



- Call to Stewardship - We're collecting our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering this Sunday. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.
- Offertory ~ *Ride On, King, Jesus!* - Hall Johnson, tenor soloist, Ben Boutell
- Offertory Response ~ (Hymn 607) — *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**
- Prayer of Dedication

REFLECTION

 ~ Rev. Matt Falco

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus was asking for his struggle to be lifted from him. He asked that his disciples do the same. During our Prayers of the People this week, we're inviting you to write down on the slip of paper inside the bulletin anything that feels like a burden that you cannot carry alone. During the prayers, there will be an opportunity for you to come forward and place your prayers on the Communion Table so that later this week people who are participating in our Holy Week prayer vigil can lift up your burdens in prayer.

ANTHEM

 ~ *Go to Dark Gethsemane*, Chancel Choir

REFLECTION

 ~ Rev. Rachel VanKirk Mathews

SCRIPTURE READING- LUKE 23:18-34A

CONFESSION LITANY

God of Passion, on this day of betrayal and death,
we remember those times we have been part of the crowd seeking our best interest over what is right and good.

God of Faithfulness, on this day of fear and denial,
we remember the times when we have chosen the path of safety over faithfulness to your way out of fear.

God of Constant Presence, on this day of despair and loss,
we remember the ways we have wandered from your presence, only to complain that we are abandoned, and then have forgotten to comfort the lonely and grieving around us.

God of the Cross, for all the ways we have missed the mark,
all the ways we have come up short, forgive us.

Through your grace, bring us back into right relationship.
Help us to find the way again.

+HYMN 216

 ~ *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

+CHARGE

+BENEDICTION

+BENEDICTION RESPONSE

 ~ Hymn 223 - *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

**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.**

**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?**

**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.**

+POSTLUDE

Welcome to Worship

Welcome to Maxwell Street, a church known for its diversity, inclusion and mission. This is Christ's Church and all are welcome. Bring your burdens as well as your hopes. Bring your disappointments as well as your joys. There is a kind of space here into which all are invited to be themselves and to feel at home. Participate to the degree you feel comfortable. Here is some information to help make you feel at home.

- LARGE PRINT BIBLES are available from the ushers.
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- Hearing help is available with a personal amplification device from the ushers.
- An elevator is located in the Education Building for your convenience.
- **Visitors interested in learning more** are invited to meet with a pastor or member of the Welcome Team in the Johnston Parlor after the service. We are glad you are here today.

• Children Ministry

Infant to pre-K are welcome in the Nursery following Children's Moment or anytime during the morning. Come to the Young Children's Area in the basement. Professional caregivers and church volunteers will greet you there.

K – 5th grade after the children's message, children can go to our Sunday School program where age- appropriate activities will be available for all children ages k-5th grade.

Class: One Room Sunday School

Curriculum: Deep Blue Connects

Location: Big Blue Room and Children's Library (both rooms on Lower Level near Nursery)

All children are encouraged to be in worship with their families so they may share in hymns, scripture, prayers, and other parts of worship. There is a booklet available in the narthex, in classrooms, and the lobby with details about our Children's classes and upcoming events.

- **WIFI - Router Name: Maxwell - ORBI38**

Password: maxpres180

- Accessible restrooms are on the main level and basement level. Baby changing stations are available in the basement restrooms or nursery.
- Follow us on Twitter @maxpreschurch or tag #maxpres if you want to share a thought from today's service.
- + Indicates that the congregation is invited to stand in body and/or in spirit.

WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Leaders

Matt Falco, Rachel Vankirk Mathews, Lauren Hart, Mason Hawkins, Beth Wilson, Ted Gentry, Robin Morrill, Grace Notes Choir, and the Chancel Choir.

Readers

Lauren Hart, Mason Hawkins, Theo Cseledy

Acolyte

Lucy Wilkerson

Ushers

The ushers are Cindy and Ralph Bollinger, Tim Costich, Tom Dixon, Joe and Sandy Kyle, Kay Roberts, John Shaw.

Thank you to Lucy Ernst for arranging the palms for our worship service.

Punch will not be served today due to the Palm Sunday Brunch.

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Mildred McKeown, Nancy Gamble's sister, Tammy Dyer, Debra Anderson's step-mom, Carol Anderson, Greg Harper's sister, Mary Anna & Fayette Stepp's grandson, Nathan, Ron & Georgia Baquet's great niece.

SERVICE WOMEN AND MEN

Jake Abernathie, grandson of Dorothy & Loren Tice USS Harry S. Truman.

Trevor Anderson-Cooper (AOAN Weapons Department G-3), son of Debra Anderson & Bill Cooper.

Tyler Buckley, son of Leigh Buckley.

Clayton Tyler - SOI (school of infantry) Camp Geiger in NC, brother of Jessica Tyler.

Nathan Stepp (Everett, WA) grandson of Mary Anna & Fayette Stepp.

Griffin Rice

And all the families and loved ones of our service women and men; for all peace-keepers and peacemakers in families, communities and the world.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING - We will take this special offering today. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, The Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH - All are invited! Following brunch, children of Maxwell (pre-K-5th grade) will get to "hunt" for Easter eggs that have been stuffed and hidden by our own MSPC youth. What a great way to celebrate the gift of new life and the joys of springtime! Let's worship together, enjoy brunch and hunt for eggs!

N.A.D.Y.A. BOOK GROUP meets from 6-7:30pm at the Williams' to discuss chapter 3 of *Inspiration and Incarnation* by Peter Enns.

THIS WEEK

HOLY WEEK NOON SERVICES - This year's services will be held at Second Presbyterian. Worship begins at Noon in their Sanctuary. A light lunch is served in their Fellowship Hall at 12:30. Suggested donation is \$7 for lunch.

MONDAY

10:30am Pastor's Coffee at Coffea (All are welcome)
12:00pm Holy Week Service at Second Presbyterian.
Rev. Stephen Fearing, Beaumont Presbyterian Church preaching.
7:00pm Deacons meeting
7:00pm Guitar Series Concert

TUESDAY

8:30am Sweet Blessings
12:00pm Holy Week Service at Second Presbyterian.
Rev. Scott Cervas, Meadowthorpe Presbyterian Church preaching.
7:00pm Centering Prayer
7:30pm UKirk Campus Group

WEDNESDAY

8:30am Everybody's Breakfast - Joe Boldt is our speaker this month. Join us in the Scout Room beginning at 8:30am as usual. All are invited to learn more about Joe and enjoy a "cup of Joe" and a doughnut as well for only a dollar.
10:30am Kerygma
12:00pm Holy Week Service at Second Presbyterian.
Rev. Rachel VanKirk Mathews preaching.
5:45pm Fellowship Dinner
5:45pm Children's Choir
6:30pm Evening Kerygma
6:30pm Chancel Choir
7:30pm Westminster Bells

THURSDAY

9:00am Canterbury Bells
12:00pm Holy Week Service at Second Presbyterian. Rev. Canon Elise Johnstone, Episcopal Diocese of Lexington preaching.
6:00pm Maundy Thursday Dinner & Service- We'll begin this evening with supper in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm followed by worship at 6:30pm in the sanctuary.
7:00pm Prayer Vigil begins - if you would like to sign up for a block of time contact Matt 255-1074 or matt@maxpres.org).

FRIDAY

12:00pm Holy Week Service at Second Presbyterian.
Rev. John Leggett, Second Presbyterian Church preaching.
12:00pm Good Friday Stations of the Cross Ecumenical Service at Woodland Park - We are partnering with Faith Lutheran, Woodland Christian Church and The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd for this service. Each of the 8 stations will include scripture and reflection on a justice issue that affects us locally and globally. Meet on the corner of Kentucky Ave. and East High at the entrance to Woodland Park.

BIBLE STUDY YOUR WAY: ACTS - The book in our Bible that we often refer to simply as Acts is an interesting collection of stories about the early church. Join Matt at 9:30am on April 28 in the Marshall Parlor, and we'll explore your questions about this interesting book and time in the history of the church.

THERE WILL BE A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to elect officers to the Session and Board of Deacons immediately following worship on April 28.

YOUTH FLOWER SALE - Help raise funds for the youth mission trips and enjoy beautiful flowers too! Grab a form, and fill out your order today! Orders are due next Monday, April 22.

THEOLOGY ON TAP - In April, we will see how well Maxwell Street adults can work together and use their problem solving abilities to escape a room at Countdown Games Lexington. Join us on April 29 at 7:00. Cost is \$11, RSVP to Rachel at rachel@maxpres.org or on the Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church Young Adults facebook page.

THE CARING MEALS MINISTRY is up and running again. If you are new to the church or this ministry, see the April Maxwell in Motion for details. Let's fill our freezer! Questions: contact Jackie DeCroo at jcdc925@gmail or 859-224-9379.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD - WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway leading to the sanctuary from the lobby. If you'd like to volunteer, please sign up on the paper or sign up here. Contact Shelli if you have questions (shelli@maxpres.org). Once you sign up, emails will be sent to you with instructions, so be sure to provide your email address.

SCHOLARSHIP SINGER RECITALS - Emma's recital will be Saturday April 20, at 4pm and Kyle's recital will be on Tuesday, April 23 at 5:30pm. Both will be here at Maxwell Street and all are welcome.

DUTCH - On April 28 we will visit Red Light Kitchen and Lounge, 780 North Limestone. Everyone is welcome!

YOUTH SUNDAY will be May 5, and all youth are invited to participate! We will be planning the service during some of our April youth group meetings, so make sure to come to those planning days!

CALLING ALL GRADUATES ~ We are putting our Youth Sunday information together. If you have a student who is graduating from high school, college, graduate school, please contact Kate in the office. College graduates will be recognized on April 28. We would love to hear what your student is up to next. (kate@maxpres.org)

NEXT SUNDAY

APRIL 21 - EASTER SUNDAY

8:00AM SUNRISE EASTER MORNING
Lexington Cemetery, Rachel VanKirk Mathews Preaching

9:30 AM EASTER MORNING FELLOWSHIP
Hot Cross Buns and Coffee

10:30AM EASTER COMMUNION SERVICE
Matt Falco preaching; Chancel Choir singing; Bells and Brass!

EASTER POTLUCK LUNCH - If you can't make it home to be with family this Easter holiday, come for a potluck lunch at Wes and Rachel's home (614 Nakomi Dr.) to be with your MSPC family. Bring a dish, bring friends or significant others, all are welcome! We will provide two mains (one meat, one veggie) and drinks, please bring a side or dessert. RSVP to Rachel at rachel@maxpres.org and let us know how many you might bring along. Let's celebrate the Easter holiday, Sabbath day, community, and a new Spring season together!

THE FRIENDSHIP BOOK can be found at the end of each pew. Please take the time to fill in your name, address, and phone. On the space at the end of the line, please be sure to sign up for any of the following, using more than one line if needed.

- A. Everybody's Breakfast - April 17
- B. Maundy Thursday Service - April 18
- C. Good Friday Service - April 19
- D. Theology on Tap - April 29
- E. Dutch - April 28