



PALM SUNDAY

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST

Welcome

Our mission is to know Christ, serve Him,
and make Him known.

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Welcome

Eddie Spencer

Lighting of the Candles

Violet Hamilton

Prelude and Preparation

Avila/Gabarain

Mantos y palmas/ Tu has venido a la orilla

Alex y Blanca Avila Castro-Magdonel

(English words can be found in Hymnal #143, #116)

Call to Worship

Hosanna in the Highest
PraiseMakers

Schram

***Hymn of Praise No. 145**

ELLACOMBE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

***Prayer of Adoration**

Profession of Confession:

O humble King of Glory, we confess that our praise of Your majesty has too often been fickle and faint. The zeal of the worshipping children long ago rebukes our apathy and indifference. Forgive us for our zeal for making our names great, which robs You of glory and honor. Pardon us for resisting Your kingship.

For our treason, You died. For our restoration, You rose. Now transform us by the Holy Spirit so that we become Your loyal and devoted servants. We pray this in Your blessed name.

Assurance of the Gospel

Special Music

All Glory, Laud, and Honor
Alleluia Ringers

arr. by Wentworth

***Hymn of Adoration No. 146** (*stanzas 1-3*)

ST. THEODULPH

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Prayers of the People

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with Our Children

Roxanne Spencer

***Scripture Reading**

John 12:12-19

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Sermon

“The King on a Donkey ”

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

Special Music

Hosanna!

Johnson

Men's Ensemble/Alleluia Ringers

***Prayer and Benediction**

***Postlude**

The Palms

Faure

*All who are able please stand
CCLI# 2221136

To Our Guests

Welcome! We are delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning, and hope you find today meaningful and refreshing. Visitors are asked to fill out a Visitor Information Card, located in the pew, and place it in the offering plate. Prayer Requests may be noted on the reverse side of the same card.

Children's Activity Bags are available for children age 3 to grade 5. They include a children's bulletin related to the Sunday sermon, crayons, and scrap paper. **Children's Church** is available for children 4 years through 2nd grade. After the "Word with our Children," they will be escorted to their classroom on the choir hallway. Parents should report to the classroom immediately following worship to pick up their children.

A Nursery is available for newborns through age 4. It is located in the Educational Building. If you need assistance or directions, an usher would be happy to help you!

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THESE SPECIAL HOLY WEEK SERVICES!

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

11AM: PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

7:30PM: *THE LAST SUPPER* 20TH PRESENTATION

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

7PM: MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE AT KIMBALL LUTHERAN

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

7PM: GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT FIRST PRES WITH KIMBALL LUTHERAN

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

11AM: RESURRECTION SERVICE WITH FLOWERING OF THE CROSS



**ALL SERVICES AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WILL ALSO BE LIVESTREAMED
ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL**

UPCOMING

The Last Supper

The Story of the Hands In Leonardo da Vinci's Masterpiece

During the service, notice how skillfully the artist expresses the emotions of the men by their hands. Their hands alone tell the story. Leonardo searched for hands to use as models for painting the hands of Christ, and he records in his notebook about finding them. Christ's right hand, palm downward, seems to say, "If it be possible, let this cup pass from Me." His left hand, upturned, seems to suggest, "Nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou wilt." Christ's hands alone tell the story of the human and divine natures that meet in Him.

John has his hands folded upon the table in submissive innocence. Judas clutches the moneybag with his right hand. In the original painting, Judas overturns the saltshaker with his elbow. Peter impulsively reaches for John with his left hand and holds in the other hand his knife with its handle against Judas' back.

James, the Greater, flings his hands out in a double gesture of surprise. Thomas thrusts an inquiring finger into the face of Jesus, demanding, "Lord, where are You going?" Philip's hands, pointing to himself, seem to emphasize his burning questions: "Lord, show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied."

Andrew's hands, said to be among the most handsome in all art, are outstretched before him in an expression of disdain. James, the Lesser, is stretching out his hand behind Andrew to Peter. Nathaniel is clutching the table to steady himself with his hands.

Matthew points with both hands to the Savior in an effort to emphasize what he is saying. Thaddeus is pointing his thumb toward Jesus. Simon, the Zealot, who has reason to be puzzled by this strange turn of events, lifts his hands in a helpless gesture of resignation. (*THE LAST SUPPER, The Story of the Leonardo da Vinci Masterpiece*: Howard W. Ellis, 1963)



The Fellowship Team invites you to a light breakfast in the Fellowship Hall on Easter Sunday, April 17! Breakfast will be served from 9:15am - 10:00am.



Men, make plans to attend the next Fellowship Dinner on Thursday, April 28 at 6:00p.m in the Fellowship Hall! The menu will be steak or chicken, baked potato, salad, bread, dessert, and drinks. Rev. Mike Taylor - Pastor of Phaniels Baptist Church, Chaplain for the Rowan County Sheriff's Office, and founder of Shield a Badge with Prayer - will be our guest speaker.

Please sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, April 24.



The JOY Group will meet for lunch at Johnny's Farmhouse on Friday, April 29th at 12:00p.m.

Please sign-up in the Narthex or let Connie Lisenby know you will attend!



The Women's Council invites all women to a Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 30 at 2:00p.m in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a "Pound Cake Bar" with pound cake, toppings, and punch. Worship in song as Kay Yates shares the inspiring stories behind several beloved hymns. And be mesmerized by a Fashion Show like none you've ever seen! Please let a Women's Council member know you will attend, or sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, April 24.

MISSIONS

Missions Opportunity! Rev. Don Wehmeyer, our Missionary partner in Mexico, is leading construction of a community school in Sitpatch. He estimates that \$75,000 will be sufficient to complete the building project. A generous First Pres donor has agreed to match all contributions received from the congregation up to \$35,000. A prior donation and commitments from the Missions Team have yielded \$20,000. The congregation is challenged to provide the remaining \$15,000! Please make your donation to First Pres and designate it for "Sitpatch School." We also hope to participate in a mission trip later this year!!!



First Presbyterian is pleased to welcome back Sasha Tsutserov, president of The Moscow Evangelical Christian Seminary! Sasha will speak to our congregation and our guests on Wednesday, May 4th. Please invite friends and join us! A meal will be provided at 5:45p.m. and Sasha's presentation will begin at 6:30p.m.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please help us keep Prayer Concerns current with weekly updates.
Email the church or write down
on a prayer card & place in offering plate.

MEMBERS

Joyce Deal and her family - Loss of her son, Michael
Connie Lisenby - loss of her father, Frank Shinn

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

Joy Milam (Tony Sherrill's niece) - loss of daughter
Abby Williams (Judy Hammond's sister-in-law) - health concerns
Buddy Holson (Lucinda Stewart's friend) - battling cancer
Tammy Childers (friend of Mark Goodnight) - still on a ventilator
Wade & Mary Nunnery – (parents of Karen Pless) Dementia worse

HOMEBOUND

Peggy Barnhardt – Morningside
Barbara Hancock - home
Iris Efird - home
Betty Overcash – Meadows of Rockwell
Barbara Wise - Oaks at Hampton, Cummings, Georgia
Loretta Young - Five Oaks
Cindy Fisher - Transitional Health

SERVANTS

Elder Lock-Up: Dave Argabrite
Children's Message: Roxanne Spencer
Children's Message next week: Michelle Walker
Children's Church: Donnie & Raegan Swaringen
Children's Church next week: Adam & Tracy Caskey
Acolyte: Violet Hamilton
Acolyte next week: Landon Walker
Nursery: Emma Sechler
Nursery next week: Lynn Efird
Ushers: John Hammond, Amy Hurst
Ushers next week: Danny Bost, Lynn Sechler
Greeter: Renee Goodnight

THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB



SUNDAY, APRIL 10 Palm Sunday

9:00a.m.:	Choir Rehearsal
10:00a.m.:	Sunday School
11:00a.m.:	Worship Service
7:30p.m.:	<i>The Last Supper</i> 20th Presentation

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

12:00p.m.:	NA
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

10:30a.m.:	Moms in Prayer
6:30p.m.:	Handbell Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL 14 Maundy Thursday

10:30a.m.:	Ladies Bible Study
12:00p.m.:	NA
7:00p.m.:	Maundy Thursday Service at Kimball Lutheran, with combined choir

FRIDAY, APRIL 15 Good Friday

7:00p.m.:	Good Friday Service at First Pres, with combined choir from Kimball Lutheran
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NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 17 Easter Sunday

9:00a.m.:	Choir Rehearsal
9:15a.m.:	Fellowship Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
10:00a.m.:	Sunday School
11:00a.m.:	Resurrection Service with Flowering of the Cross



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