



The Palms by Audrey Dickison

Painted with the help of our children on Palm Sunday, 2021.

Sunday, April 2, 2023
The Sixth Sunday in Lent
Palm Sunday

Welcome to worship with the First Baptist Church of Christ.

Whatever road has brought you here and wherever you should go once we depart, know that you are welcome in this space fully and completely, and that the image of God we all bear together this hour is more complete because you are here as a part of it.

Things to Know

Restrooms can be found through the double doors on the side near the elevator, one flight of stairs up or one flight down.

Participate in the service as much or as little as you like. Stand when others stand, or remain seated. Sing when others sing, or enjoy the way this old sanctuary fills with sound. Invitations to stand as you are able are marked with an asterisk (*). Invitations to respond in word or song are noted in bold.

For Those With Children

Thank you for bringing a child to worship! Take a deep breath and know they are welcome here. Parents with infants are more than welcome to remain in the sanctuary, or ushers can direct you down the back stairs to a comfortable room with sound from the sanctuary so all can still hear the service. A nursery is provided for children younger than 3. Preschoolers (age 3-Kindergarten) are invited to leave after “Let the Children Come” for our W.O.W. (Working on Worship) experience.

For Those with Special Needs

Thank you for joining us for worship! We love our historic buildings, but know they can be a challenge for those with mobility needs. Know that we are committed to doing all we can to make this space welcoming to everyone. Reserved seating for those in wheel chairs and those sitting with them is found near the elevator, and is marked with signs on the walls and on the back of the pews. Please don't hesitate to ask an usher for assistance. If you have special hearing needs, please ask one of the ushers to bring you a hearing assistance device from the sound booth in the back, or feel free to go back there and get one. An accessible restroom is located up one floor across from the office. If you, or someone with you, requires special assistance for any reason, please find a minister or an usher.

THE OFFERING OF PRAISE

The Sounding of the Hour

Anne Armstrong

Marianne Kell, acolyte

The Prelude

"The Palms"

Jean-Baptiste Faure

Anne Armstrong, organ

The Procession of Palms

The Call to Worship

Allie Ford

Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna! Rejoice for the Lord is in our midst.

He comes with joy and hope.

He comes to set us free from fear.

Hosanna!

Hosanna! Glory to God in the Highest Heaven.

*The Hymn of Praise 175

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ST. THEODULPH

**All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, The King and blessed One!**

**The company of angels are praising Thee on high;
And we with all creation in chorus make reply.
The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present.
To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
Thou didst accept their praises, accept the praise we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!**

*The Invocation

Scott Dickison

*The Gloria Patri 705

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen, amen.**

The Welcome

Kelsey Stillwell

“Let the Children Come”

Erika Houser

Children in 3K-K are invited to W.O.W., a preschool worship experience! We will meet with the W.O.W. Shepherds at the end of “Let the Children Come.” Pick up your children there after worship. The W.O.W. leader this week is Allie Ford and the shepherds this week are Monica and Elinore Fenimore.

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS

*The Hymn of Offertory 172

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

**Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple, the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.**

**From Olivet they followed among the joyful crowd;
The victor palm branch waving, with singing clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children should on His bidding wait.**

**"Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing;
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice.**

*The Offertory Prayer

Harriet Eason
Deacon of the week

The Offertory Anthem

“Hosanna in the Highest”
The Chancel Choir

David Music

Hosanna in the highest!
Daughter of Zion, rejoice and see,
Your King comes to you.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest!

*The Offertory Response 186

HAMBURG

**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.**

THE OFFERING OF THE WORD

The First Lesson

Matthew 21:1-11

Eleanor Kell

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, “Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

For the God News of God,

Thanks be to God.

The Call to Confession

Kelsey Stillwell

Almighty and everlasting God,
we thank You for all that is good,
for our creation and for our humanity,
for the stewardship You have given us of this planet earth,
for the gifts of life and of one another,
for Your love which is unbounded and eternal,
O Thou, most holy and beloved,
our Companion, our Guide upon the way.
We repent the wrongs we have done:

The Discipline of Silence

The Response 399

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”
(*sung twice*)

Jacques Berthier

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:
When I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.**

The Assurance of Pardon

Kelsey Stillwell

We have wounded Your love.

O God, heal us.

We stumble in the darkness.

Light of the world, transfigure us.

We forget that we are Your home.

Spirit of God, dwell in us.

Eternal Spirit, living God,

in whom we live and move and have our being,

all that we are, have been, and shall be is known to You,

to the very secret of our hearts
and all that rises to trouble us.
Living flame, burn into us,
cleansing wind, blow through us,
fountain of water, well up within us,
that we may love and praise in deed and in truth.

Amen.

The Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Kelsey Stillwell

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever, Amen.

The Anthem

“Do Not I Love Thee, O My Lord”

arr. Milburn Price

The Chancel Choir

Southern Harmony, 1835

Rebecca Rowell Cooke, clarinet

Do not I love Thee, O my Lord?
Behold my heart, and see;
And turn each cursed idol out
That dares to rival Thee.

Do not I love Thee from my soul:
Then let me nothing love;
Dead be my heart to every joy,
When Jesus cannot move.

Thou knowest I love Thee, dearest Lord,
But O! I long to soar
Far from the sphere of mortal joys,
And learn to love Thee more.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

For the Word of God in Holy Scripture,

Thanks be to God.

OFFERING OF COMMITMENT

*The Hymn of Commitment 173

Lift Up Your Heads

TRURO

**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here!**

**Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heaven's employ,
Adorned with prayer, and love, and joy.**

**Redeemer, come, we open wide
Our hearts to You; here, Lord, abide:
Your inner presence let us feel;
Your grace and love in us reveal.**

*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

The Choral Response

“Hosanna, Welcome to Our Hearts”

Robert H. Young

Hosanna! Welcome to our hearts! for here
Thou hast a temple, too, as Zion dear;
O enter in, dear Lord, unbar the door;
And in that temple dwell forevermore.

Text: Jeremy Taylor (c. 1655)

Postlude

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
Anne Armstrong, organ

arr. David Paxton

The Gate

By Marie Howe

I had no idea that the gate I would step through to finally enter this world
would be the space my brother's body made. He was a little taller than me: a young man
but grown, himself by then,
done at twenty-eight, having folded every sheet,
rinsed every glass he would ever rinse under the cold and running water.

This is what you have been waiting for, he used to say to me.
And I'd say, What?

And he'd say, This—holding up my cheese and mustard sandwich.
And I'd say, What?

And he'd say, This, sort of looking around.





Good Friday

Prayer Stations, Music, and Readings

April 7th, 5:30 - 7:00pm

In the sanctuary

The sanctuary will be open at 5:30pm and set up for self-guided prayer and reflection. There will be prayer stations, music, and scripture readings. Come walk through the sanctuary and interact with the stations or simply sit and meditate during your time.

A poster for a sunrise service. The background is a gradient of light blue at the top to a warm orange and yellow at the bottom, representing a sunrise. In the foreground, there is a silhouette of a cross on a rocky hill. The sun is rising behind the cross, creating a bright starburst effect. The text is in white and black, with some parts in italics.

Sunrise Service

on Coleman Hill

An Interdenominational Easter Service

April 9, 2023 • 7:00 A.M.

*Worship the risen Savior
with the rising sun!*



Our Life Together

Sunday, April 2

9:45 am Sunday school
 11:00 am Worship
 12:15 pm Easter Egg Hunt and lunch

Wednesday, April 5

9:30 am Language Ministry
 6:30 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, April 6

5:30 pm Maundy Thursday supper
 and service

Friday, April 7

5:30 pm until 7:00 pm Good Friday
 art and meditation

Sunday, April 9

9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship

Deacon of the Week

March 30 Harriet Eason
 April 6 Hunter Godsey

Birthdays

April 2 Kirby Godsey
 April 4 Shereé Keith
 Jonathan Lease
 Sarah McCommon
 April 6 Richard Chambers
 Rick Wilson
 April 7 Thomas Bullington

Condolences

We grieve with the family of **Joyce Morgan** who passed away on March 14.

We grieve with the family of **Alison Alderman**, who passed away on March 23.

We grieve with those who lives have been forever changed by the Covenant School shooting in Nashville.

Save the Date:

April 29 Church-wide Mission Day
 May 5-7 Men's Retreat
 May 21 Graduate Sunday
 May 21 Women's Book Club
 June 12-16 VBS
 July 16-19 PassportKids

The Record Speaks

As of 2/28/2023
 Monthly Budget: \$50,200
 Receipts: \$42,580
 Expenses: \$43,661
 Year to Date: (\$4,491)
 Missions Giving: \$2,550

Maundy Thursday Meal

Please use this QR code to make reservations for Thursday, April 6. *If you have a standing reservation for Wednesday night supper you still need to make a reservation for Maundy Thursday.*



Menu: Honey and lemon grilled chicken, Mediterranean seasoned roasted vegetables, flat bread, humus, basbousa (semolina cake with honey and orange)

Sanctuary Flowers



To sponsor sanctuary flowers, please scan this QR code or contact Mary Leonard at 478-737-4171 or michael.leonard1@

cox.net. Sponsors are needed for April 23 and 30.

Men's Retreat



Fort Mountain State Park,
Chatsworth, GA
May 5-7.

VBS Registration Now Open!

At Food Truck Party VBS, your "chefs" will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they get on a roll with God! They will discover how we can turn to God in prayer every day to meet our needs and how we can join God in providing for the needs of others.

Link for registration:



Please complete one registration form PER CHILD so that we can best support each "chef" at VBS!



Link to volunteer at VBS

Easter Lilies

Donations due by Monday, April 3

We have been unable to find a source for potted Easter lilies this year. However, DeWayne Moore will be decorating the sanctuary for Easter with lots of beautiful flowers. To help offset the cost of the flowers and to continue our tradition of honoring those we love, you may make

a \$10 donation. Please send an email to the office telling us whom you are honoring or giving in memory of. You may make a donation through the portal on the website (click on "Seasonal Flowers") or by sending a check to the church office.

Hire the Youth to Easter Egg your Yard!

Our youth will come to your house and hide eggs after dark so families can wake up to a yard full of colorful treat-filled eggs. Eggs will arrive Friday, April 7, or Saturday, April 8 night.

Order 30 eggs for \$25, 50 eggs for \$40, 70 eggs for \$55, 90 eggs for \$70, or 110 eggs for \$85. Money raised will help with the cost of youth camp and summer trips.



Thank you for supporting our youth! Use this QR code to register:



Use this QR code to pay and select the Easter Egg Fundraiser.

Graduate Recognition Sunday

May 21st

We will recognize our graduates in worship and celebrate them with a lunch reception in the Fellowship hall following the service. Save the date to celebrate with our graduates. We recognize all our graduates; High school, post secondary, post-graduate education, etc. If you or someone you know is graduating, please contact Kelsey to be sure they are included.

YOUTH NEWS

Easter Egg Hiding Fundraiser

The youth will be stuffing eggs and hiding them in yards to raise money to help with the cost of camp and trips this summer. If you haven't already, please sign up your student as a hider or yourself as a driver for Friday and/or Saturday.

Final Egg Prep on Thursday, April 6 at 4:00.

We will meet in the youth room before the Maundy Thursday service to finish preparing eggs. This is also when you will pick up your bags of eggs and house assignments. Let Kelsey know if you need to pick up your eggs for at another time. She will be in touch this week with updates.

High School Mission Trip

July 8 -15 in New York City

Leading CLUE Camp at Raushenbuscg
Mero Ministries

More details coming soon.

Mission Madness

When: April 14-16

Where: Columbus, GA

Mission madness is a weekend retreat coordinated by CBFGA. We will drive to Columbus, Georgia Friday afternoon and back on Sunday. We spend most of the day Saturday on mission sites throughout the community. Youth worship, work, play, and fellowship together. Cost includes t-shirt, hotel, and meals.

CHILDREN'S NEWS

Children's Ministry Dates:

May 20: End of school celebration

June 12-16: VBS

July 16-19: PassportKids

MISSIONS

Trip to the Border

October 22-26, 2023

CBF is offering an Educational Experience to the Texas/Mexico Border. Meet with CBF field personnel Elket Rodriquez and Global Missions staff in Harlingen, Texas. The itinerary includes meeting with local pastors to hear about their churches' responses to border needs, attending immigration court to learn about the asylum process, volunteering at the Humanitarian Respite Center in Brownsville, a prayer walk along the border/river, and breaking bread with immigrant families as we share stories. Contact Kelsey for more information.

FBCX Day of Mission

Loving one another with Heart, Mind, and Body

Saturday, April 29th, 8:00am-2:00pm

Together we will live out the mission of the church with our hearts, minds, and bodies. There will be a variety of options for everyone to participate in the work that God is already doing in our community, including hands-on service projects, educational opportunities, dialogue, and advocacy. There will be options available for all ages and interests. More details and a registration link will be in the weekly High-Lites. If you are interested in assisting with this event, please contact Kelsey.

Joint Sunday school breakfast and mission celebration

Sunday, April 30th, 9:45am in the fellowship hall

Join us for breakfast the following morning as we share stories and pictures from the mission day. All are invited!

Education Equity Advocacy

Monday, April 10, 5:30 pm

We are a cohort passionate about the right for all children to have access to quality education and engaging in advocacy for education equity. We have been following policies around public education funding, collecting resources, writing to legislators, and learning together. Our identity and mission are ever-evolving, but our care for all children remains at the center. Whether you're new to advocacy work or have done this before, if you're interested in learning more, we would love for you to join us! At our next meeting, we will follow up with reports about the bills we've been following, discuss our plans for the mission day event and beyond, and vote on our official name.

We will meet again at Cathy Logue's house for dinner and discussion on April 10th. Let Kelsey know if you'd like to be added to the email list and if you'd like to attend.

Signs of the Season

The paraments on the pulpit and communion table along with the ministers' stoles are visual reminders of the current season of the church year. The season of Lent lasts forty days, beginning with Ash Wednesday and ending with Easter Sunday. It is traditionally a time of fasting, penitence, and prayer. The color purple, symbolizing repentance, marks the season.

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God, in memory of Bob Milam by Sonya and sons on the occasion of the anniversary of their wedding on Palm Sunday weekend 30 years ago.



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