



Sunday, March 28, 2021 ~ Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons)

Way of the Week #16

16. GIVE CHEERFULLY. Rejoice, you get to give! Think of giving as a privilege rather than an obligation, a joy instead of a burden. As you consider all that's been entrusted to you – time, abilities and money – ask, “How is God calling me to share what I've been given?”

“You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. ‘For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.’” (II Corinthians 9:7)

Ideas for Action: Consider making a special financial gift this week to the church or one of our mission partners. What else, besides money, can you give this week? How about your time or your forgiveness?

Welcome and Announcements

Kelly LePenske

Ten Commandments

Kelly LePenske

Call to Worship

Kelly LePenske

When God appeared on earth in the Person of Jesus, the world did not recognize Him.

Today we open our eyes to see His glory!

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, the world was unaware He was headed to the cross.

Today we open our mouths to tell the whole story and sing Hosanna!

Friends, let us open our hearts, offering Jesus our love and praise.

Songs of Praise

Worship Band

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Revelation Song

Invitation to Confession

Frantz Constant

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

Frantz Constant

Merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have not done. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us and forgive us that we may delight in Your will and walk in your ways to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Frantz Constant

Hear God's Word for your life from Psalm 118: "Let those who fear the Lord say, His steadfast love endures forever. Out of my distress, I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord is my strength and my salvation."

I shall not die, but I shall live. In Christ, God sets us free! In Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Sharing with Our Children

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer *('debts')*

Rev. Spencer

Offertory

Rev. Spencer

*Your giving dramatically impacts the ministry of First Presbyterian Church. These offerings allow us to fully support our Staff and honor commitments to mission partners during the pandemic. **Thank you** to all who have signed up for our secure [automatic withdrawal](#) or are giving directly through the [Church Center app](#) for tithes and offerings.*

Praise Song

Worship Band

Waymaker

Michael W. Smith

Sermon

Kelly LePenske

"We Won't Be Silent"

Scripture Text: [Luke 19:29-40](#)

The Worshipping Community

Closing Song

Worship Band

Glorious Day

Benediction

Kelly LePenske

You are invited to leave an offering in the offering box located by the doors into Miller Commons. Online gifts may also be made directly from the Church Center app on your smart phone.

8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:	Taylor Adair
Visuals:	Alice Conley
Flower Arrangers:	Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop
Ushers:	Greg Connlain, Steve Connlain, John Miller
Trustee Greeter:	Bill Conner
Seminary Interns:	Frantz Constant, Beth Douglass

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Susan Masiko in loving memory of her mother, Grace Worthing.

NEW: Live Stream Check-In -- In an effort to gather data regarding our Sunday live stream, viewers are asked to check in on their smart phone by using the Church Center App. (At this time, Check-in is not available on the computer.) It just takes a few seconds. When watching the live stream from anywhere on Sunday morning:

1. Open the Church Center App on your phone or device. Select the "Check-In" icon (bottom right).
2. Tap the service you are viewing (will say '**Sunday Morning Live Stream**' in the title).
3. Check in yourself and your family members. That's it! Our reports will tell us you were watching.

Holy Week Schedule ([See our events page and website](#))

- **Palm Sunday, March 28:** 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship - *Miller Commons, in-person*; 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship - *Sanctuary, in-person* as we herald Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Fish banks for *One Great Hour of Sharing* are returned this Sunday as a Lenten offering or use electronic-giving dropdown.
- **Maundy Thursday, April 1:** 7:00 p.m. with the Lord's Supper; Beth Douglass preaches this meaningful service of the Last Supper - *Miller Commons, live stream only*.
- **Good Friday Tenebrae Worship, April 2:** 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Worship; Frantz Constant preaching. Tenebrae features a gradual extinguishing of candles and "strepitus" or loud noise taking place in the darkness - *Sanctuary, in-person worship*.
- **Easter, April 4:** He is Risen! 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship at the Cemetery Cross, Lord's Supper (in-person outside); 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship – *Miller Commons, live stream only*; 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship - *Sanctuary, live stream only*.

Return to Two Services -- Beginning on April 11, we will return to two worship services and are happy to be able to safely provide the experience of our Contemporary Service. The Traditional Service will resume its 8:30 a.m. time in the Sanctuary; and the Contemporary Service will begin at 11:00 a.m. in Miller Commons. Sunday School for ages kindergarten to 6th grade will move to 9:45-10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.



Hosanna

in the highest!