

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHIMES

(The congregation is asked to pray for the blessing of God upon this service.)

God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, and the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and our strength. Amen.

PRELUDE *Processional* George F. Handel

INTROIT *Ride On, King Jesus*
African-American spiritual
Kristen DiNinno, mezzo-soprano

Ride on, King Jesus!
No one can-a hinder me.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

†OPENING HYMN, No. 88 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*
VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN
(Choir and children will process with palm branches.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem. Carrying, with convicting awareness, the burden of our sins and sinfulness, walk with us so that we may walk with our Lord through the conflict, through the condemnation, through the crucifixion, and through the death of Jesus, that we may rise with Christ to resurrection life, free of our sins and unburdened by our sinfulness. Then, give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, that we may share in his servanthood and humility, happily seeking the glory of the One who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

(Continue your personal prayer of confession in silence)

KYRIE ELEISON, No. 572 Congregation and Choir

Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†LENTEN ACT OF PRAISE, No. 84

In the Cross of Christ I Glory RATHBUN

**In the cross of Christ I glory, All the light of sacred story
Towering o'er the wrecks of time; Gathers round its head sublime.**

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

Stand, as you are able, and greet one another saying: **"The peace of Christ be with you."** Respond by saying: **"And also with you."**
(Children are invited to come forward now for A Time with Children.)

THE WORD

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children, ages 2-3 yrs. who will be going to Extended Session and children, ages 4-first grade who will be in the Worship Center, may exit at this time through the right front door, where they will be escorted to the CE Building.

Leader: As you depart from us now, the children of God say:
Children: God be with you as you stay.
Congregation: God be with you as you go.

**We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching,
we are marching in the light of God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 21:1-11
Pew Bible, page 21; large print, page 27
(Bibles are located in the racks beneath the pews.)

ANTHEM *A Palm Sunday Antiphon* David C. Morgan
The Sanctuary Choir

Hosanna to the Son of David. Thou that sittest in the highest heav'ns.
Blessed be the King that cometh *Hosanna in excelsis Deo.*
In the name of the Lord.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 2:5-11
Pew Bible, page 186; large print, page 240
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *They Did Not Know What They Did Not Know*
Mr. McDowell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)
Hymnal, page 15

†HYMN, No. 384 *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* ST. MARGARET

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

Offertory *Let This Mind Be In You* Lee Hoiby

The Sanctuary Choir

Let this mind be in you, Even the death of the cross.
Which was also in Christ Jesus: Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him,
Who, being in the form of God, And given him a name above every name:
Thought it not robbery That at the name of Jesus
To be equal with God: Every knee should bow,
But made himself of no reputation, Of things in heaven, and things in earth,
And took upon him the form of a servant, And things under the earth;
And was made in the likeness of men: And that every tongue should confess
And being found in fashion as a man, That Jesus Christ is Lord,
He humbled himself, To the glory of God the Father.
And became obedient unto death,

†Doxology, No. 592 OLD HUNDREDTH

†Prayer of Dedication

†HYMN, No. 91 *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!* ST. DROSTANE

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†RESPONSE *Calvary* African-American spiritual
The Women of the Sanctuary Choir

Every time I think about Jesus,
Surely he died on Calvary.

†POSTLUDE *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*
John Dunstable

† Worshipers standing if able.

The Palms today are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Ted Whited and
Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Tedford
by the Whited family.

Elder Reader: Bill Sample
Ushers: Neil Erwin (captain), Glenda Erwin, Carol Shockey, John Guth, Margaret Schuetze, Paul Schuetze, Stephen Glassell, Berry Glassell
Extended Session: Sabra Bushnell
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WORSHIP NOTES

WE WELCOME FRIENDS AND VISITORS. This church is for anyone who wants to be counted as a disciple of Jesus Christ, and who wants to be included in its worship and work. Thank you for signing your name and address on the attendance pad. There is an information center with material about our church and Presbyterianism in the foyer of the Jordan Street entrance to the sanctuary.

CHILDCARE IS PROVIDED FOR PRESCHOOL CHILDREN by Sitters' Registry and church volunteers. Nursery: Room CE-106; Extended Session during 11:00 a.m. worship for ages 2 yrs.—3 yrs.: Room CE-105 and The Worship Center for ages 4 yrs.—first grade: Room CE-113.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP! Bibles are available for use during worship; they are found at the end of every pew. We also provide **Worship Bags** designed for children elementary age and younger. The worship bags can be found in the narthex and at the front entrances to the sanctuary. Please return them after the service.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING will be received on Easter Sunday, April 24. Through your gifts and the gifts of other congregations across the church, the offering will continue to be a reminder that through the simple act of sharing, we are blessed and experience God's abundance in surprising ways. Thank you for your support of this offering.



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
SHREVEPORT**

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**Service for the Worship of God
Eleven O'Clock
April 17, 2011
Palm/Passion Sunday**



Our Mission

Responding to God's grace and building upon the strength of our Reformed tradition, we, the members of First Presbyterian Church, seek to: Proclaim joyfully the Good News, revealed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ; live as a welcoming and nurturing community of faith through worship, prayer, study and fellowship; and serve others - at home and beyond our community with love, compassion, respect, justice and mercy, in the name of Jesus Christ and after His example. May God empower us by the Holy Spirit to fulfill our call to be God's people.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us worship God.