

Order of Service for the Lord's Day



April 5, 2009 ~ Eleven O'clock, A.M

Pastor: Rev. Dr. James E. Swanson Liturgist: David Blewett
Organist & Choir Director: Beverly Antis

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THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP BEGINS WITH THE MUSIC OF THE ORGAN
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THE PRELUDE *Fanfare Prelude:* James Southbridge
All Glory, Laud and Honor

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: **Hosanna to the Son of David!**

Pastor: We praise and thank you, O God, for the great act of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path.

People: We praise and thank you, O God, for your great mercy, poured out upon us through the obedience of your Son. Now bless these branches and those who bear them. Grant that we may ever hail Jesus as our Lord and King, and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Pastor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: **Hosanna to the King!**

*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 88

All Glory, Laud, and Honor VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PUBLIC PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know how alike we are, and yet how very different: rebels and conformists, shouters and whisperers, party-lovers and wall-flowers; yet we come most humbly, just as we are, into worship this hour to stand with Christ. How like the crowds who gathered in Jerusalem, we are -- both exhilarated and afraid; excited to shout Hosannas hailing Jesus, but all too ready to deny Him.

Hear us as we confess our faults before You, Father, and acknowledge that which holds us back from full commitment and discipleship. Forgive us, and set us free to follow where Christ leads. In his precious name we pray.

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: ... Friends, let us declare God's pardon – the good news of the gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

*THE GLORIA PATRI # 579

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*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in the true human, Jesus, to reconcile and make new, who works with us and others by the Holy Spirit.

We trust in God, who calls us to be the church: to celebrate the Spirit's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our Judge and our Hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*THE GREETINGS OF PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP

Kindly pass your written prayer requests to the center so they may be placed into the basket which is passed. These will be forwarded to the Prayer Cordon for special attention. Thank you.

THE SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHORAL PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

David N. Johnson

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 *(Pew Bible p. 541)*

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE CHOIR ANTHEM

Hosanna in the Highest!

Robert Lau

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 2: 5-11

(Pew Bible p. 185)

Liturgist: Here ends the reading of the Epistle.

All: **Praise be to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 11: 1-11

(Pew Bible p. 45)

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

All: **Glory to You, O Christ.**

*THE CONGREGATIONAL CANTICLE

(Hymn # 396, vs. 1, CAITHNESS)

**O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame,
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Drama 101 Troupe
under the direction of Dee Demby

- ⊠ **Skit # 1** **“Jesus Christ Is Coming to Town”**
- ⊠ **Skit # 2** **“At Gethsemane”**
- ⊠ **Finale** **“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE RECEIVING OF “ONE GREAT HOUR” OFFERINGS &
THE PRESENTATION OF REGULAR TITHES AND GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Palms

J. Fauré

*O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay
Are strewn this day, in festal preparation.
Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away,
E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare; [CHORUS]*

*His Word goes forth, and people by its might
Once more regain freedom from degradation.
Humanity doth give to each his right,
While those in darkness are restored to light. [CHORUS]*

*Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem.
Of all thy sons sing the emancipation.
Through boundless love the Christ of Bethlehem
Brings faith and hope to thee forevermore. [CHORUS]*

CHORUS: *Join all and sing, His name declare,
Let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation:
Hosanna! Praise to the Lord!
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation.*

*THE DOXOLOGY - Hymn No. 591

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

*THE UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, open our eyes to see the grace of your gift to us through Jesus Christ. In faithfulness, we respond by offering up these gifts.

Bless, we pray, our special offerings for One Great Hour of Sharing. As we open wide our hearts in response to the needs of our brothers and sisters in places far and near, we proclaim your love for those who are hungry, and homeless; broken by disease and despair; surrounded by death and destruction.

In faithfulness, we await the day when all people will know and proclaim your shalom: true peace. Amen.

*THE RECESSIONAL HYMN 91 *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!* ST. DROSTANE

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CHORAL RESPONSE

God Be with You Till We Meet Again Ralph Vaughan Williams

*THE TIME OF SILENCE

*THE CHARGE AND DISMISSAL

Pastor: Let us now depart,
embraced by the steadfast love of God,
encouraged by the humility and obedience of Jesus Christ,
and filled with the immeasurable power of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

Pastor: The Lord's name be praised in all the earth and in heaven above!

People: **Hosanna in the highest!**

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE POSTLUDE *A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth* Johann Pachelbel

DISTRIBUTION OF PALMS (at the doorways)

*Those who are able, please stand.

YOU WERE GREETED TODAY

by Romaine MacDonald.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are provided
by the Butler Family in loving memory of all the E. H.
Butler family members who have gone before us.



“A Palm Sunday High Tea,” hosted by Nancy Jo & the “Merry Maids” and the children of the YMCA, will be celebrated in the Assembly Room during Fellowship Hour TODAY immediately following worship.

WELCOME! GRACE AND PEACE TO ALL!

We are pleased to have you with us if you are visiting today! Kindly indicate your presence by signing one of the cards in the pew rack, and introduce yourself to others sitting nearby during the Passing of the Peace. Do join us for Fellowship Time immediately following worship each Sunday in the Assembly Room downstairs.

Exit at the rear of the Sanctuary to take the stairs, or at the front to take the elevator to the lower level, then proceed to the Assembly Room near the small kitchen.

“DRAMA 101 of Butler County YMCA”

Thanks
for your
participation

A very big “thank you” to:

the children of the YMCA “Drama 101” Class for their delightful performance; Dee Demby for her creative input and expert direction; and all the family members and friends who are here to support their children and to share in Christian worship with our church family this Palm Sunday.

THE CHILDREN *(In alphabetical order)*

Jessi Berzett
Kayla Berzett
McKenzie Chapman
Matthew Cooper
Kapria Doerflinger
Kiana Dowling
Jordyn Graham
Mason Montag
Mariah Phillips
Rachel Pierce

Jessica Renner
Anthony Scarindina
Brittany Scott
Emma Scuotequazza
Luke Scuotequazza
Courtney Stephenson
Marissa Wagner
Logan Williams
Ashley Wolf



Dee Demby, Director



Drama 101 was started by the YMCA as a way to create a sense of community among children and to help improve reading, writing and speaking skills along with memorization. The YMCA promotes Christian principles aimed at the improvement of mind, body and spirit. Drama works toward those goals.

**THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
OFFERING is being received during this
morning's worship service.**

Extra envelopes are available in the narthex.
Make checks payable to Covenant Presbyterian Church.



SEEKERS CLASS next Sunday (Easter, April 12th) –
9:30 am in the Assembly Room

Another DVD lesson in the Walk As Jesus Walked video series by Ray
Vander Laan will be presented, followed by discussion.

In The Life of Our Church

Prayer Concerns:

- Doug VanDeusen Doing fine and now home following a brief
stay at Butler Memorial Hospital
- Orville Nicholas Making wonderful progress since open
heart surgery; gaining strength every day
- John Towns In rehab at Concordia Home in Cabot
- Ellie Walchesky Awaiting a diagnosis/treatment plan for
her pain

For Continued Prayer: Julie & Bud Bruno; Marion Campbell;
Marian Curran; Joan Moore; Eleanor Ritts; Gladys Strobel; Bill Wilson

Birthdays this week:

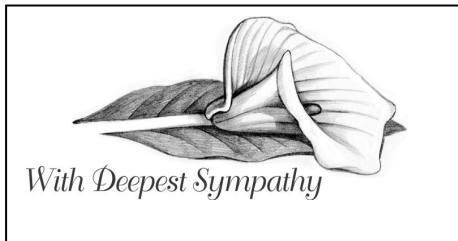
- Lois Reefer - April 7
Lisa Schlicht McPeak (Chuck & Jeanne's daughter) - April 7
Shayne Hoehn - April 8
Steven Hamilton - April 11

✠ Maundy Thursday, April 9th - **8 pm**
Tenebrae Service of Darkness &
a celebration of the Lord's Supper



✠ Good Friday, April 10 - **12 Noon**
Joint Worship Service (at Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church)

✠ Easter Sunday, April 12th
10:30 am Prelude of Easter Music
11:00 am Festival Service of the Resurrection



Jean Keasey Herman
(sister of John Keasey)

December 18, 1920 ~
March 20, 2009

The sympathy of the Covenant Church Family is extended to John and Martha Keasey upon the death of John's sister, Jean Herman, 88, of the Hospitality Care Center, formerly of Paul Street in Hermitage, on March 20, 2009. A nurse, she retired in 1983 as the service director after 22 years at what was then Shenango Valley Osteopathic Hospital, Farrell. She also had worked at the former Sharon General Hospital.

She was an avid bowler and bowled with the Horizon Mixed League. A cancer survivor, Jean enjoyed volunteering for the local American Cancer Society and donated much of her time to the Reach to Recovery program to assist cancer patients. She also volunteered for the American Red Cross and was a certified disaster nurse.

Jean is survived by a daughter, Sandra J. Polk and her husband, Gary, of Millcreek, Wash.; three sons, Ronald A. Herman and his wife, Daryle, of Howland, Ohio, Richard A. Herman and his wife, Anne, and Randall L. Herman, all of Hermitage; a sister, Janet Antozyk and her husband, Peter, of Saxonburg; two brothers, John Keasey and his wife, Martha, of Butler; and Fred Keasey of Peoria, Ariz.; three granddaughters, two grandsons, and a stepgrandson. Her husband, Albert W. Herman, whom she married Jan. 6, 1944, preceded her in death December 29, 1963. She also was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Marilyn Sloane.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, March 24 at 11:30 a.m. at the J. Bradley McGonigle Funeral Home and Crematory in Sharon, PA with the Rev. David A. Holste, pastor of the Hickory United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment: Saxonburg Cemetery.

A NOTE OF THANKS... from DOUG VanDEUSEN

To my Covenant Church Family:

I wish to thank you all for your "well wishes" for me while in the hospital last weekend. Our good pastor visited with me Sunday afternoon and brought me your get-well card. Thank you all for your kind thoughtfulness!

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!



MARK 11:10

April 5, 2009
PALM SUNDAY

He stood before the city
and wept at what he saw.
He came with holy vision
that moved beyond the law.
He prayed that all the people
would know what makes for peace;
And welcome faithful prophets
to find in them release.

He heard the loud "Hosannas"
and saw the crowds with palms.
He listened to their praises,
their cheering and their psalms.
While others voiced displeasure,
yet in his heart he knew
That if these songs were silenced,
the stones would cry out too!

"He Stood Before the City"
a Palm Sunday Hymn , Words by F. Richard Garland

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