

Palm
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Sunday

A stylized, dark gray palm frond graphic is positioned at the bottom of the text, partially overlapping the word "Sunday". The frond consists of several long, pointed leaves radiating from a central stem.

First Baptist Church

Making Connections that Make a Difference

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 25, 2018

11:00 AM

PALM SUNDAY

Opportunities of the Week

Rev. Shannon Hall

Prelude

With Palms Before Him Went

Wagner

Call To Worship

When He came near the place where the road goes down to the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began to praise God joyfully in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!”

The crowds that went ahead of Him and those who followed shouted:

“Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest!”

With Waving Palms and Shouts of Praise

FOREST GREEN

Choir and Congregation

With waving palms and shouts of praise they greeted Christ the Lord.

Hosannas rang out bright and clear and to the heavens soared.

The people welcomed Christ as King and followed Him that day.

May we learn to be welcoming, and follow in His way.

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Greeting the Worshipers and Invocation

Rev. Travis Russell

*Hymn of Praise 130

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

(Children come forward during the last stanza)

Children's Message

Ann Holt

Lenten Reading

Isaiah 41:10; 40:29

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God;

I will strengthen you, I will help you,

I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,

the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,

and to him who has no might he increases strength.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Travis Russell

Lenten Song

I Saw the Cross of Jesus
Choir and Congregation

WHITFIELD

Safe in the cross of Jesus! There let my weary heart
Still rest in peace unshaken, 'til with Him, ne'er to part;
And then in strains of glory I'll sing His wondrous pow'r,
Where sin can never enter, and death is known no more.

*Offertory Hymn 338

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

Offertory Prayer

Amy Woolard

Offertory

The Power of the Cross

Johnson

Anthem

Hosanna (Blessed Is He)

Chancel Choir with Katherine Chatman & Caroline Hall

King of Israel, welcome to our hearts, here to reign in righteousness.

O Ruler of the world, Ruler of our hearts,

Now ascend Your throne. You are the King of kings, Hosanna!

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Scripture Reading

John 12:20-32

page 1144 in pew bible

Sermon

From Preference to Purpose

Rev. Travis Russell

*Hymn of Commitment 389

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To Worship, Work, and Witness

*Benediction

Rev. Travis Russell

*Choral Response

Let It Be Said of Us
Choir and Congregation

arr. Greer

Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song;

By mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong.

Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song

'Til the likeness of Jesus be through us made known.

Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song.

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Postlude

Procession for a King

Smith

*Please stand as you are able.

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Church Calendar – March 25 through April 1, 2018

Sunday, March 25 – Palm Sunday

- 9:30 am – Sunday School, Open Assembly, Dixie Mann Room
- 11:00 am – Worship Service
- 6:30 pm – Mt. Zion Baptist Association Combined Choirs Easter Musical
“Hallelujah, Praise the Lamb” at Grove Park Baptist

Wednesday, March 28

- No Evening Service
- 6:30 pm – Chancel Choir (**note time change**)

Thursday, March 29 – Maundy Thursday

- 7:00 pm – Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Friday, March 30 – Good Friday

- 12:00 pm – Good Friday Service
- 12:30 pm – Light lunch following the service, Ministry Center

Saturday, March 31

- 11:30 am – Starfish Ministry (Team 3)
- 3:00 pm – Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 1 – Easter Sunday

- 7:30 am – Sunrise Service, Providence UCC
- 9:30 am – Sunday School, Open Assembly, Dixie Mann Room
- 11:00 am – Easter Worship Service
- No Evening Activities

*Sunday, March 25

Deacon of the Week

Sandra Arnette

Nursery

Donna Harden & Carolyn Roberts

*Month of March

Greeters

Donna & Mike Harden

Usher Captains

Brewer Roberts & Vernon Taylor

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Rev. Shannon Hall, Associate Pastor of Music & Family Ministries

Ann Holt, Organist

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