

*BENEDICTION

*THE CHIMES *Three chimes, for the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, signal the end of our worship and call us forth into a new week of service.*

POSTLUDE *O Lamb of God, Pure, Spotless* Bach
*All who are able are invited to stand.

We Welcome You in the Name of Christ - We especially welcome all our guests, and ask that you fill out the Ritual of Friendship pad you will find in the pew. We are a fellowship of prayer, worship, and service to a loving God. If you are looking for a church home, we would be delighted for you to consider membership in Clemmons Presbyterian Church. Information about us is found at the Visitors table in the Narthex or online.

To share a prayer request, please use the cards in the pew racks and place the card in the offering. It will be taken to the minister and shared in today's prayers.

Church Session

Class of 2018

Mitchell Brown – Administrative
Diane Hightower – Mission
Stephen Klinger – Christian Ed.
Gail Sharpe – Worship
Beth Maclin – Congregational Care

Class of 2019

Rebecca Boyd – Personnel
Brad Campbell – Property
Barbara Evans – Youth
John Rhyne - Finance
Tom Sheehan – Fellowship

Class of 2020

Dan Zacharias – Administrative
David Hedrick – Mission
Kirkie Blackwood – Christian Ed.
Bev Sanford – Worship
Anne Welch – Congregational Care

Mary McElwee- Clerk

Church Staff

Dr. William Hoyle – Pastor
Rev. Patrick McElwaine – Associate Pastor
Wendy Duncan – Christian Educator

Rachel Moss – Organist
Brittany Darst – Music Director
Terri Queen – Children's Music Director

Megan Loomis – Office Manager
Inessa Sarkisov – Bookkeeper
Jude Lee – Administrative Assistant

Carolyn Brown – Nursery

*Invite a friend or new neighbor to worship with you next Sunday
as we extend the love of God and the welcome that we receive in Jesus Christ!*

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Large-print hymnals, Bibles and hearing devices, as well as information about childcare available from any usher.



Clemmons Presbyterian Church

Palm Sunday 10:45 am Worship Service

March 25, 2018

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.

As the candles are lighted, and the chimes begin, let us focus our hearts on the worship of the most Holy God.

PRELUDE *Celebrate with Joy* C. Dobrinski
Sanctuary Bells

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP William Hoyle

We Gather Around The Word,

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks for this day that leads to salvation!
People: **Let us come with our branches, hosannas and songs.**
Leader: Fill the air with welcome to the Lord.
All: **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #196 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison) Patrick McElwaine

Holy God, sure of your faithfulness even in your dying, and comforted by your compassion for us, we beg your mercy for our failing gratitude. We have looked to you for paltry favors, when you have given everything. As we enter Holy week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts to Jerusalem and to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Forgive our failings. Heal what we have broken, nurture what we have neglected and lead us to your vision so that we may live in peace.

*HYMN #695 *Change My Heart, O God*

*Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
You are the Potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.*

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Our assurance of pardon is in Jesus, “who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant and became obedient unto death on a cross.”

People: **Through Jesus’ love and obedience, we are freed from the bondage of sin. Let us live as forgiven people.**

*HYMN #581

Glory Be to the Father

to Hear God’s Word,

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lector: Cyndy Hartsfield

Gracious God, illumine our hearts and minds as the Scriptures are read and proclaimed, so that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may see what is good and right and true. And seeing, help us to do what is pleasing to you, so that your glory becomes visible in our words and deeds. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Pew Bible OT, page 534, Red Bible page 554

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna Threlfall & der Herzogl

*Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple the joyful 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 ‘mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving, and chanting 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.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 11:1-11

Pew Bible NT, page 44, Red Bible page 922

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Children are invited to come to the front after the lesson.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Wendy Duncan

*HYMN #192

Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

Children ages 4-2nd grade are invited to meet Godly Play leaders in the Narthex during hymn.

SERMON

“How ‘bout that coming kingdom?”

to Respond to the Word,

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

See I Cor. 15, Mark 16, Matt. 16, John 20

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Ride On, King Jesus
Sanctuary Bells

Spiritual

*DOXOLOGY #606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

Everyone is encouraged to sign, date, and pass the pew pad down your row, noting your neighbors upon its return.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

One Great Hour of Sharing

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER (debt/debtors, Hymnal p. 35)

and to be Sent with the Word.

*HYMN #726

The Summons