

Elderton Presbyterian Church
Passion/Palm Sunday
March 25, 2018

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

ACOLYTE – Allyson Tutak

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Choral Introit

*Call to Worship: (responsively)

O Lord, open to us the gates of righteousness so that we may enter them, and give you praise.

We will give thanks to you, for you hear our prayer, and you have become our salvation.

Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name.

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn No. 89 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" ELLECOMBE

*Unison Prayer of Confession:

Lord, we come waving our palm branches. We are the ones who shout "Hosanna, blessed is the Christ." And we are also the ones who say "Crucify Him, crucify him!" We do not mean to be unfaithful, but we are. The good we should do, we somehow don't do; and the evil we despise, we do in spite of ourselves. Forgive us, Lord, though we are unworthy. Restore us to wholeness and faithfulness, and we will praise your name through Christ Jesus, the one who comes.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri – page 579

THE WORD

Anthem "Prepare the Way" ALLEN

Joys, Concerns and God Sightings

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Children's Sermon

*Hymn No. 88 "All Glory, Laud and Honor" VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN
First Scripture Reading Mark 11:1-11 (pew Bible page 44 N.T.)
Second Scripture Reading Philippians 2:1-11 (pew Bible page 182 N.T.)

Sermon **CROWN HIM KILL HIM FOLLOW HIM** Rev. Richard Sweeney

Song (see insert) "The Holy Land of the Broken Heart" MICHAEL BLANCHARD

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed page 14

Presentation of Our Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology and Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn No. 91 "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty" ST. DROSTANE

*Benediction

*Congregational Response: "Because He Lives" (CCLI # 3058448)

Because He Lives I can face tomorrow.

Because He Lives all fear is gone.

Because I know He holds the future,

And life is worth the living just because He lives

*Postlude

(*) Congregation Standing

We ask that all visitors please fill out the Welcome card found in the pew racks and place in the offering plate. We also ask that our members use this card to request other needs.

A nursery is available for your convenience located in the Adult Sunday School Room. Nursery begins after the Children's Sermon. **(for children 5 years old and younger)**

The palm arrangements in the chancel this morning are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of dear friends, Paul and Louise Rupert, and their years of faithful service to our church, by Shirley Schall.

Our Congratulations to Lee & Maryanne Xiong on the birth of their son Jacob on March 11, 2018. Proud grandparents are Blair & Lois Brown.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: John Craig as he recovers from surgery

PRAYER CHAIN REQUEST CONTACT – Martha Dyott (724-801-8447)

GREETERS TODAY – Gail & Pam Flickinger

GREETERS MAUNDY THURS. – Cory & Kathy Jo Scrips

GREETERS NEXT WEEK – Tom & Sue Quinn

NURSERY TODAY – Sheila Brumbaugh – Rylee Riggle

NURSERY NEXT WEEK – Hannah Schrecengost – Alexis Stenman

ACOLYTE MAUNDY THURS. – Travis Johns

ACOLYTE NEXT WEEK - Makayla Scrips

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK: Mildred Smeltzer, % Margaret Manor
689 Margaret Road, Kittanning, PA 16201

VISITATION TEAMS FOR MARCH: Elders: Joe Scrips
Loretta Coleman

CHANCEL FLOWERS FOR MARCH: Shirley Schall

In Memoriam

March 7, 2018
Mr. George Bieber

*“In my Father’s House are many mansions...
I go to prepare a place for you.*

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday – Prayer Breakfast

Thursday – 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m. – Plumcreek Church of the Bretheren

Flower Helpers are needed for May, June, July & August. Please contact Sue Quinn.