DEEPLY ROOTED IN FAITH
(* for those able to stand)

Palm Sunday • March 28, 2010

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OPENING RESPONSE AND CHORAL INTROIT
Leader: Deeply rooted in faith,
People: We choose to live in hope!

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL
“Jesus is coming.  Pave the way with branches.  Jesus is coming, Hosanna!”
(congregation may join in singing)

* CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)
Leader: Today we joyfully acclaim Jesus as Messiah and King.
People: We will honor him every day.  We will never deny him.
He will reign forever and ever.
Leader: Hosanna to God!  Hosanna in the highest!
People: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 89  “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”  Ellacombe
(Children K-3rd grade may join their leaders at the back of the sanctuary
to go to the third floor for Sunday Enrichment class.)

PRAYER FOR THE DAY (unison)  (see Lenten insert)
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.  
Psalm 118: 1, 21-26a  
(pg. 565-566, OT)

ANTHEM  
"Raise the Wave of Praise"  
Chancel Choir

GOSPEL LESSON  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.  
(pg. 23, NT)

SERMON  
"Choosing to Live in Hope"  
Tom Reid

* HYMN 447  
"Lead On, O King Eternal"  
Lancashire

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

   Jesus calls us to live in the presence of God:
   He put God's claim on his life above all else.
   He joined others in God's worship and praise.
   He drew strength from the scriptures.
   He prayed and taught his disciples to pray.

   Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to God's kingdom:
   to serve as he has served us;
   to take up our cross,
   to walk by faith, not by sight,
   to hope for what we have not seen.

   from A Declaration of Faith, (PCUS 1977)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debits/deftors)
Congregational Response (sung)
   In the Lord I'll be forever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!
   Look to God, do not be afraid; lift up your voices, the Lord is near.
   Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

TIME FOR MISSION AND CALL TO OFFERING  
Chandra Cooper
OFFERTORY  
"We Fall Down"  
Chancel Choir

(Please sign the Act of Friendship pad and pass it down the pew.)
* DOXOLOGY (No. 592)
* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)
  Leader: The Lord be with you.
  People: And also with you.
  Leader: Lift up your hearts.
  People: We lift them to the Lord.
  Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
  People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

* HYMN 88
  "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

* CHARGE AND BLESSING
  Congregational Response (unison)
  Hymn No. 81
  Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
  teach us with Thee to mourn our sins, and close by Thee to stay.
  Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over-past,
  an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!

* POSTLUDE
  "Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted" Paderborn

Welcome! We are delighted for your presence in worship today. If you do not have a church home, we hope you will consider becoming a part of this church. Please come to the parlor for refreshments and fellowship following worship.

The flowers in the chancel are given by William Powell, Rachel Marken, Johannah Cox, Laura Wibe-Powell, Emily Kiesler and families. Given in memory of Mary Anne K. Powell who died on April 3rd, 2008. “Because we knew you we are changed for good. You are woven into the very fabric of our lives.”

Today’s bulletin contains the last of six Lenten Devotion inserts. The hope is that you will take the insert home with you for use as a daily devotion each day of that week, as you INVITE God into your life in the morning, and ASK where you have experienced God in the evening. By joining together in worship on Sunday, and praying together these prayers during the week, we can all prepare ourselves as a church, for Easter and the Resurrection of our Lord. If you would like copies of past inserts, they are available on the information table or on www.fpcsalina.org.

It’s not too late to order an Easter Plant! These plants will decorate the sanctuary Easter morning. Order forms are available at the back of the sanctuary or on the Information Table near the chapel. Please return your forms by tomorrow, March 29.
Calendar For The Week

Sunday, Mar 28 Palm Sunday

“Jesus is coming, pave the way with branches!”
Multi-Age Church School, 3rd Flr - 9:00 am
Faith Matters, Conf Rm - 9:00 am
Worship, Sanctuary - 10:15 am
Sunday Enrichment, 3rd Flr - 10:30 am

Monday, Mar 29
Staff Mtg, Hope Ctr - 1:15 pm
CAPS Parenting Class, Conf Rm - 6:00 pm
Boy Scouts, Blair Hall - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, Mar 30
Cares & Concerns, Hope Ctr - 10:00 am
Book Study, Conf Rm - 12:00 pm
Worship Cmte, Hope Ctr - 12:00 pm
Stewardship Cmte, Hope Ctr - 4:00 pm
APNC, Conf Rm - 5:30 pm
Cub Sc outs, Blair Hall - 7:00 pm
Single’s Support Group, Hope Ctr - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, Mar 31
Wednesday Programs @ 3:30 pm
Mid/Sr High Youth Group, Chapel - 5:30 pm
WOW, Chapel - 5:30 pm
Bell Practice, Choir Rm - 6:00 pm
Choir Practice, Choir Rm - 7:00 pm

Thursday, Apr 1
Maundy Thursday Service w/ Communion from 7:00 pm to 7:45 pm in the Sanctuary
(see insert for details)

Sunday, Apr 4
Easter Resurrection Sunday
Worship, Sanctuary - 10:15 am
(there are no adult or children’s classes today)

Sunday Volunteers:
Worship Assistant: Chandra Cooper
Coffee Host: Danny & Marsha Berg
Lindsey, McKayla & Derek Berg
Greeters: Joy Mansfield & Ann Nordboe
Jennifer & John Peckham
Azby & Danielle Peckham
Ushers: John Knutson
Connie & Art Neuberger
Sydney & Morrie Soderberg
Bette Timmel
Deacon Flower Deliverer: Janice Armour
Manor Bus Driver: Todd Michaelis
Candlelighter: Caroline Holgerson
Organist: Angie Koshgarian
Custodian: Ed Zoch

For Your Information:
• Bibles and large print hymnals are available in the back of the sanctuary
• Amplified hearing aid devices are available from an usher
• Worship bags for younger children are available in the lobby - please place them in the designated container as you leave

Deacon Care Ministry
• Tan “Prayer Request” Cards are used for prayer requests. As requests are received, the Board of Deacons will offer prayers.
• Blue “We Care” Cards are for messages of care to persons of the congregation. Cards are available in the pew racks. Please place the cards in the offering plate.

Help is needed in assisting the Deacons in delivering Easter plants to designated members and friends of the church following worship Easter morning. If you can help, please come to the front of the sanctuary following Easter service.

Our neighbors to the west, across 9th Street in the Bartlett 300 Bldg, allow those attending FPC’s Sunday services to use their parking lot. For safety, please enter the lot from 9th Street and exit onto 10th Street.
Don't miss the
Congregational Gathering
Sunday, April 11
following worship (approx. 11:00am)

This is a time of great opportunity at FPC!
Come to Blair Hall after a shortened worship service to discuss plans for a new leadership structure to better serve the congregation.

After a short presentation, you will have an chance to discuss what this means for us as a church family, why to do it now, and what are the benefits and challenges!

Details:
• Sunday, April 11 following worship, in Blair Hall
• Will last about an hour (just in time to get hungry for lunch!)
  but don’t worry...there will be hearty & tasty appetizers
• Childcare will continue in the nursery
• 1st-5th graders can enjoy a short movie & popcorn

You are an important part of FPC’s church family!
Come to worship on April 11 and be a part of FPC’s bold and bright future!

If you are unable to attend this gathering, this same presentation and discussion will follow WOW on Wednesday, April 14.
“Do you love me? ...Feed my sheep.” John 21:15-19

$10 can help start a small Moring tree nursery with 10 seedlings

$75 can purchase a wire chicken coop with a batch of chickens

$120 can provide books, uniform and tuition for an African child

$200 can provide a water sanitation system for a family in Central America

It’s Remarkable What Your Gift Will Do!

It is remarkable what your gift can do!

Please give generously using the One Great Hour of Sharing offering envelopes provided in the pews.

Do you know where your child’s One Great Hour of Sharing fish bank is?

Help your child use their Fish Bank and Sharing Calendar as a fun way for your family to make an offering to One Great Hour of Sharing while you learn about FPC’s Mission Statement and about how your contributions help people around the world!

Add coins and fill in the ways during this final week before Easter that you “Let your light shine!” and then bring your fish bank to worship Easter morning (April 4) where they will be ‘caught’ during Children’s Time.

(extra fish banks and calendars are on the information table in the hallway!)
Joy comes out of a real awareness of God...the presence of God in the midst of life. We call it Resurrection and we celebrate it on Easter morning. What we cannot do for ourselves, God does for us, and life springs forth out of death.

On Easter morning take time to rejoice and affirm the power of life, and hope, and of light shining in darkness. By the grace of God, small changes, new steps and even great liberation is deemed possible.
Easter Plant Order Form

The Board of Deacons invites you to share with them in providing Easter plants as gifts to nursing home and homebound members of the church. These plants will decorate the Chancel on Easter Sunday, April 4. The cost is $13.00 per plant. You may pick up your plant for your own use after the 10:15 a.m. service IF you mark this option on the form below, OR you can have it delivered to a member or friend of the congregation designated by the church staff. Please fill out and return the form, with your payment, to the church office no later than Monday, March 29.

I would like to purchase _____ Easter plant(s) at a cost of $13.00 each.

MARK ONE:
• I will pick up my Easter plant     YES _____     NO _____
• Please deliver my Easter plant to a member or friend of the congregation (designated by the church staff)     YES _____     NO _____

Name of Donor____________________________________________________________

In Memory of ____________________________________________

Or

In Honor of ______________________________________________

Please return this form, with your payment of $13.00 per plant, to: First Presbyterian Church, 308 South 8th, Salina, KS 67401
Lenten Devotion
Prayer for Week Six
March 28 - April 3, 2009

In keeping with our Lenten theme of Invite and Ask, use the following prayer this week, knowing that others in the congregation are beginning their day with this prayer as well.

You know me well, O God.
You know the many decisions
  I must make each day.
I choose between right and wrong;
  between greater and lesser evils.
I choose between silence and speaking,
  giving and keeping,
  hope and despair.

Throughout this week before Easter,
  as I invite you into my life,
    speak your word to me
  so I may live in communion with you.

And each night
  as I ask where I have seen you,
    show me your grace,
  and come to me in the good news
    of Resurrection.

In Christ's name. Amen.
Jesus is coming...

pave the way
with branches!

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