

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Palm Sunday  
March 16, 2008

The Collect for Mediation & Personal Reflection

*Lord Jesus Christ, on the first Palm Sunday You entered the rebellious city where you were to die. Enter our hearts, we pray, and subdue them to yourself. And as your disciples blessed your coming and spread garments and branches in your way, make us ready to lay at your feet all that we have and are, that we too may bless your coming in the name of the Lord.*

GATHERING

Prelude Michael Rorex

Welcome & Concerns of the Church Amelia Hall

Minute For Mission - One Great Hour of Sharing

Introit *The Palms* Choir

\*Call to Worship Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 O.T. p. 575  
(read responsively)

\*Prayer

Distribution of the Palms

\*Hymn of Praise *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* #88  
Procession of Palms

(During the singing of the hymn, please come forward by the center aisle to receive your palms and return to your pew by the side aisles.)

Blessing of the Palms

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

With eager hearts and open hands, Holy One, we welcome Jesus, until he refuses the power we offer him, choosing to become our servant. We pick up the faith we had laid on the ground before him, and put it back on the shelf where it belongs. Our pride keeps us from being able to follow him all the way to Calvary.

Hosanna, Steadfast God, save us! Help us to let our fears, our doubts, our faithlessness slip from our lives to fall at your

feet, so we may stand with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who comes in your name, in your glory, in your grace to save us.

Silence Is Kept

Prayer Response *What Wondrous Love Is This* (v. 1) #85

Assurance of Pardon

L. Tell the daughters of despair, proclaim it to the sons of sadness: Christ has come to save us!

P. **Hosanna! We will give our thanks to God, who comes to bring us grace, hope, life. Hosanna in the highest. Amen!**

\*Pardon Response *What Wondrous Love Is This* (v. 2) #85

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-11 N.T. p. 1

Sermon **Palms and Hosannas** Rev. Muder

\*Hymn *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!* #91

Reception of New Members by transfer of letter  
Introduction Bob & Linda Black  
Jane Loucks

Welcome

\*Affirmation of Faith Apostle's Creed p. 14

\*Hymn *We Are the Family of God* insert

Sharing the Peace of Christ

L. The peace of Christ be with you all.

P. **And also with you.**

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer Mike Pierce

The Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

\*Stewardship Response *Holy, Holy* (v. 1) #140

Prayer of Dedication

## SENDING

Anthem *Wayfaring Stranger* Choir  
(arr: Bill Hunt) Richard Rose -cello

### \* Benediction

L. God says, "I will put my Spirit in you, and you shall live..

P. We live to go with God.

L. Peace be with you as you leave this place.

P. We, leave, renewed in spirit, to do God's work in the world.

L. Go with God. Amen.

\* Choral Response Choir

**\*Please stand as able**

## We Are the Family of God

Eph. 3:14-21  
Gathering/Community

Words and Music by  
Jon Byron

D A Bm D/F#  
We are the fam - ily of God. Yes,

G D A  
We are the fam - ily of God. And he's

D A/C# Bm F#m  
brought us to - ge - ther to be one in him, that

G A D G/D 2  
we might bring light to the world. *3rd time to Coda* ⊕

We welcome Bob & Linda Black and Jane Loucks  
by transfer of letter from Westminster Presbyterian Peoria, IL

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# Palm Sunday

**We welcome everyone as children of the heavenly King.  
Your presence adds joy to our gathering and enthusiasm to  
our worship. May God's presence be real to us all.**

### This Week

<i>Sunday</i>		
<i>Monday</i>		
<i>Tuesday</i>		
<i>Wednesday</i>	5:30 pm 6:15	Choir Practice Church Potluck Supper
<i>Thursday</i>	6:30pm	Maundy Thursday Service
<i>Friday</i>	6:30pm	Good Friday Service Newsletter Deadline
<i>Saturday</i>		
<i>Sunday</i>	9:45 am 10:30 11:00	Easter/Resurrection of the Lord Sunday School Social Time Worship Service

### Next Week's Helpers

Lay Assistant: Mike Megee

Prayers of the People: Peggy Gilbert

Refreshments: Muder

### Lectionary Next Week

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-18

### Prayer List

**At Home:** Harbert Smith Jr., Susie Lam, Glenda LaCaze, Brenda Ebert, Iris Saez, Clint Gibson, Brenda Page, Vickie Crawford, Evelyn Hinshaw, Ron Corkern, Ann Maechling, Dolly Kroesen, Donna Beauboeuf, Carrie James, Gail Procell, James Verret, Bill Spooner, Jim Hart, Kimberly Crawford, Raybon Raines, Helen MacKaskill, Rob Lockwood, Scotti Vermaelen, John Parsons, Barb Mahoney, Ken Culverson, Jon Kerstetter, Judy East, John Shaw, Tom Murchison, John Price, Lou Archibald, Rev. Bud Green, Catherine Donahue, Susan Berndt, Everett Morgan, Kayla Barras, Jim Welch, Byron Bissell, Renee Fontenot, Tracy Harman, Jack Starnes.

**Hospital:** Ada Jarred, Brent Rascoe, Nicholas Pruitt.

**Nursing Home:** Bob Giesey, Marge MacKenzie (Heritage Manor).

**In the Military:** Ben Aton, David Evans, Mike Black, Eric Maxwell, Tim Evans, Matt Williams, Mac Davis, Kevin Hall, David Coleman, Scott Tipple, John Hatley, Mark Jeansonne, Joshua Hogan, Sean Lawson, Brian Johnson, Regan Ammons, Greg Hemelt, Stephen Lawson, James Gelston, Phillip Brown, Thomas Melton (and the men under his command in Iraq).

**Law Enforcement:** Cary Hargrove, Stan Williams

Please pray for 218<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Winnfield Presbyterian Church.