

HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Palm Sunday, March 16, 2008

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fairfax Fair

ORGAN MEDITATION: If Thou Art Near

Johann Sebastian Bach

Robert Lee, Organ

PROCESSIONAL INTROIT: Sing Hosanna!

Arr. Jean Anne Shafferman

Angel, Chapel, and Lyric Choirs; Joyful Noise; and Children of the Church School

Mary Rapier, Piano

Lola Carroll, Deborah Kushmaul, Martha Makela, and Dorissa Falk, Directors

CALL TO WORSHIP

9:30 David Gambrell / 11:00 Joel Weible

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Hosanna in the highest!**

☩ **HYMN NO. 89:** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Ellacombe

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of all, we confess the fickleness of our faith. We shout “Hosanna”, then turn away from you. We call on you in times of need, then forget about you when our way is smooth. Open our eyes to our disregard and betrayal of you and others.

As you are steadfast toward us, help us be steadfast in our devotion to you and in our concern for those around us. We ask it in your name.

Silent Prayers

☩ *Those who are able, please stand.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

People: **Amen.**

☩ **RESPONSE**, Hymn No. 303:

Jesus, Lover of My Soul [Stanza 4]

Aberystwyth

CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

HYMN No. 304: Jesus Loves Me!

Bible Buddies may leave at this time.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

9:30 Judy Stubbs / 11:00 Tom Howell

OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 118:19-27 (page 565)

One: Through these words, may we hear the Word of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates

William Mathias

(9:30)

Chancel Choir Ensemble

(11:00)

Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT: Matthew 21:1-11 (page 23)

SERMON: “Who is This?”

Dr. Fair

☩ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (From A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

† **HYMN OF COMMITMENT, No.88:**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Valet will ich dir geben

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY: Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Hal H. Hopson

Matthew Howell, Oboe

† **DOXOLOGY**, Hymn No. 83:

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High [Stanza 5] Deo Gracias

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (unison)

Gracious God, we praise you as the giver of every good gift. You provide for all our needs and bless us in countless ways. Today we are privileged to bring our gifts to you. Accept our offerings and ourselves as we offer them to you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

† **HYMN NO. 91:** Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

Hamburg

(Please notice tune change)

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

RESPONSE: Hymn No. 76:

My Song Is Love Unknown

Love Unknown

Rob Carlson, Tenor

POSTLUDE: Prelude in g minor

Johann Sebastian Bach

PASTORAL STAFF

Fairfax F. Fair, Pastor

Joel A. Weible, Associate Pastor

Melissa H. Head, Associate Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 16, 2008

THE FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William Harvin and Dr. & Mrs. Peter H. Pleune, by their family.

GREETERS this morning for 9:30 are Mary Ellen Harned, Marcia and Bill Murphy; greeters for 11:00 are Hal Hauck and Cathy King.

USHERS this morning for 9:30 are Chester Newhall, Bob Decker, Cedric Denny, Margaret Goldsborough, and Jim Porter; ushers for 11:00 are Tom Appling, Martha Anne Cornwell, Brian Hall, Steve and Sue Latta, Bill Oldham, and Laurie Rothinghouse.

SPECIAL THANKS to Rob Carlson, Lola Carroll, Dorissa Falk, Matthew Howell, Holly Knott, Deborah Kushmaul, Robert Lee, Martha Makela, and Mary Rapier for blessing us in worship with their musical leadership this morning.

THE ISSUES CLASS invites you to join them each Sunday at 9:30 a.m., in the dining hall.

The Class will not meet on Palm Sunday or Easter.

April 6: Timir Banerjee, Director of the Society for the Prevention of Aggressiveness and Violence among Adolescents, will be our guest. This program, which is ten years old, is taught in the community, JCPS and Catholic and Lutheran schools.

April 13: To be announced

April 20: Dewey Hensley from Atkinson Elementary School.

April 27: Congressman Ron Mazzoli will speak on "The Political Landscape for Spring 2008."

PRAYER LIST -- Please remember in your thoughts and prayers all those who are dealing with long-term illnesses and grief.

SAVE THE DATE – HPC VBS 2008 – JUNE 16-19 – Four mornings full of music, stories, art, mission, and fun for children; three-year-olds (potty-trained) through fifth graders; registration forms will be available in April; many volunteers are needed, so don't wait for a phone call– simply contact Ann Holmes at 452-1444 to sign up today!

REQUIEM

by John Rutter

Chancel Choir with Chamber Orchestra

Join us on Sunday, March 16, 7:30 p.m., in the sanctuary

(Childcare will be provided)

EASTER CROSS – Remember to bring flowers to put on the Easter Cross next Sunday morning!

ANOTHER SUPPORT for our Youth Program – In 1991 Presbyterian Women compiled some of their favorite recipes in a small book to benefit the mission trips of the Youth of HPC. That recipe book has been revived and added to by the Chancel Choir. Now you can buy this new edition for only \$5 and it will again add to the funds for the upcoming mission trips of the HPC Youth. It will be on sale in the Fellowship Hall between services and after the 11 o'clock service. Look for contributions by women who are now cooking in celestial kitchens.

HYMNODY TODAY – The opening hymn [#89 - Hosanna, Loud Hosanna] was written by Jennette Threlfall and published in 1873. The tune, ELLACOMBE, is a variant of Ave Maria which appeared in 1784. The hymn of commitment [#88 - All Glory, Laud and Honor] was written by Theodulph of Orléans about A. D. 820. It was first used as a Palm Sunday processional hymn. The tune, VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, was composed by Melchior Teschner in 1613 for another text. The closing hymn [Ride On! Ride On in Majesty] was written by Henry Hart Milman and published in 1827. The tune, HAMBURG, was the first hymn tune composed by Lowell Mason. The melody is adapted from Gregorian chant and employs only five notes of the scale. [Notes taken from *The Presbyterian Hymnal Companion*, © 1993 by Linda Jo H. McKim. All Rights Reserved. Used by permission of Westminster/John Knox Press.]

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Monday-Friday, 12:00-12:30 p.m.

Prayer Services, in the Sanctuary

Monday-Friday, 12:30 p.m.

Lunch in the dining room

Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m.

Worship and Holy Communion, in the Sanctuary

Good Friday, 7:55 p.m.

Service of Darkness, in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday -

Sunrise Service at 7:57 a.m., on the front lawn of the Pleune-

Mobley Center

Worship services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary

EASTER CELEBRATION for twos-fifth graders and their families – Join us this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. in the Walker-Nevin Building. Third-Fifth graders will have a special scavenger hunt in the main church building, while the twos-second graders will enjoy Easter crafts and an egg hunt. Then we will all gather in the dining hall for a pizza dinner (please bring some money to contribute to the cost for pizza). Invite your friends to come with you!

MEN’S BREAKFAST meets every Thursday morning at 7:00. (No reservations are needed except for the first Thursday of each month.) Please join us for breakfast, prayer and fellowship with your friends.

BRIDGE – You are invited to play bridge with your friends in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, March 18, at 12:30 p.m.

CIRCLE NO. 7 will meet in the Memorial Lounge on Tuesday, March 18, at 3:00 p.m.

NEW MEMBER/PROSPECTIVE MEMBER CLASS -- Anyone and everyone -- whether you’re thinking about joining, have recently joined, or have been a member for a while and are *still* looking for answers – is invited to our next Saturday morning new member/prospective member class. In addition to forming new and lasting relationships, you’ll learn more about the church Universal, Presbyterian, and Highland. It is a wonderful way to be a part of our rich heritage and get involved in personal and meaningful ways in this community. Save the date: **Saturday, April 19, from 9 to 11:30 a.m.** (*Childcare is available upon request!*). Call the church office (451-2910) to let us know you’re coming!

BOOK REVIEW GROUP invites you to join them on Tuesday, March 25, in Small Dining Room B in Winn Center at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. The reviewer will be Rev. Dr. Susan Garrett, Professor of Old Testament, LPTS, who will review “Just Love: A Framework for Christian Sexual Ethics” by Professor Margaret A. Farley, winner of the Grawemeyer Award in Religion. Bring a brown bag lunch or purchase a meal in the cafeteria. For more information, please contact Rev. Carol Ikeler, 288-7379.

BLOOD DRIVE – Please put this date on your calendar – **Sunday, March 30** – because we are having a blood drive here at Highland from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. More details will be forthcoming.

KIDS CONSIGNMENT SALE – Please make note that the Spring consignment sale has been moved from the last weekend of March to Friday and Saturday, April 18 and 19; the hours on Friday are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and on Saturday (half-price sale) from 9 a.m. to noon.

WEDNESDAY EVENING DINNER AND FELLOWSHIP – Our Wednesday evening fellowship: dinner at 5:30, followed by the programs at 6:30 p.m.. Reservations for dinner are needed. Please fill out the form below and drop it in the offering plate, or call the church office (451-2910) no later than the Monday before each gathering. Dinner is \$6/plate for adults (13 and over), and pizza will be available for children (12 and under) at \$1/slice.

Wednesday programs include: Children’s Choir rehearsals (4-year-olds through fifth graders); a Spirituality Seminar led by Rev. Lynn Gant. On April 2, the topic will be *Worship and Service*: How are they spiritual disciplines? How can you encounter God in a deeper way through communal worship? How is worship, service, and service, worship? Define self-righteous service and true service; a Speaker’s Forum on the second Wednesday; Book Club (third Wednesday) will discuss Clay’s Quilt by Silas House; and *This We Believe: HPC Stories of Faith* moderated by Cameron Lawrence (fourth Wednesdays). Please check our bulletins, newsletters, website, bulletin boards, or call the office for up-to-date schedules including speakers, books being discussed, and menus! In addition to all of this, Team and Session meetings will continue to meet on first and third Wednesdays, respectively. See you in the dining room.

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Reservations for Wednesday Dinners

Please make reservations for _____ adults, _____ children (12 and under) (____ vegetarian meals), for __ March 19, __ March 26, __ all of March.

Name _____