The First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin Palm Sunday March 25, 2018 10:30 a.m.

Enter the church in silence. Through silence speak to God and let God speak to you.

PREPARATION: The following are the lectionary scriptures for this morning: Psalm 31:9-16 (Pew Bible pages 439-440) Be gracious, Lord; my enemies assail me; my life is in your hand. Isaiah 50:4-9 (Pew Bible page 594) The Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty? Philippians 2:5-11 (Pew Bible page 954) Seek the mind of Christ, who was humble, but exalted by God. Mark 15:1-39 (Pew Bible pages 828-829) Jesus is tried and crucified. (Zechariah 9:9-12 Pew Bible page 773)

PRAYER FOR THE DAY: God of our salvation, we give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came in your name and turned the lonely way of rejections and death into triumph. Grant us the steadfast faith to enter the gates of righteousness, that we may receive grace to become worthy citizens of your holy realm. Amen.

THE GATHERING

BELL PEAL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS GREETING

PRELUDE "Valet will ich dir geben"

INTROIT (Hymn #91) "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!" St. Drostane

ALL: Ride on! Ride on in majesty!

Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry; O Savior meek, pursue Thy road

with psalms and scattered garments strowed.

OPENING SENTENCES

LEADER: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

PEOPLE: Hosanna in the highest!

LEADER: Blessed is God's only Son who takes away the sin of the world.

PEOPLE; Hosanna in the highest!

LEADER: Blessed is the Lamb of God who suffers for our sake.

PEOPLE: Hosanna in the highest!

LEADER: Blessed is the Prince of Peace who reconciles all humanity to God.

PEOPLE; Hosanna in the highest!

LEADER: Blessed is Jesus Christ, Redeemer, Lord and King.

PEOPLE; Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

*HYMN #88 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" Valet will ich dir geben

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we cannot possibly grasp the meaning of the Incarnation. That you emptied yourself to become one of us, that you walked among us and experienced the full range of human emotion, that you humbled yourself and suffered in our place - - it is too marvelous for us to understand. You call us to live as your children, reflecting your love and grace and glory. You call us to live in a manner worthy of the great sacrifice you made on our behalf. Despite wanting to live up to our high calling, we fail time and time again. We grasp where you let go. We are proud where you were humble. We avoid pain and disappointment and suffering where you embraced it for the sake of love. Forgive us, gracious God. Renew and restore us that we might walk the way of Jesus, the way of the cross. (silent confession)

*RESPONSE (Hymnal #573) "Lord Have Mercy" Kyrie

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.
CHOIR: Christ, have mercy.
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ALL: Lord, have mercy.

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*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

PEOPLE: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Kaufmann

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 50:4-9 (Pew Bible page 594)

The Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" arr. Larter

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GOSPEL READING

Mark 15:1-39 (Pew Bible pages 828-829)

The Gospel of the Lord! Praise to You, O Christ!

"God's Way" **SERMON**

Rev. Dr. David K. Shelor

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS **OFFERTORY**

"Largo"

Jullien

*DOXOLOGY (Hymnal #591) "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Christ, all people here below. **Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen."

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SENDING

*HYMN #92 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" St. Christopher

*BENEDICTION

"Alla marcia" *POSTLUDE Mathias

For some, the Postlude serves as festive music to accompany their going out into the world. Others prefer to remain seated and listen. Those departing during the Postlude can help those who listen by softening their joyful greeting of others.

*Please rise in body or spirit

NEXT SUNDAY, April 1, 2018 will be Easter Sunday. The lectionary scriptures will be: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (Pew Bible pages 492-493) I will not die, I will live; this is the day that the Lord has made. Isaiah 25:6-9 (Pew Bible page 568) A feast on the day of the Lord; God will swallow up death forever. Mark 16:1-8 (Pew Bible pages 829-830) Finding Jesus' tomb empty, the women flee in wonder and fear.

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are delighted to have you with us today! We invite you to join us for a time of fellowship and light refreshments immediately following both worship services in Hager Hall. Large print bulletins and large print hymnals are available from the ushers. Hearing devices are also available. Please ask for one at the sound booth. Should your hearing device not work properly; please notify the sound technician for a replacement.

HAVE CHILDREN? A professionally staffed nursery is available for children age 3 and younger off the courtyard next to the Highlander Room. Coloring pages for children to use in worship are also available. Contact an usher for information on both. During the 10:30 a.m. service, children through 5th grade are invited to come forward during the Children's Lesson in worship and leave afterward for their class.

NEW TO FIRST CHURCH? Thank you for being our guest today! We would like to offer you as a gift one of our Blue Welcome Bags. They are found at the front after worship today. Pastor David will be nearby. He hopes you will introduce yourself to him before you leave. Thank you again for joining us today. We are happy to share our love of Jesus Christ with you.

LIKE TO KNOW MORE? For more information about First Church, its ministry and mission, and how you can learn and grow with us, you can see the announcements in this bulletin, go to our website (www.fpcdunedin.org), where we post our monthly newsletter, The Voice, find us on Facebook or contact the church office. We also invite you to fill out the Friendship Register you will find near your seat and share as much contact information as you would like. We are glad you are here!

FIRST FRIENDS PRESCHOOL OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DUNEDIN

offers Christian based curriculum for ages 1-5 and the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Program. Call 727-733-2111 for more information. Visit the website at www.firstfriendspreschool.net or like us on Facebook @ First Friends Preschool – Dunedin Florida.

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

USHERS: Paul Stone LITURGIST: Peggy George

SOUND TECHNICIANS: Carin Gow and Jeff Cockrell

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SANCTUARY FLOWERS THIS WEEK ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

in honor of Allen and Betty Arnold in appreciation of their beautiful flower arrangements

TODAY'S OPPORTUNITIES

8:45 a.m. – Worship Café
9:30 a.m. – Fellowship Hour
9:30 a.m. – Searcher Sunday School Class – Eric Houghton
9:30 a.m. – Foundation Sunday School Class – Rev. Buddy Doyle
10:30 a.m. – Traditional Worship
10:30 a.m. – God and Me/ God and Family Sunday School Class
11:30 a.m. – Fellowship Hour

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Monday (26 th)	8:30 a.m.	Prayer Walkers
	6:00 p.m.	Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Venture Crew
Tuesday (27th)	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	AA
Wednesday (28 th)	11:00 a.m.	Senior Exercise Class
	6:30 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Venture Club
Thursday (29 th)	11:00 a.m.	OA
	11:00 a.m.	Preschool Music
	7:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
	8:00 p.m.	NA
Friday (30 th)	12:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
	6:30 p.m.	AA
Saturday (31st)	7:00 p.m.	AA

Church Attendance on March 18, 2018 - Worship Café 42; Traditional 139

Is God in your will?

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR LILIES</u> to decorate our sanctuary for Easter Sunday! Sign up in Hager Hall on the yellow sheet by the Flower Sign-up sheets or use the Flower Form located in the pew racks. Lilies are \$8.00 each and may be taken home following the 11:00 a.m. service on Easter Sunday.

THE VIDEO CLUB will not meet this week due to the Maundy Thursday Service.

CEDARKIRK Do you know a 3rd through 6th grade student looking for real adventure this summer? Campers in the Junior Adventure Camp can look forward to learning outdoor living skills like cooking over a campfire, as well as Bible studies, arts and crafts, swimming in the pool, canoeing, archery, zip lining and lots more. Find more info and register at www.cedarkirk,org.

<u>UNITED FAITHS WALK FOR PEACE</u> will take place on Sunday, April 8. At the end of the walk it has become a tradition to feed those who took part. You may help supply baked goods – cookies or small breads - that can be easily sliced for eating with your fingers. (If anything contains nuts, please mark it on the wrapping.) Call Tina Hemme at 727-507-1667 or Ann Hemme at 727-286-6622 for more information.

<u>DUNEDIN CARES</u> has need of peanut butter, jelly, and spaghetti sauce.

GRACE HOUSE If you would like to help serve a dinner, or make a dessert, for children of homeless families at Grace House on Wednesday, April 4, contact Nancy Geyer at 215-896-4060.

PRAYER REQUESTS - the names of people who have requested prayer are listed in italics the first week of their request and any time there are changes in their condition or place of recuperation. (Please call the church office if you have a prayer concern.)

- Joan Wiggins at Morton Plant Rehab
- Norma Watkins at home
- Richard Garlick at Morton Plant Rehab
- Brianna Biaggi, a student of Merry Lynn Morris
- Debby Womack, sister of Candy Barnette, diagnosed with Parkinson's
- Herb Russcoe and Stosh Christopoulos, friends of Nancy Klopp
- Michael Deeley, friend of Marge and Richard Simon
- Billie Cooper, aunt of Jeff Cockrell diagnosed with ALS and Rod Newman, stepfather of Jeff Cockrell, diagnosed with Parkinson's and dementia and their caregivers, Andy Cooper (uncle) and Shirley Newman (mother)
- Beth-El Farmworker Ministry
- For continued healing: Liz Bailey, Jay Archer, Joyce Swan, Marion Guthrie, Beth Hoffer, Larry French, Dana Garlick, Matthew Lanier, John Willmarth

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• All our members who reside in nursing homes or confined at home