

Celebration of Worship

April 5, 2009 – 11:00 A.M.

PALM SUNDAY

We enter to worship;

we depart to serve

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude Amanda Teachnor, Organist

♦ Call to Worship *from Zechariah 9:9 and Psalm 118*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Lo your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,

Humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

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

♦ Processional Hymn 249 *“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”*

♦ Prayer of the Day Mr. Jon Neff

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Like those who waved palm branches and shouted “Hosanna,” help us to recognize the King and welcome him into our hearts, that we might live in the peace and the glory of his kingdom. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

(Please sign and pass the friendship pads at this time.)

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

Children’s Moment Pastor Dan
(Children’s Church is available for 4 yrs. through kindergarten.)

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us

our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Minute for Mission

One Great Hour of Sharing

Morning Offering

Anthem *“O Lord, How Shall We Meet You?”* Mark Hill

O Lord, how shall we meet You? How shall we light the way for those who long to greet You, our souls’ delight and stay? O grant us, Lord most holy, illumine us anew to know, in spirit lowly, how best to welcome You.

The promised time is nearing, when grief shall be no more. Rejoice in His appearing, who shall your souls restore. He comes, with peace and gladness, our longing hearts to fill. He comes, all trace of sadness shall at His word be still.

Love caused Your incarnation, love, infinite and free. Your thirst for our salvation procured our liberty. O love beyond all telling, that led You to embrace in love, all loves excelling, our lost and fallen race.

From restless slumber wake us, the morning is in sight. Come quickly, Lord, remake us that we might walk aright. O Savior, may we never again in darkness roam, but find, this day, and ever, in love’s pure light, our home.

May we find, in Your light, our home.

♦ Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

♦ Prayer of Dedication

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Epistle Reading (page 954)

Philippians 2:5-11

New Testament Reading (page 823)

Mark 11:1-11

Sermon

“The Power Play”

♦ Affirmation of Faith—The Apostle’s 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.

♦ Hymn 248 *“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”*

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Words of Institution
Breaking of the Bread
Prayer of Dedication

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

♦ Benediction

♦ Congregational Response Hymn 84

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

**My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, Take all my
guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly Thine!**

Postlude

♦ *(Indicates appropriate place for congregation to stand)*

We stand ready to welcome and receive those who would like to join with us in the journey of faith. Please speak to the pastor or one of the church members if you wish to join this congregation on the road to discipleship.

OUR MISSION

At First Presbyterian Church of Sand Springs,
we are filled with life as a congregation
because God creates us, loves us and calls us
to be his children and to be family to one another.
Our purpose is to serve, play, learn and worship together,
seeking to have our brethren, lost and found,
accept the grace God offers
and join us at the table of the Lord.

PRAYER LIST—NEW CONCERNS

Bobbie Ladd (Bob Baker’s daughter)—Lung cancer
 Prayers for the Weaver family in their time of crisis.
 Rick Hildebrant (Marti Lowery’s friend)—Liver cancer
 Jimmy Don Talbot (Glenda Bare’s nephew)—
 Deployed to Iraq
 Nathasha Greene Pickerel—Diagnosed with Type 1
 diabetes
 Bubba Escow (Matthew Shelton’s friend)—Severe
 burns
 George Lewis (Jim’s father)—Recovering from stroke
 Jeff Hershow (Pam Smithey’s brother-in-law)—
 Brain surgery
 Marty Bean (Thad Cannon’s friend’s son)—Open
 heart surgery
 (Please refer to newsletter for Ongoing Concerns and
 Homebound Members.)

OUR MINISTRY AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 5
 11:00 a.m. **Palm Sunday**
 12:00 Noon Morning Worship
 12:00 Noon Missions Meeting
 12:45 p.m. Jr. High Parents Meeting
 Confirmation Class

Monday, April 6
 1:00 p.m. Women’s Circle
 7:00 p.m. AA Open Meeting & Al-Anon Meeting

Tuesday, April 7
 12:00 Noon Lenten Service—St. Matthew’s
 Episcopal Church

Wednesday, April 8
 5:30 p.m. Dinner
 6:00 p.m. Children’s Choir
 Jr. High Bible Study
 Women’s Bible Study
 Men’s Bible Study
 M4M Service Hour
 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
 Sr. High Bible Study

Thursday, April 9
 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting
 8:00 p.m. AA Closed Meeting

Sunday, April 12
 9:30 a.m. **Easter Sunday**
 11:00 a.m. Easter Celebration
 12:00 Noon Morning Worship
 Easter Egg Hunt

THOSE WHO SERVE

Greeter: Sharon Bolton
 Ushers: Tom Byerly, Captain; The Byerly family
 Liturgist: Jon Neff
 Trustee Lock-Up: Ron Hammond
 Sunday School Superintendent: Bobbie Cook
 Sunday Morning Fellowship: 4/12 *Easter Celebration*

NEWS AND SUCH

Please refer to “OUR MINISTRY AND UPCOMING EVENTS” for meetings and events scheduled this week.

Candy needed for Easter Egg Hunt!—Please bring candy for the children’s Easter Egg hunt. All candy should be placed in the basket in the Narthex by Wednesday, April 8th. Thank you for your help.

Church Open for Prayer during Lent—The church doors will be open again on **Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** A devotional is available in the Narthex to help direct you through prayer if you desire to use it.

Maundy Thursday Service—Plan to join us on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. for the Maundy Thursday service. This service includes communion and a choral cantata during the tenebrae portion of the service.

One Great Hour of Sharing—We will receive this special offering this morning and again next Sunday.

Easter Sunday Activities—We are planning an Easter celebration next Sunday beginning with breakfast, followed by a short program. The regular worship service will be at 11:00 a.m. followed by an Easter egg hunt for the children.

Congregational Meeting—There will be a congregational meeting held on April 19th immediately following the worship service to elect a fourth Elder to the Class of 2011.

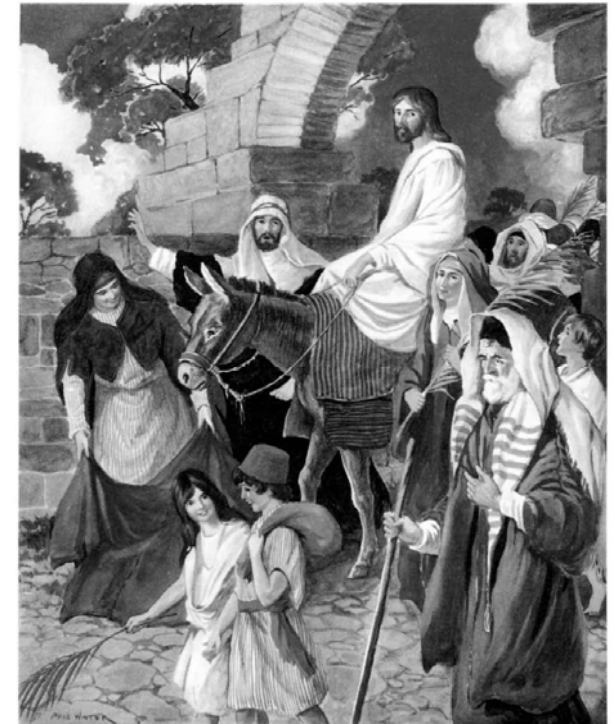
Sermon on the Amount—

Needed for Mar.:	\$19,762.08	Budgeted YTD:	\$59,286.24
Received in Mar.:	<u>20,438.12</u>	Received YTD:	<u>49,048.32</u>
Difference:	\$ 676.04	Difference:	(\$10,237.92)

OUR STAFF

Dan Milford—Pastor
 Willa Barnes—Secretary
 Marti Law-Lowery—Director of Children’s Ministries
 Bill Zahringer—Director of Youth Ministries
 Doug Ruffner—Director of Music
 Amanda Teachnor—Organist and Accompanist
 Krista Polanski—Treasurer
 Kyla Rice—Children’s Church Teacher

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