HOSANNA in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Matthew 21:9

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Chiming of the Hour
Welcome and Announcements
Prelude “Celebration of Palms” New Providence Ringers
Time of Silent Prayer
*Congregational Introit “What Wondrous Love Is This”
What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul, to bear the heavy cross for my soul!

* Call to Worship (by Ruth Burgess)
Leader: We tell your story; we follow in your footsteps.
People: Lead us into Holy Week.
Leader: We walk towards the city; we wait in the garden,
People: Lead us onto holy ground.
Leader: We journey towards death; we long for resurrection.
People: Lead us into holy hope.

*Hymn 88 “All Glory Laud and Honor”

Prayer of Confession
O Lord, as we celebrate your entry into Jerusalem, we confess that our wills are as rebellious as those who welcomed you into the city. On our journey through life, our hearts and hands have become stained and dirtied. We have turned aside from our pilgrimage with you to follow the world’s ways, to seek false gods, to serve other spirits than your Holy Spirit. Savior of all, forgive us our sin. Grant us courage to set our course according to your word. May we take up anew the challenge of the journey to the holy city.
In your mercy, hear our prayers... (Time for Silent Confession)
*Response in Praise Hymn 574 “Lord, Have Mercy upon Us”
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Assurance of Pardon and the Exchanging of Peace

Time with our Children  Doris Fredricksen
4¢ Per Meal Offering

Joys and Concerns
Prayers of Intercession, Petition, Thanksgiving, and Lord’s Prayer

Prayer Response “Jesus Remember Me”
Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.
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Prayer for Illumination
First Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1-3 (p. 807; p. 1026)
Second Scripture Reading Matthew 21:1-17 (p. 826; p. 1049)
Sermon “A Parade Parable” Rev. Dr. Amy Fetterman

*Affirmation of Faith (from Heidelberg Catechism)
What is your only comfort in life and in death?
That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

*Hymn 89 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Giving our Offerings
Offertory “The Holy City”
*Doxology (Hymn 592) & Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 90 “Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”

*Benediction
*Congregational Response “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”
God be with you till we meet again; Loving counsels guide, uphold you. With a Shepherd’s care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.
*Postlude “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

*Please rise in body or spirit.
FOR LITURGIST: Milton Miller

Call to worship Liturgist should wait until BOTH the prelude & introit are finished; there is a pause between the two. Before going into the call to worship, remind the congregation that God is calling us to worship with the following words (or your own):

As crowds of people welcomed Jesus when he rode into Jerusalem, acclaiming him King, so we come this morning to proclaim Christ’s reign in our lives. Let us join together to worship God. Please join me in our call to worship

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Prayer of Confession Liturgist seats congregation for prayer of confession. Time of silence (at least 30-60 seconds) follows. No need to verbally mention the time of silence as it is noted in the bulletin. Before leading the people in the prayer of confession, call them to confessing saying the following (or substituting your own words):

Let us confess before God our tendency, like the Jerusalem crowds, to profess our faith in moments of enthusiasm and deny our faith in moments of stress. Let us pray together, saying:

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NOTE: During Lent, Valerie will end the time silence and lead us in singing Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us. When we are done singing, offer the assurance of pardon.

Assurance of Pardon

Though we may leave Christ, Christ does not leave us. Though we may fail God, God does not fail us. I proclaim to you that our ever faithful God forgives our sins and grants us peace. Thanks be to God.

Let us now exchange signs of the deep peace we know in Christ with one another. The peace of Christ be with you all.

Prayer for Illumination

Merciful God, as we enter Holy week turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Stir up within us the gift of faith that we may not only praise him with our lips, but may follow him in the way of the cross.

First Scripture Reading—Matthew 2:1-3

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;
Immediately following World War II, Protestant churches in the United States made appeals for the relief and reconstruction of areas devastated by the war, primarily Europe and Asia. In 1949 the leaders of several denominations formed a committee to organize an appeal to support their churches’ separate campaigns. A program called “One Great Hour” was broadcast on March 26, 1949, over major networks and many independent stations. The broadcast closed with a request that listeners attend their local church the following morning and make a sacrificial contribution. No exact measure of receipts was possible, but it was estimated that more than 75,000 churches participated. The next year, the offering was repeated, using the name “One Great Hour of Sharing” for the first time.

From the beginning, the offering has been an ecumenical effort. While each denomination allocates its gifts differently, all use their funds for ministries of disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development aid. Projects supported by One Great Hour of Sharing are under way in more than 100 countries, including the United States and Canada.

Welcome, guests! We’re glad you are here! Please complete the Visitor Card found on the back of the pew and place it in the offering plate. For more information about New Providence, we invite you to take a visitor packet, available on the table at the back of the sanctuary and downstairs during the Fellowship hour. If you do not have a church family, we would love for you to get to know ours and consider joining us.

Nursery (birth-age 3) is available. Large print ESV Bibles are available on the table. Headphones are available to help those with hearing problems.

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NEW PROVIDENCE MINISTRY TEAMS

APRIL 14 Liturgist: Milton Miller Beadle: Don Roll
Offering Counters: Milton Reid & Linda Wood
Children’s Sermon: Doris Fredricksen

APRIL 21 Liturgist: Kenny Burks Beadle: Milton Reid
Offering Counters: Milton Reid & Doris Lunsford
Children’s Sermon: Rev. Dr. Amy Fetterman

The beadle will be available at the communion table following the service to answer questions about life at New Providence, including questions about membership. The beadle also assists members and visitors that have pastoral care needs or faith questions by connecting them with the pastor.

Hygiene Kits: A huge THANK YOU to the “SHEEP” of New Providence Presbyterian Church for completing 50 Hygiene Kits that were taken to the Spring Gathering yesterday. The Kits will be sent to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. You all are amazing sharing your time and talents!

A PIECE OF NPPC MEMORABILIA: The Session is offering “left-over” pieces of kitchen equipment/dishes to church folks on a first come basis. There is a table of kitchen items just inside the Fellowship Room door, also on/near the stage is a fan, ceiling lights, and a wooden kitchen work table. Any questions check with Mary Linda Wolfe, Kenny Burks, or Mike Sandridge.

ICE MAKER: At their February meeting the Presbyterian Women approved buying an ice maker to supplement the kitchen renovation—it will probably be placed in the “Flower Room” where a water supply and drain are available. Rachel Koeniger reminded us that Dot Martin was known to make multiple trips to the church prior to a planned meal event to fill up and dump the ice trays in the fridge, so she suggested that we give the appliance in Dot’s memory and made a donation toward that goal. The Cookbook Committee also contributed some funds they had available from the Tasting Party they hosted. The cost should be around $1000 and the PW will fund the remainder unless there are others that would like to make a contribution to the Presbyterian Women for this purchase. If you wish to contribute, see Linda Jean Lunsford, PW Treasurer.