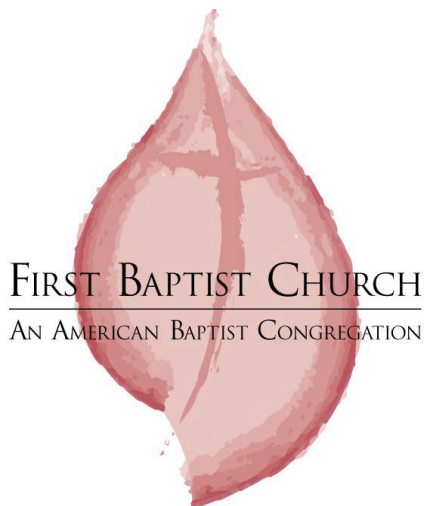




"Palm Sunday"
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
AN AMERICAN BAPTIST CONGREGATION

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
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MARCH 24, 2024
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.

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...the shadow of Good Friday transforms the light of Palm Sunday, for only with them both together do we learn that dignity is sustained with integrity; that the forces of false judgment and suspicion, servile fear and violence, are indeed to be named for what they are and to be resisted, even unto death...When Jesus entered Jerusalem lamenting its failure to understand the things that were for its peace, he did not thereby give up the struggle against the works of war. There is a time to stand before all the world in a word of truth – bearing witness to a life, a love, a dignity so great that neither death nor anything else will destroy it, or even render it silent.
—Margaret A. Farley

Gathering Music

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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“Hosannah!”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Cristina Adams

Choral Call to Worship

“Hosanna Processional”

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* Spoken Call to Worship

Rev. John Williams

Leader: This is no ordinary day...and it is the most ordinary of days—

People: the Messiah is in our midst!

Leader: Bring your whole self to welcome him!

People: We offer all we have and lay it at his feet, shouting Hosanna to the One who can save us.

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 175)

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

ST. THEODULPH

* Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you!

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

If able, please text or message someone from the congregation and share with them the sign of peace.

* Responding in Peace (CONGR 176, v. 1)

“With Waving Palms and Shouts of Praise”

FOREST GREEN

* Gospel Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Mark 11.1–11

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Children’s Sermon

Responding in Gratitude (CONGR 176, v. 2)

“With Waving Palms and Shouts of Praise”

FOREST GREEN

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Cristina Adams

Unison Discipline of Confession

Forgive us, O God, when we have decided the correct way for others to worship you. Forgive us, too, when we have decided the correct way for you to act in accordance with our desires, and so narrowed your love, your power, and your presence to fit you more neatly in our boxes. Have mercy on us, Lord. We ask in the name of Jesus, who disappoints our expectations in order to save us from them, setting us free to recognize your presence right in front of us.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Remember the words of Scripture where it says, “For Christ has entered...into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf...to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself.” All who repent and eagerly await him have the assurance that their sins are forgiven.

Morning Prayer and 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Responding in Prayer (CONGR 176, v. 3)

“With Waving Palms and Shouts of Praise”

FOREST GREEN

RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Moment for Mission

America for Christ

God at Work: What FBC Means to Me

Rev. John Williams

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

“Balm in Gilead”

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

(Those wishing to attend Children’s Church may leave now.)

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

* Gospel Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
Mark 14.3–9

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

** In-person worshippers are invited to stand as able*

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

* Hymn of Invitation, (CONGR 182)

“Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed”
AVON

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”
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TODAY IN WORSHIP

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Assoc. Pastor for Children, Youth, & Families: Rev. Cristina Adams
Liturgist: Rev. John Williams
Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson
Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen
Livestream Video Crew: Brenda Schenkel, Matthew Johnston • Sound: Brandon Gillette
YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Susan Pauls

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: St. Margaret's Episcopal Church
American Baptist Churches, USA: Executive Min. Rev. Mark Click, serving churches in Ohio
International Ministries Global Servants: Aaron & AmyEstelle Trout, global servants in southeast Asia

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