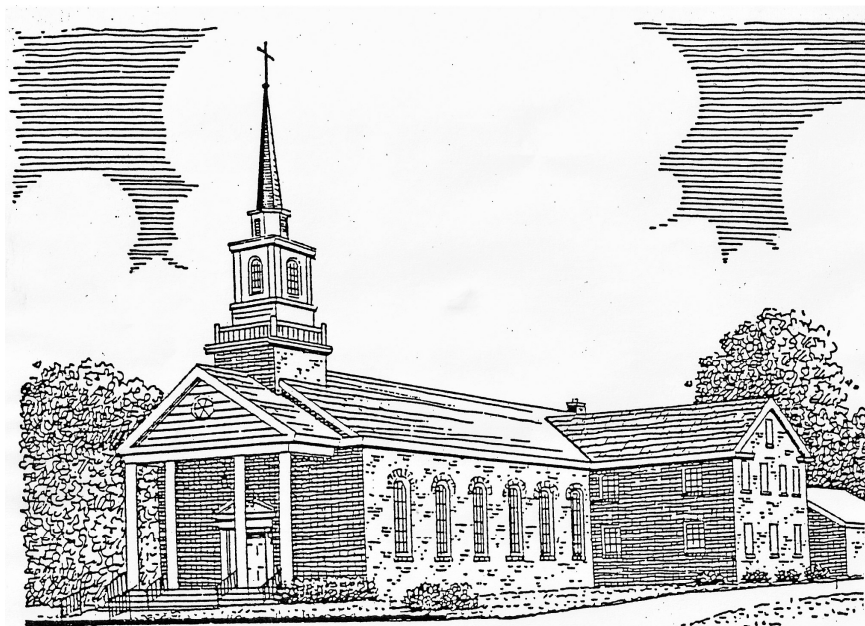


Poplar Springs Baptist Church



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Ware Shoals, S. C.

THE LORD'S DAY, APRIL 2, 2023
Palm Sunday

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Sunday School: 10:00 am
Worship: 11:00 am

CALL TO WORSHIP

THE STRIKING OF THE HOUR

MEDITATION AND PREPARATION

Prelude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 24:7-10

"Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty,

The Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O you gates!

Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts,

He is the King of glory. Selah"

Minister: Lift up your hearts unto the Lord!

Congregation: **We lift them up!**

HYMN

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Celebration Hymnal #12

CONFESSION OF SIN

THE LAW OF GOD

Mark 7:20-23

"And He said, 'What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a man.'"

Private Confession

Corporate Confession

Minister: We make this, our corporate confession, unto God:

***All:* Loving God, on this day, Your Son entered the rebellious city that later rejected Him: we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's. Our faith is often more show than substance. Our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at Your feet all we have and all we are, trusting You to forgive, to heal, and to receive us as Your own. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 53:1-5

"Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him. He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

Surely, He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;

Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed."

Minister: Your sins are forgiven through Christ.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

DOXOLOGY

Doxology

Celebration Hymnal #815

CONSECRATION

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

2 Kings 9:1-13

Matthew 21:1-11

Minister: May God bless the reading of His Word.

Congregation: **Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

PSALM

Psalms 51:12-19

Tune: DIX

Celebration Hymnal #793, "For the Beauty of the Earth"

**Give salvation's joy again,
And a willing mind sustain.
Then Thy perfect ways I'll show
That transgressors may them know;
They converted then shall be;
Sinners shall be turned to Thee.**

Free me from the guilt of blood,
God, of my salvation God;
Then with joy my tongue shall raise
Songs Thy righteousness to praise.
Open Thou my lips, O Lord;
Then my mouth shall praise accord.

Sacrifice Thou wilt not take,
Else would I the off'ring make.
Off'rings burnt bring no delight,
But a broken heart, contrite,
God's accepted sacrifice,
Thou, O God, wilt not despise.

Prosper Zion in Thy grace;
Salem's broken walls replace.
Then shall sacrifices right,
Whole burnt off'rings Thee delight;
So will men, their vows to pay,
Bullocks on Thine altar lay.

SERMON

The Church with the Open Door
Revelation 3:7-13

HYMN

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story
Celebration Hymnal #499

COMMISSIONING

BENEDICTION

Postlude

In the foyer, a plate is designated for tithes and offerings.

A Palm Sunday Meditation

By: Uri Brito

<http://kuyperian.com/a-palm-sunday-meditation/>

Matthew 21:8-9

Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

The Triumphal Entry is one of the few events in Jesus' life that is mentioned in all four gospels. This should call our attention to the significance placed on this event.

The Father sent His Son into the world that He might embrace the pain and suffering of humanity. On the cross, He took our sorrow to become The Man of Sorrows. Palm Sunday is another example of Christ coming for us. He comes as the One who cleanses the corruption of the temple, and who ultimately offers His own temple-body as a sacrifice.

In this text, Jesus comes to Jerusalem as the Paschal Lamb who will give His life to deliver His people. As He enters Jerusalem the response of the people is symbolically rich. Matthew 21 states that the crowd spread their garments on the road. In the Bible, garments represent people. When Jesus sits on their garments and rides over them, they are saying that Jesus is enthroned over them. Jesus is re-enacting the Jehu narrative when Jehu was anointed as King and destroyed the temple of Baal. In II Kings 9, we read that when Jehu was anointed King, that in haste every man of them took his garment and put it under him on the bare steps, and they blew the trumpet and proclaimed, "Jehu is king." Jesus arranged His entrance because He was symbolically declaring His kingship. He is the greater Jehu who rode over his followers' garments into Samaria to destroy the temple of Baal (II Kings 9:11-13; 10:18-28). The antithesis is clear: we either lay down our garments and bless the Son of David or we are trampled by the Coming King.

The King who destroys the temple of Baal and is exalted above all does not come bearing a sword into the Holy City. The time of judgment is not now; now is the time of suffering. Now is the time to act as King, and Kings give their lives for their people, and Jesus is coming to Jerusalem to give His life. Now Jesus comes in peace, to be reconciled with His enemies; but on that final day, He will judge His enemies.

Application:

The response of the crowd was initially one of joyful submission. How often do we display this joyful submission? How is this reflected today? Do we display a profound sense of joy as we submit in heart, mind, soul, and strength to the One who rides over us?

SERVICES

THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday School 10:00 AM
Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Evening Worship 7:00 PM
Children's Ministry 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM

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