

GILBERT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Glorify God
Plant seeds of Faith
Cultivate Disciples

ALL ARE
WELCOME!



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April 13, 2025
Palm/Passion Sunday

WELCOMING OF VISITORS AND

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Pastor George Prohaska

PRELUDE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

arr. Thomas
Susan Martinez

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Psalm 118)*

Liturgist–Betty Walford

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Leader: The Lord is God.

All: He has given us light.

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

All: His steadfast love endures forever.

***THE MORNING PRAYER**

Liturgist–Betty Walford

**Everlasting God, whose word silences the shouts of the mighty:
Quiet within us every voice but your own. Speak to us through
the suffering and death of Jesus Christ that by the power of your
Holy Spirit we may receive grace to show Christ’s love in lives
given to your service. Amen.**

***HYMN**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Hymn 196

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: In the book of Hebrews, we find these words: “Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,” and “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering.” With full assurance of God’s love, and unwavering hope, let us confess our sins to God.

People: Awesome and disturbing God, you breathed life into us and each day fill us with the power of your Spirit. We are filled with your courage and yet act with caution and timidity.

We know your intentions for justice yet keep silent too often or yield to the complexity of issues and do nothing. We are overwhelmed with your love yet are hesitant to mention your name to one another. We have been forgiven much, yet harbor old resentments, hold on to past hurts and turn away from reconciliation. Wonderful God, restore us to clear thinking, give us compassionate hearts, and lead us to bold actions. Let your forgiving love cleanse fear and timidity from us. Set us on your path with your wind at our backs.

Leader: Now in silence, let us continue our confession
(Time of silent prayer) Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: This is our blessed assurance: that Christ died for our sins and we have been raised to new life with him. Hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

*** RESPONSE**

Hymn 223 verse 1

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

***SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ancient Gates

arr. Loehrs & Wall

Special Guest Vocalists: Adrienne & Jordan Bennett

GOD'S WORD FOR OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are welcome in the front

Parents - livestream in progress (kids in front will be viewed online)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OGHS

Judy Walmsley

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE

Liturgist –Betty Walford

God of shining splendor, your voice makes the earth tremble in wonder. Overshadow us with your Spirit so that we may hear your Word and live as faithful disciples and covenant people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 31:9-16

Gospel Lesson: Luke 19:28-40

Pastor George Prohaska

SERMON

Stones

Pastor George Prohaska

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 the 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**

OFFERTORY

Hosanna

arr. Galbraith

Special Guest Vocalists: Adrienne & Jordan Bennett

***DOXOLOGY**

Hymn 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gracious God...we pray together the prayer Jesus taught saying:

****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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen***

HYMN

God of Our Life

Hymn 686

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor George Prohaska

POSTLUDE

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

arr. Shackley
Susan Martinez

***If you are able, please stand.**

Attendance last week: 135

April United Food Bank total: 170 pounds

Thank you to our Worship and Tech Teams, Susan Martinez, Gail Blackburn, Roy & Alex Martin, and Amy Johnston.

Thank you to those Serving today:

Liturgist: Betty Walford

Pianist/Organist: Susan Martinez

Music Director and Hymn Leader: Amy Johnston

Special Vocalists: Adrienne & Jordan Bennett

Ushers: Karen Gallagher, Sean Gallagher, Diane Howard

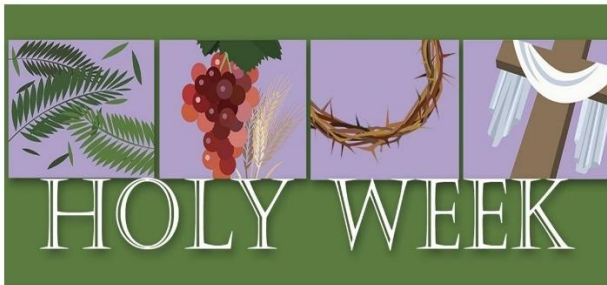
Happy Birthday this week to:

April 14: Marjorie Brown

Happy Anniversary this week to:

April 15: Lyn & Ginny Goodbar

Announcements



**April 17 - Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm
@ Mission del Sol**

1565 E Warner Rd, Tempe, AZ 85284

We come together with our sister churches Mission del Sol and University Presbyterian to share the Lord's Supper.

April 18 at 7:00 pm - Good Friday

We witness the tragedy of Jesus' suffering and death on the cross, where he gave his life for us and our salvation.

April 20 at 9:30 am - Easter Sunday

Christ is Risen, Alleluia! He is Risen, Indeed!



CHOIR REAHEARSAL – CHANGE OF DAY

Please make note, the Chancel Choir will hold rehearsal this Wednesday, April 16 at 7:00 pm at Mission del Sol in Tempe.

PLEASE NOTE: MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE – APRIL 17

We will join our sister churches (University Presbyterian & Mission del Sol) **at Mission del Sol, 1565 E Warner Rd, Tempe, AZ 85284** for our Maundy Thursday Service beginning at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

We will continue our study of some Psalms, there is no study guide on Thursday, April 10 @ 4:00 pm in Room 7 of the Palmer Center. All are welcome!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S GROUP

PW will be meeting this Saturday, April 19 at 10:00 am in the Palmer Center. All are welcome!

GPC General Information

FIRST TIME GUESTS - Welcome to our first-time visitors. A packet of information about our church is available in the entryway or from an usher. We're glad you're here!

OFFERINGS/DONATIONS – You may donate to Gilbert Presbyterian by going to <https://www.azgpc.org/giving-options.html>. Thank you for your support.

REMINDER – Please silence all phones/electronic devices. Thank you.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – We meet in Room 7 at 11:00 am each Sunday. All are welcome!

SUNDAY VIDEO STUDY

Join us as we continue a video series narrated by Max Lucado! ***In the Footsteps of the Savior – Following Jesus Though the Holy Land.*** We will “walk” where Jesus walked and ponder the promises he made. Join us for faith, fellowship, discussions, and fun each Sunday following worship in Room 6 of the Palmer Center.

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? - If you're thinking about joining Gilbert Presbyterian Church, PC(USA), or would like a refresher course on what being a Presbyterian Christian means, please call the church office at 480-892-6753 to let us know of your interest.

NURSERY CARE - Nursery care is available in the Palmer Center for Nursery/Toddler care thru 5 years old with our Nursery Attendant Britney Blackburn.

FELLOWSHIP TIME - We invite everyone to join us following our worship service this morning for a time of refreshments and fellowship in the Palmer Center.

THIS WEEK AT GPC

Sunday, April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

9:30 am – Online & In Person Worship Service

10:30 am – Coffee Time in the Palmer Center

11:00 am – Adult Sunday School meets in Room 7

11:00 am – Video Sunday School meets in Room 6

1:00 pm – Revival Presbyterian Church Service

Monday, April 14

7:00 pm – Deacons Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 15

8:00 am – Men's Breakfast

Wednesday, April 16

7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 17

Maundy Thursday

4:00 pm – Midweek Bible Study

7:00 pm – **Maundy Thursday Service @ Mission del So**

Friday, April 18

7:00 pm – Good Friday Service @ GPC

Saturday, April 19

10:00 am – Presbyterian Women's Meeting

Sunday, April 20

Easter Sunday!

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HYMN INSERTS

JESUS CHRIST: PASSION AND DEATH

All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 223

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The treble staff contains the vocal melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment.

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has the vocal line and the bass staff has the accompaniment. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

The third system concludes the piece. The treble staff ends with a double bar line and repeat sign. The bass staff continues with a few more notes before also ending with a double bar line.

This familiar text from the beginning of the 18th century grew out of Isaac Watts's desire to give Christians the ability to sing about gospel events. It is set here to a very restrained tune from the early 19th century inspired by the patterns of Gregorian chant.

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures

here be-low; praise *him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH
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God of Our Life

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1 God of our life, through all the cir-cling years, we trust in thee.
 2 God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us a - bide.
 3 God of the com - ing years, through paths un-known we fol-low thee.

In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.
 Lead us by faith to hope's true prom-ised land. Be thou our guide.
 When we are strong, Lord, leave us not a - lone. Our ref-uge be.

With each new day, when morn - ing lifts the veil,
 With thee to bless, the dark - ness shines as light,
 Be thou for us in life our dai - ly bread,

we own thy mer - cies, Lord, which nev - er fail.
 and faith's fair vi - sion chang - es in - to sight.
 our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

This text was created for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by its pastor. He wrote these words especially for this tune, originally composed for John Henry Newman's text "Lead, Kindly Light."

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 31:9-16 – Betty Walford

⁹ Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;
my eye wastes away from grief,
my soul and body also.

¹⁰ For my life is spent with sorrow,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my misery,
and my bones waste away.

¹¹ I am the scorn of all my adversaries,
a horror to my neighbors,
an object of dread to my acquaintances;
those who see me in the street flee from me.

¹² I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel.

¹³ For I hear the whispering of many—
terror all around!—
as they scheme together against me,
as they plot to take my life.

¹⁴ But I trust in you, O Lord;
I say, ‘You are my God.’

¹⁵ My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.

“THIS ENDS THE READING OF OUR FIRST SCRIPTURE”

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.
²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, “Why are you untying it?” just say this: “The Lord needs it.”’ ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, ‘Why are you untying the colt?’ ³⁴ They said, ‘The Lord needs it.’ ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

‘Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!’

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, order your disciples to stop.’ ⁴⁰ He answered, ‘I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.’