**Montoursville Presbyterian Church**

900 Elm Street, Montoursville, PA

March 25, 2018 8:15am & 10:45am

**Morning Worship**

**Palm Sunday**



**God’s People Gather**

*Please observe prayerful silence when the prelude begins.*

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE “Jerusalem” *Henry Parker*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE/CHORAL INTROIT (10:45)

**We Praise the Lord**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O Daughter of Jerusalem!

**P: Lo, your King comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,**

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

**P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

\*Hymn of Praise: (red) 282 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, in Jesus Christ, You entered Jerusalem to die for our sins. We confess that we have not hailed You as King, or gone before You in the world with praise. Our zeal for you fades in an instant. Though made in Your image, we try to make You a God in our image. Forgive us all our sins, O God, and give us such trust in Your power that we may live for You and tell of Your loving-kindness; for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.**  *(Silent Confession)*

Assurance of Pardon

\*Response of Praise: 579 “Gloria Patri”

Passing the Peace

L: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

**Hear God’s Word**

CHILDREN’S LESSON Distribution of Palms

“The Palms” (see insert)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE PROPHET: Zechariah 9:9-16 (pg. 953/1451)

SPECIAL MUSIC (8:15)

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure” *Debbie Keller*

CHORAL ANTHEM (10:45) “Hosanna”  *Chancel Choir*

THE PROPHET: John 12:12-19 (pg. 1078/1637)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON The Whole World *Rev. David C. Smith*

\*Hymn of Response: 89 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from the Theological Declaration of Barmen, 1934)

**Jesus Christ, as He is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear, and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is He also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. The Church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead.**

**The Disciples Give Thanks**

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: “Hosanna!” *Noel Benson*

\*Doxology: 592 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

\*Prayer of Dedication

THE SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS *Tammy Schlachter*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE The Lord’s Prayer (pg. 16)

**We Go Forth to Serve**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*Hymn of Sending: 101 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Open the Gates of the Temple” *Knapp-Wilson*

\*Please stand, if able

**Worship Leaders** Pastor: *Rev. David C. Smith*

Greeters & Ushers: (8:15) *Bill & Ocie Hoffman*

Greeters*:* (10:45)  *Prindle family*

Ushers: *G. Casella Jr, D. Casella, J. Bergen, D. Konkle*

Liturgist: (8:15) *Carl Fulton*  (10:45) *Nancy Butler*

Organist: *Debbie Keller*

Choir Director: *Amy Peck*

**This Week at MPC**

**Sunday, March 25th**

8:15am Worship Service (S)

9:30am Breakfast/Easter Egg Hunt (FH)

10:45am Worship Service (S)

5:30 FISH Youth Group (MCEC)

**Monday, March 26th** *(Food Pantry/Shep. of the Sts. Delivery)*

8:30am Prayer Group (MCEC)

10:15-Noon Yoga (FH)

**Tuesday, March 27th** *(bulletin announcements due)*

6:30pm-8:00pm Circle 2 (FH)

**Wednesday, March 28th**

**Thursday, March 29th Maundy Thursday**

7:00pm Worship Service (S)

7:45 Choir Practice

**Friday, March 30th** Office Closed

10:15-Noon Yoga Class (FH)

**Saturday, March 31st**

6:00pm-midnight Prayer Vigil (S)

**Sunday, April 1st Easter Sunday**

6:30am Sunrise Service

8:15am Worship Service (S)

9:30am Sunday School (C)

10:45am Worship Service (S)

S – Sanctuary C – Classroom FH – Fellowship Hall N – Nursery

MCEC – Mendenhall

Last Week’s Attendance: 8:15 am – 36 10:45am - 86

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**Announcements for the week of March 25, 2018**

Welcome to the Montoursville Presbyterian Church

Visitors: Please complete a Visitor Card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. If you are looking for a church home or membership, please see the Pastor, an Usher, or call the office.

**To assist with your worship experience, we offer:**

**Personal hearing devices** – please see an Usher

**Pew cushions** – stored above the coat racks in the Narthex

**Large print hymnals** – in the Narthex

**Handicap/family restroom** – off the far end of Fellowship Hall

**Worship bags for children** – in a basket in the Narthex

**Nursery care** for children ages up to 5 years old

**Staff:** Deb Rupert, Dorothy Casella and Gaetan Casella

**Maundy Thursday and Easter,** we will celebrate the **Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.** If you know anyone homebound or not able to attend and would like to receive communion, please see the pastor or contact the office.

**Prayer Vigil**  There will be a Prayer Vigil from 6:00pm until midnight on Saturday, March 31st. The time slots are 30 minutes. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Please sign-up if you would like to participate in this vigil.

**FISH Calendar**

**TONIGHT** - Glow in the dark egg hunt.  Bring a flashlight. We will be doing an old-fashioned pot luck for dinner so bring your favorite dish to share - bonus points if you made it yourself!  Meet at the MCEC at 5:30 pm.

**April 1** - Christ is Risen!  Hallelujah!

Enjoy the day with your family.

**April 8** - Movie Night at the MCEC.  Come enjoy pizza, popcorn, and a movie at 5:30pm.

**THANK YOU** to all those who supported the Baked Steak Dinner in any way!  There were no less than 70 volunteers.  We worked together and overcame the expected glitches that invariably occur.  Nearly 600 dinners were served.  No one went away hungry.  And we raised just over $2,700 in support of the Vacation Bible School Day Camp. That spells success!  So once again, Thanks to all who sold and served and bought and ate!

**Ushers & Greeters for April 1st and April 8th**

(8:15am) Ushers and Greeters: *Doc & Kay Shearer*

**Ushers & Greeters for April 15th, April 22nd, and April 29th**

(8:15am) Ushers and Greeters: *Joe Lapinski & Carl Fulton*

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(10:45am) Greeters: *Neil & Donna Bixler*

Ushers: *S. Means, G. Dunkleberger, J. LeCrone, D. Shearer*

**Ushers & Greeters for April 22nd and April 29th**

(10:45am) Greeters: *Jim & Nancy Bergen*

Ushers: *B.Messersmith, R. Gilbert, K.Klepper, S. Mathias*

**Prayer List**

**Illness, recovery and support:** Florene Arbogast, Bill Armstrong, Tom Bailey, Harriett Bernier, Doug Bird, Nancy Bradley, Sandie Bradley, Nancy Butler, Callie Cavanaugh, Mary Christie, Saundra Cillo, Larry Cosentine, Marge Danley, Dekker family, Eric Dawnkaski, Jerry Dunham, Larry Emery, Ellie English, Danny Fagnano, LuAnn Firth, Janine Fisher, Bob Folmar, Jeff Fowler, Tim Garman, Ryder Getchis, Trista Hackenberg, Donna Hall, Winifred Hess, Tom Hoy, Kathleen Keller, Liese Kimble, Rob Kline, Gary Koons, Myra Kovalak, Marcy Kremser, Natalie Mathias, Jim Maule, Anthony and Trent Mazzullo, Gordon McCarty, Patty McGinniss, Charlotte Anne Merres and family, Clayton Merrill, Jim Mexdorf, Joe Mifsud, Eva Moser, Evelyn Joy Mowery, Kara Mowery Herr, Kathleen O’Brien, Wayne Packard, Colin Prael, Joshua and Henry Reinsburrow, Olivia Rogers, Ethel “EJ” Ruddy, Frances Rush, Steve Rush, Roberta Shadle, Bob and Doris Shandry, Jim and Shirley Shaner, Jim Swan, Michele Terpolilli, Dawn Thompson, Newell Thompson, Stella Walmer, Virginia Wentzler, Cheri Will, Chris Williams, Marieva Williams

**Travel:**  Winnie and Erin Kremser traveling to Thailand

**Thanks:** From Mary Ann Merrill for the cards and calls

**Military:** Duane (DJ) Burleigh, Ryan Burns, Joe Cardone,

Maj. Brady Cillo, Jessie Confer, Capt. Calvin Farrell, Maj. Laurie Fontaine, Caleb Frantz, Julia Glosek, Ben Hepburn, Ethan Jones, Dani Kline, Sgt. J. Patrick Lawracy, Specialist Eric Littlefield, Jeremy Loveland, David McCollin, Marissa Patterson, Paul Wenner, Jason Yurek, All military families

**Others:** Nthemba Church (Sister church in Africa), Missing pastors in Malaysia, Ministries of MPC, Peace in the World, Camp Krislund



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**$10.00 each - 6” pots**

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**Thank you.**

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 **The Palms**

O’er all the way green palms and blossoms gay

Are strewn this day in festal preparation,

Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away;

E’en now the throng to welcome him prepare.

His word goes forth, and peoples by its might

Freedom regain once more from degradation;

Humanity doth give to each his right

While those in darkness are restored to light.

CHORUS

Join all and sing his name declare;

Let ev’ry voice resound with joyous acclamation!

Praise ye the Lord, Hosanna!

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