

## To Our Visitors, Welcome!

To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are idle and look for service; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whosoever will come – this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of Jesus her Lord.

We are delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning, and we invite you to join us for fellowship, coffee, and cookies after the service in the parlor.

Children are welcomed and encouraged to remain in the worship service, however a nursery is available for infants and pre-school-aged children. Ask anyone with a nametag for directions. Denim activity bags are available in the Narthex for children to use during the service.

## Announcements

Plan to join us for our  
**Maudy Thursday Service on March 24th at 7:00 P.M.**  
**Good Friday Service on March 25th at 7:00 P.M.**

and for our  
**Easter Sunday Service**  
**March 27th at 11:00 A.M.**  
 Then we'll gather  
 in the Parlor afterward  
 for sweet fellowship and our  
 traditional **Resurrection Rolls**



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## Prayer Concerns

- ✠ Phyllis Karns; Elizabeth Specht; Eli & Lola Dobson, children of Dominique Hennagin Dobson; Brian Hennagin; the Fry family
- ✠ For our country and all her officers, our state and all her officers, and our local community and all her officers.
- ✠ For all military men and women and their families, including Brian Barksdale, and especially for those serving in dangerous positions
- ✠ For the EPC Presbytery of the West, specifically for Rev. Bob Beltz and the congregation of Highline Community Church in Centennial, CO; our elders, deacons, vision team, and prayer team
- ✠ For Christians suffering persecution in Pakistan

## Upcoming Events for the week of March 20-27

### TODAY

9:15 Sunday School  
 11:00 A.M. Worship/Fellowship

### Monday 21<sup>st</sup>

6:15 P.M. Deacons  
 7:00 P.M. Session

### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

9:00 A.M., 7:00 P.M. Romans Study  
 4:15 P.M., 6:15 P.M. Companions  
 in Christ

### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

7 P.M. Choir

### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>

7 P.M. Maudy Thursday Service

### Friday 25<sup>th</sup>

7 P.M. Good Friday Service

### Next Sunday Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>

### Easter Sunday

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### **Next Sunday:**

**NT Text:** 1 Corinthians 5:1-11  
**Sermon:** "Christ is Risen,  
 He is Risen Indeed!"

# First Presbyterian Church (EPC) March 20, 2016 Palm Sunday



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# Order for the Worship of God

March 20, 2016

Palm Sunday

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## \*Invocation

### Passing of the Peace

Leader: Grace and peace to you.

**People: And also to you.**

\*Opening Hymn Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #53

\*Call to Worship (from Psalm 24:7-10)

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

**People: Who is this King of glory?**

Leader: The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

**People: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

Leader: Who is he, this King of glory?

**People: The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory! Let us worship him.**

\*Hymn *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* #521

## Psalter

Psalm 24

Pew Bible [Blue] p. 458, [Red] p. 582

*Reading alternate verses*

Prayer of Confession (in unison) (from Proverbs 28:13)

**Your word tells us that those who conceal their sins do not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy. O Lord, we do indeed confess that we have sinned against you. We lay our sins before you; we lay all our sin before you. We not only confess our sins, but we renounce them. Now Lord, shower us with your mercy through the blood of your son and our savior Jesus Christ.**

~ Silent confession ~ **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (responsively)

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**All: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Thanks be to God!**

## \*Gloria Patri

#735

Anthem *Rejoice and Sing, "Hosanna to the King!"* Lloyd Larson

## Prayer for Illumination

## Old Testament Text

Isaiah 43:22-28

Pew Bible [Blue] p. 604, [Red] p. 768

## New Testament Text

Luke 5:17-26

Pew Bible [Blue] p. 861, [Red] p. 1095

Sermon *Called to Broadcast the Offense* Mark Tippin

\*Hymn *Nothing but the Blood* #307

## Prayers of the People

Thanksgiving

Intercession

For the Church

For the Ministry

For the Nation

For all People

The Lord's Prayer (inside hymnal cover)

## Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory

\*Doxology #731

\*Confession of Faith *Westminster Confession 1.6*

**The whole purpose of God about everything pertaining to his own glory and to man's salvation, faith, and life is either explicitly stated in the Bible or may be deduced as inevitably and logically following from it. Nothing is at any time to be added to the Bible, either from new revelations of the Spirit or from traditions of men. Nevertheless we do recognize that the inward illumination of the Spirit of God is necessary for a saving understanding of the things which are revealed in the word. We also recognize that some provisions for the worship of God and the government of the church are similar to secular activities and organizations; these are to be directed according to our natural understanding and our Christian discretion and should conform to the general rules of the word, which are always to be observed.**

\*Hymn *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* #235

## \*Benediction

## \*Postlude

**\*Please stand if you are able**

## Participants in Today's Service

Pastor	Mark Tippin
Choirmaster	Zach Vreeman
Organist	Marilyn Fry
Liturgist	Henry Groenenberg
Head Usher	Leith Culver
Greeter	Jenny Tippin
Nursery	Mike Fankhauser, Lexie Tippin

## Information

- ✚ Please call the church office (237-9509) ...  
If you or a member of your family would like a visit while recuperating in the hospital or at home.  
If you have a prayer concern.
- ✚ Session requests that each member pay an EPC Annual Asking Amount of \$48 for 2016 (above and beyond your pledge)

## Our Mission Statement

Out of humble gratitude for the free and undeserved gift of grace we have received through Christ, the mission of First Presbyterian Church (EPC) is:

**To proclaim, with boldness, God's glory, truth, and love revealed to us in his Word through the Holy Spirit. We seek to worship Him with our entire lives, being continually reformed to Scripture, our only guide in faith and practice.**

## Minute for Mission

We congratulate the Central Wyoming Rescue Mission on two outstanding recent milestones:

First, they have received accreditation by the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability, a nationally recognized ministry committed to helping Christian organizations and churches implement the highest standards of financial stewardship and integrity.

Second, the non-profit has been officially certified as a quality Rescue Mission in programs, development, and administration by the Association of some 300 Gospel Rescue Missions across North America. In addition, CWRM achieved an "Excellence" rating, the highest ranking of AGRM certification!

It is a blessing to be a partner with CWRM as we reach out to the homeless men, women and children in Central Wyoming...and beyond.