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THE PALM SUNDAY PLOT



WORSHIP GUIDE - APRIL 09, 2017

# THE WEEKLY WORD

*A Grand Entry Indeed*

by Pastor C. Chappell Temple



If it had been the President of the United States that day, there would have been a motorcade, of course, with police on motorcycles, men running along beside, and several follow cars filled with Secret Service agents and other top aides. Likewise, even a rock star of any magnitude would have showed up in a stretch limo, ready to rock the red carpet when they stepped out.

When Jesus arrived in Jerusalem that day, however, it was on the back of a lowly donkey, and one that was borrowed for the occasion at that, all to simply present himself to the city as the very one whom the prophets had spoken of long before.

The Romans, of course, didn't get it, for few of them had ever read Zechariah, and even fewer would have picked up on the symbolism of Jesus riding down from the Mount of Olives to what was the official city limits of Jerusalem at Bethpage. They might have understood that the palm branches were a symbol of Jewish nationalism, for later on they minted a coin showing a Hebrew captive under a palm tree to commemorate their destruction of Israel in AD 70.

But I have a feeling that they still didn't pay much attention to all those who spread those branches on the road in front of Jesus, making a green carpet rather than a red one. For who could ever have imagined that a simple peasant from Galilee was not only the real king of the Jews, but the Lord of all the earth, including Gentiles as well?

This morning we celebrate that Triumphal Entry and you are invited to not only pick up a palm branch but to wave it rather heartily as we sing the praises of the One who rode into Jerusalem that day long ago. Then take it home as a reminder that this week is unlike any other of the year, for each Palm Sunday begins a journey that leads to our salvation.

Just don't expect to see any donkeys, borrowed or otherwise, in the processional today. I'm pretty sure that the trustees would never allow it in the Sanctuary!

## Looking for a church home?

All are warmly welcomed at Christ Church. We invite you to stop by our "I'm New Here" table downstairs in the Gathering Hall where you can find out more about our congregation. First time guests can also pick up a special welcome gift there. If you would like to join the Christ Church family today, you may do so either by professing your faith in Jesus Christ, or by transferring your membership from another Christian congregation. Simply fill out a new member card which may be found in the Sanctuary pew racks and bring it with you as you come to the front to meet the pastors during the closing music at any of our services. If you have not yet been baptized, we will be happy to recognize your decision today as well as arrange for a convenient time to talk with you about the meaning of that sacrament before scheduling it for one of our upcoming worship services. For more information about our programs, staff and beliefs, please visit our website at [www.christchurchsl.org](http://www.christchurchsl.org).

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE \*All morning services are held in the Sanctuary.

FIRST LIGHT (Simple) - 8:15 - 9:05 am

CORNERSTONE (Contemporary) - 9:30 - 10:40 am

FESTIVAL (Traditional) - 10:55 am - 12 pm

### STUDENT WORSHIP

Sunday evenings from 5 - 7 pm in the FLC Gym.

Dinner served at 5 pm (\$2).

Our Bride's Room, located just to the right of the Sanctuary, is open during all services for the use of parents with young children, with worship streamed live into the room.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

## TODAY'S FOCUS

APRIL 9	APRIL 13	APRIL 14	APRIL 16
<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 8:15, 9:30, 10:55 AM  <b>MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES WITH PALM PARADES</b>	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 7 PM  <b>AN UPPER ROOM EXPERIENCE</b> Come join us in the Family Life Center for an interactive time of sharing communion at tables, and an hands-on encounter in the Upper Room designed for those of all ages.	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 7 PM  <b>TENEBRAE SERVICE OF SHADOWS</b> <i>The Last Day</i>   Mark 15 Pastor Chappell Temple, preaching	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>  <b>7 AM   SUNRISE</b> Informal worship celebration led by our youth on the front steps of the Sanctuary.  <b>8 AM   TRADITIONAL</b> Traditional worship celebration with our concert choir & brass in the Sanctuary.  <b>9:30 AM   CONTEMPORARY</b> Contemporary celebration with our praise band in the Sanctuary.  <b>11 AM   TRADITIONAL</b> Traditional worship celebration with our concert choir & brass in the Sanctuary.



## TONIGHT • 5 PM • SANCTUARY

### TICKETS:

#### SUNDAY MORNING SPECIAL: \$10

Gathering Hall & Online until 2 pm  
at [christchurchsl.org/concerts](http://christchurchsl.org/concerts)

#### AT THE DOOR: \$20

Join us tonight for Palm Sunday worship with award winning Christian music band Shane and Shane.



**THE PRELUDE & ALTAR PRAYER TIME**

Cantate  
*Hosanna, Praise the Lord* G.F. Handel

**MORNING CHIMES**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Lift up your heads, you ancient gates.  
People: **That the King of Glory may come in.**  
Leader: Who is this king of glory?  
People: **The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord of Hosts!**  
**Hosanna in the highest!**

**\*OPENING SONG**

*Hosanna (Praise is Rising)*  
Holy Spirit

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*All are invited to lift aloud a brief prayer concern or joy,  
after which the pastor will say, "Lord, in your mercy,"  
and the congregation will respond, "Hear our prayers."*

**COMMUNITY MOMENTS**

**THE OFFERTORY**

Cantate  
*Praise the Lord our God Forever* W.A. Mozart

**Sharing of our Presence, Tithes, and Offerings**

*Please sign the registration book at the end of the pew and pass it to your neighbor.*

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

**\*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Mark 11:1-11  
*The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God!***

**LENTEN SERIES: Mark These Words**

**THE MORNING MESSAGE**

*"The Palm Sunday Plot"*  
Pastor Mike Whang

**THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (said by all)**

**SHARING AND PRAYERS FOR HEALING AT THE LORD'S TABLE**

*Following The United Methodist tradition, our table is open to all this day, irrespective of age  
or church membership. You may stand or kneel at any place along the altar rail to receive the  
bread which may then be dipped within the chalice. Gluten-free elements are available on  
the left side of the altar.*

**INVITATION TO FOLLOW CHRIST**

**\*CLOSING SONG**

*The Wonderful Cross*

**THE BENEDICTION**



*Welcome to worship this morning. After the children's lesson, our children may follow the Children's Cross down the center aisle to meet their Sunday School teachers in the Narthex and walk to their classrooms together. Parents are always welcome to walk with their children, returning for worship afterwards. Children's activity packets are available at the tree on the landing for those children who remain in worship today.*

**OPENING SONG**

**COMMUNITY MOMENTS**

**CHILDREN'S LESSON**

**A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP**

**SONGS OF WORSHIP**

Shane & Shane

**OFFERING SONG**

*During the offering, please sign the registration book at the end of the pew, passing it to your neighbor.*

**THE WORD FOR TODAY**

Mark 11:1-11

**LENTEN SERIES: *Mark These Words***  
**THE MESSAGE FOR TODAY**

"The Palm Sunday Plot"

Pastor C. Chappell Temple

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE**

*If you would like to join Christ Church this morning, please complete a card in the pew and bring it forward during the closing song.*

**CLOSING SONG**

Shane & Shane

**BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

*A special thanks to our guest worship leaders Shane and Shane. Make sure to come back for more worship tonight at 5 pm.*



Welcome to worship this morning! Children age 3 years - 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend our Children's Church in the Chapel during this hour. Children's activity packets are also available at the tree on the landing for those children who remain with their families in worship today.

**THE PRELUDE**

Shane & Shane

**INTROIT**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 280/278** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor  
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

ST. THEODULPH  
ELLACOMBE

**\*PRAYER FOR PALM SUNDAY 281**

**\*FELLOWSHIP & COMMUNITY MOMENTS**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Zechariah 9:9-16  
The Word of God for the People of God. *Thanks be to God!*

**ANTHEM** *Hosanna* by Michael W. Smith  
*Refrain:* Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna.  
King of Israel, welcome to our hearts, here to reign in righteousness. Oh Ruler of the world,  
Ruler of our hearts, now ascend your throne. You are the King of Kings, Hosanna! *Refrain*  
To Jerusalem, to the sons of man, riding on in gentle strength. Oh come to save your own, come  
to give your life, the Kingdom is at hand. You are the King of Kings, Hosanna! *Refrain*  
King of Israel, welcome to our hearts, here to reign in righteousness.  
Oh Ruler of the world, Ruler of our hearts, now ascend your throne.  
You are the King of Kings, Hosanna! *Refrain*

**THE MORNING PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER (said by all)**

**CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE (sung by all)**  
*In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,  
til my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

**SHARING OF OUR PRESENCE & GIFTS**

*Please sign the registration book at the end of the pew and pass it to your neighbor.*

**OFFERTORY**  
*Here Comes the Son*

Beth McConnell  
arr. John Bayless

**\*THE DOXOLOGY 298 (sung by all)**  
*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* HAMBURG  
***Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.***

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Shane & Shane

**\*THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:** Mark 11:1-11  
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**LENTEN SERIES: Mark These Words**  
**THE SERMON:** "The Palm Sunday Plot" Pastor C. Chappell Temple

**AN INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

**\*CLOSING HYMN 301** *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* NEAR THE CROSS  
*Our Prayer Partners are available at the altar to pray with anyone desiring to do so.*

**\*THE BENEDICTION**



\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 415 *Take Up Thy Cross* GERMANY
"Take up thy cross," the Savior said, "if thou wouldst my disciple be; deny thyself, the world forsake, and humbly follow after me."

Please be seated as the cross passes by you in the aisle and remain seated for the Postlude.

THE POSTLUDE Beth McConnell
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna arr. Anne Krentz Organ

\* Please stand as you are comfortable.

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Pastors: Dr. C. Chappell Temple, Dan Conway, Michelle Hall, Mike Whang

Director of Music Ministries Lahonda Sharp

Director of Church Operations Roland Huysman

Today's Acolytes: Jack Greene, Gavin Harris

Director of Contemporary Worship GT Mangum

Office/Support Staff Debbie Meier, Benita Sebesta, Sandy White, Cheryl Johnson, Norma Pharr

Lay Reader: Karen Sherlock

Organist/Accompanist Beth McConnell

Facilities Staff Ray Singleton, Michael Swayzer, Carl Dotson

Communications and Audio/Visual Helen Lavie, Oliver Carlock, BJ Figat

Children & Family Ministries Kate Flint, Kim Ripley

Christ Church School Beth Carter, Becky Neese

Student Ministries Todd Harris, Sabrina Salisbury

Our Seminarians Kate Flint, Karen Sherlock

L.I.F.E. (Senior Adult) Ministries Jan Randolph

All one dollar bills given in the offering will be used to help others in our community and beyond.

Missions Director Renee Teel

THE WORD MADE FRESH

LENTE SERMON SERIES Mark these Words

APR 13 MAUNDY THURSDAY - 7 PM AN UPPER ROOM EXPERIENCE Pastor Dan Conway offering devotional.

APR 14 GOOD FRIDAY - 7 PM TENBRAE SERVICE OF SHADOWS THE LAST DAY | MARK 15 Pastor Chappell Temple preaching.

EASTER SUNDAY UNFINISHED BUSINESS | MARK 11:1-11 Pastor Mike Whang preaching at 7 am Sunrise service. Pastor Michelle Hall preaching at 8 am Traditional service. Pastor Chappell Temple preaching at 9:30 am Contemporary and 11 am Traditional services.

NEW TO TIMOTHY... LETTERS FROM A MENTOR SERMON SERIES

Everyone needs one sooner or later in life...a mentor who can help guide you into the places you want to go, but need a little help in getting there. And that was certainly the case with a young preacher long ago named Timothy. So what did his mentor, the apostle Paul, have to say to him in the two letters that bear his name? And is there something we can learn as well in overhearing Paul's words?

APR 23 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY FOR OUR 2017 YOUTH - 10:55 AM A WORD TO THE YOUNG | 1 TIMOTHY 4:11-16 Pastor Mike Whang preaching at 8:15 and 9:30 am services. Pastor Chappell Temple preaching at 10:55 am service.

## CHILDREN & FAMILY [WWW.CHRISTCHURCHSL.ORG/CHILDREN](http://WWW.CHRISTCHURCHSL.ORG/CHILDREN)



**SIGN UP FOR OUR CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMPS**  
We have Vacation Bible School, Music Camps, aSports Camps, Cooking Classes, and more available for all different ages this summer. Register online today at [christchurchsl.org/children](http://christchurchsl.org/children).

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY INTERN

Creative? Organized? Love Kids? Studying for a career in ministry or education? We are searching for our 2017 Children's Ministry Intern! Interested candidates may send resume and letter of intent to Kate Flint at [kateF@christchurchsl.org](mailto:kateF@christchurchsl.org).

### CHRIST KIDS CREATE SUNDAYS, 5-6:30 PM

Come join Christ Kids Create as the kids write, produce, and star in their own Circus Show! Join us for music, juggling, drama, set design and more as we learn about how God catches us when we fall! Kate Flint at [kateF@christchurchsl.org](mailto:kateF@christchurchsl.org).

## ADULTS [WWW.CHRISTCHURCHSL.ORG/ADULTS](http://WWW.CHRISTCHURCHSL.ORG/ADULTS)



**THE GOOD LIFE LUNCHEON**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 20 • 11:30 AM-1 PM**  
We continue to be Easter people after Easter Sunday. Join us for The Good LIFE Luncheon for the opportunity to extend the exhilaration of Easter. After the meal at 11:30 am, Mary Margaret Mann, a local actress, will present a one-woman character portrayal, "Mary Magdalene," shining new light on this familiar follower of Jesus. Register by April 18 with Jan Randolph at [281.690.4773](tel:281.690.4773) or [janr@christchurchsl.org](mailto:janr@christchurchsl.org). The cost of the meal is \$7.

### BRING YOUR BRAIN TO LIFE

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12 • 1:30-4 PM**

This event is designed to help participants develop a brain-boosting life style. We will learn about, and engage in, a variety of entertaining methods to enhance brain fitness. Come join the fun and Bring Your Brain to LIFE! Pre-register at [janr@christchurchsl.org](mailto:janr@christchurchsl.org) or [281.690.4773](tel:281.690.4773).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## STUDENTS [WWW.CHRISTCHURCHSL.ORG/STUDENTS](http://WWW.CHRISTCHURCHSL.ORG/STUDENTS)



**CLASS GRADUATION SUNDAY**  
**OF 2017**  
**MAY 21**  
**WE WANT TO HONOR ALL OF THE CLASS OF 2017.**  
**IF YOU ARE GRADUATING, LET US KNOW BY MAY 7 SO WE CAN HONOR YOU.**

### SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH

Join us tonight at 5 pm at the concert. All youth get in free!

## SERVE [WWW.CHRISTCHURCHSL.ORG/SERVE](http://WWW.CHRISTCHURCHSL.ORG/SERVE)

### HOME PROJECT

**MAY 6 • REGISTER AT [WWW.UMHOMEPROJECT.ORG](http://WWW.UMHOMEPROJECT.ORG) OR IN THE GATHERING HALL TODAY**

Join over 200 volunteers (ages 12+) from surrounding Methodist churches for this annual home repair project that has repaired over 350 homes for the elderly and our financially challenged neighbors every year since 1994. Come join us as we follow in the footsteps of the "Great Carpenter" in East Fort Bend County. No repair experience is necessary! Contact Mark Pharr [281.980.7744](tel:281.980.7744) or Tom Brune [281.265.6277](tel:281.265.6277) for more details.



### RESCUE HOUSTON PHONE BANK - UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

**APRIL 12 • 9:30-11:30 AM • ST. PETER'S UMC • 20775 KINGSLAND BOULEVARD, KATY, TX 77450**

Our UMW will go to learn more about what it will take to start a Rescue Houston phone bank here at Christ Church to help fight human trafficking. Teams gather to research, pray and call those actively traded online in the Greater Houston area. If you feel called to take action to fight this modern-day form of slavery and join our UMW in this front-line fight, please email Pam Bluestein at [psbluestein@hotmail.com](mailto:psbluestein@hotmail.com).

### FAMILY PROMISE

**APRIL 23-30 • FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

Do you like to help? Christ Church will be a Temporary Home for some families in crisis situations through the Family Promise program. If you can help by preparing rooms, providing supplies, serving as an Overnight Host, providing a simple meal, washing linens, serving as a Dinner Host or more, please contact Kira Halcarz at [kira.halcarz@gmail.com](mailto:kira.halcarz@gmail.com) or [281.343.1569](tel:281.343.1569). Thank you for volunteering your service.



## EASTER LILIES - *TODAY IS THE LAST DAY*

Honor a loved one or their memory and provide a beautiful adornment for our Sanctuary during Easter Sunday for \$10 each. You may sign up in the Gathering Hall or at the front office of the church.

Contact Benita at **281.732.2217** or [benitas@christchurchsl.org](mailto:benitas@christchurchsl.org).

## BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING FOR UGANDA

*GREAT NEWS! Christ Church has done it again! Thanks to the generosity of many, we have now met our goal of raising the necessary funds for shipping the compressor to Uganda to increase the capacity of the water well that we sent last year. As we exceed our initial goal of \$12,000 for shipping costs, all extra funds will go into the Uganda project to help with additional costs of making clean water available to thousands. Contributions will continue to be received through Easter for all who want to help bring a blessing to Bulike and Buluya. Glory to God that help is now on the way!*



We've completed our goal!

## WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH

We were pleased to share the sacrament of baptism on April 2 with Michael Andrade and his daughter, Jordan Laine. Michael has joined Christ Church and Jordan will become a member on Confirmation Sunday, April 23.

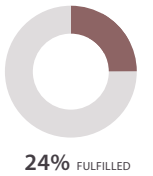


## CHURCH MATTERS

### A LOOK AT OUR LOYALTY WEEK OF APRIL 02

**778**  
TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE  
(includes children, nursery, stream, & evening worship)

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED WEEKLY **\$59,494**  
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE **\$760,068**  
ANNUAL BUDGET **\$3,140,000**



### THE HEARTBEAT

**MEMBER CARE** Contact us anytime, 24 hours a day, to let the church office know of hospitalizations, births, deaths, illnesses, or other concerns. Call 281.980.6888.

**HEARTBEAT:** Ray Singleton's mother and brother-in-law; Herb Krog; Robin Sparwasser's friend; Harrison Teel's godfather; Courtney and Sandy White's brother-in-law; Mike Hoffman.

**JOYS:** Karen Fountain's sister and brother-in-law; Tracy Walker.

**CHRIST CHURCH EXTENDS ITS SYMPATHIES TO...** Jenina Barnes on the death of her friend's mother; Victor and Judy Hicks' on the death of their friend.

### ALTAR FLOWERS



Altar Flowers for 2017 now available in the Faith Corner on a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. *In memory or In honor of a loved one...* The donation is \$50 per request. Contact Debbie Meier for more information at [debbiem@christchurchsl.org](mailto:debbiem@christchurchsl.org) or **281.690.4740**.



# TRASH TO TREASURES RESALE SHOP DONATIONS DRIVE & EMPTY BOWLS TICKETS



**AVAILABLE TODAY, APRIL 9 • THE TRUCK IS HERE 9 AM -2 PM**

The East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry's truck will be at the church to receive donations of household items, clothing, furniture, sports equip & toys. For full list of accepted items go to [www.humanneeds.org](http://www.humanneeds.org) and come get tickets for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Fort Bend Empty Bowls event in the Gathering Hall today!



## CHURCH COUNCIL & POTLUCK

APRIL 23 • 5-7 PM  
GATHERING HALL

Want to know more about our ministries here at Christ Church? Join us in the Gathering Hall for a potluck meal, fellowship, upcoming plans, and a word from the pastoral staff. All are welcome! Bring a potluck dish to share!

Please bring the following depending on your last name:  
**A-G:** Entree, **H-R:** Dessert, **S-Z:** Side or Salad

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ONLY A FEW TICKETS LEFT

### AN EVENING of Stories AND SONGS -WITH-



*Amy Grant*



*Ellie Holcomb*



*Sally Lloyd-Jones*

Thursday, April 20 • 7 pm

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