

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

April 2, 2023Palm Sunday

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Liturgist: John Lange

CALL TO WORSHIP — based on Luke 13:34; 19:38
Leader: People of God, be gathered together!
**People: Like a hen with her brood beneath her wings,
God has brought us together!**
Leader: People of God, await Christ's coming!
**People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of
the Lord of heaven!**

*HYMN #204All Glory, Laud and Honor

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN #203Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
O King of glory,
We confess that our praise of your majesty has often
been faint, our performance as citizens of your kingdom
treasonous. For we have surrendered to the enemy by our
secret and our known sins. For our treason you died, Lord
Jesus. For our restoration, you rose again.

(A time of silent confession)

Draw us closer to you in this holy week, that our eyes may
catch the vision of your tears, and our hearts, the wonder
of your grace. By the Holy Spirit's continuing discipline,
let us be loyal and loving servants of the King. Praise be
to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Westminster Larger Catechism Q.49
Leader: How did Christ humble himself in his death?
**People: Christ humbled himself in his death by being
betrayed by Judas, forsaken by his disciples, scorned and
rejected by the world, condemned by Pilate, and
tormented with physical persecution. He struggled with
the terrors of death and the powers of darkness; he felt
and bore the weight of God's anger. Finally, enduring the
painful, shameful, and cursed death on the cross, he laid
down his life as an offering for sin. Amen.**

FOR OUR GUESTS:
WELCOME TO
NORTHMINSTER EVANGELICAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are glad you are here. We hope the information listed on
these pages will help you choose your next steps in connecting
at Northminster. If you need help finding anything or have
questions, just ask an usher or the pastor. To learn more about
activities here, please pick up our newsletter from the rack in
the hallway or foyer table. You can also learn more about us on
our website: www.npcmh.com, and on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/npcmh

CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

Today, April 2:
9:45 am – Sunday School
11:00 am – Worship
6:30 pm – Youth Group

Tuesday, April 4:
12:00 pm – Lynchburg Daily Bread Meal Distribution

Wednesday, April 5:
12:00 pm – Midweek Prayer Time
7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Friday, April 7:
7:30 pm – Good Friday Service

Next Sunday, April 9, Easter Sunday:
7:30 am – Sunrise Service
9:45 am – Sunday School
11:00 am – Worship

HOLY WEEK SERVICES
Palm Sunday, April 2 – 11:00 am Worship Service
Good Friday, April 7 – 7:30 pm Service
Easter Sunday, April 9 – 7:30 am Sunrise Service
11:00 am Worship Service

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

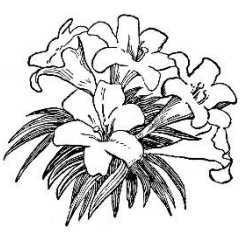
Children are welcomed in the service. A nursery is provided for
infants – 4 years. Others needing childcare may leave worship after
the ANTHEM.

YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT @ 6:30 pm
For Jesus, the days leading up to His death were filled with
meaningful conversations. In this series, as we look at some
of His last words, we'll discover what Jesus really wanted
His followers—both then and now—to know.
We will not be meeting next week (Easter) or the following
week (spring break).

NEW RIVER PRESBYTERY MEETING HERE, MAY 5-6
We are excited to host the 3rd Stated Meeting of the New
River Presbytery on May 5th & 6th. There is a lot to do to
prepare for this meeting and we need everyone's help! Be
sure to see the sign-up sheets outside the sanctuary. If you
have any questions, see Pastor David, Anne Wilkins or
Linda Lange. Thanks for helping us extend our hospitality!

MISSION FOCUS FOR THE MONTH
Our missions ministry for the month of April is the **Burundi
Hope Project** established by Mark and Susan May. The
work of Burundi Hope includes schools for deaf and blind
students, a fish farm, sewing center, chicken business,
church support, and training for pastors and teachers. You
may make a donation to this important ministry by
specifying **Burundi** on your check memo line.

EASTER LILY SIGNUPS
We are providing Easter lilies in honor of, or in
memory of, a loved one. These lilies will
decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April
9, and then be available to take home. If you
would like to purchase an Easter lily, please see
the sign-up information on the bulletin board
and use a separate form for each lily you wish to
purchase. The cost is \$8 each, and the **deadline
to sign up/pay is today, Sunday, April 2.**



ANTHEM

WORSHIPING GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory
*Offertory Response –
We give Thee but Thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is Thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

*Prayer of Dedication

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 16:13-20; 27:54
Pastor: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?
SERIES: WHEN GOD ASKS
“Truly this was the Son of God!” — Matthew 27:54

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
Words of Introduction, Invitation, Institution
Partaking of the Communion Elements
Closing

*CLOSING HYMN #226 Hallelujah, What A Savior

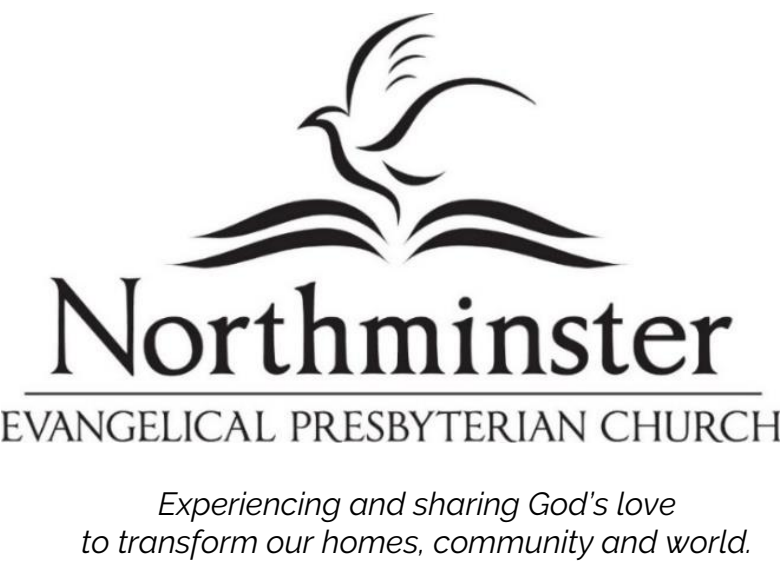
*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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ELDERS Pastor, David Garrison
Ron Reyburn (Clerk of Session), Bob Mills, Director of Music
John Lange, Liz Boothe Sharon Bryant, Sunday School Superintendent
Sharon Bryant, Judy Reyburn, Mike Henderson & Barbara Baker, Treasurers
Mike Henderson, Anne Wilkins

SERMON NOTES, April 2
NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 16:13-20; 27:54
SERMON: WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?
SERIES: WHEN GOD ASKS
“Truly this was the Son of God!” — Matthew 27:54



¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

— Matthew 16:13-20 (ESV)

⁵⁴When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

— Matthew 27:54 (ESV)