

## WELCOME

This morning as we join in worship, our hope for you is that you will find renewed life, health, and strength in God. We are glad that you have heard God's call to come and worship, and that you have chosen to do so with this congregation. If you do not have a church home in this area, we invite you to join with us as we seek to serve Christ and live as His disciples. You may be received into church membership by profession of faith, letter of transfer, or reaffirmation of faith. If you are interested in uniting with this church, please contact the church office or any elder.

### Session Members

Nancy Mason - '20 - Worship	Cindy Doyle - '20 - Christian Ed.
Matt Shick - '20 - Stewardship	Carina Brushwood - '21 - Cong. Care
John Hehn - '21 - Facilities	Patty MacEwen - '21 - Administration
Bob Friskney - '22 - Fellowship	Carol Shick - '22 - Worship
Deborah Thatcher - '22- Mission	Cammie Williams - Clerk of Session

### Our Mission Statement

To provide opportunities for people to discover God's love, seek God's purpose, and do God's will.

### Our Vision Statement

Glorifying God with mind, body, and soul.

Pastor: The Rev. Loli Reiter  
Ministers: The Congregation

*"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9*

Music Director: Logan Sorey  
Organist: Sheila Donohue  
Worship Leader: TJ Childs  
Nursery: Laura DeLeury

Ph. 813-689-4412 \* Fax 813-689-3840  
pseffner@tampabay.rr.com  
seffnerpres.org

**Palm/Passion Sunday**  
**April 5, 2020, 11:00 A.M.**

PRELUDE "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC "King of Kings and Lords of Lords"

CALL TO WORSHIP Matthew 21:7-11

**They brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,**

***"Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"***

**When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."**

HYMN "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!"

**Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang;  
Through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang;  
To Jesus, who had blessed them Close folded to His breast,  
The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.**

**From Olivet they followed 'Mid and exultant crowd,  
The victor palm branch waving, And chanting clear and loud;  
The Lord of earth and heaven Rode on in lowly state,  
Nor scorned that little children Should on His bidding wait.**

**"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,  
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heaven our King.  
O may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice,  
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal and Faithful God, when we are happy and things are going well, we sing praises and bless your name. But when we are anxious and times are hard, we lash out at You and one another. Forgive our fickle hearts, Lord. When we become too proud, too angry, too doubtful, or too full of ourselves to follow you, break our hearts with your compassion and shape our wills to your example of love. We pray in Jesus' name, our rabbi, our friend, and our savior. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The truth of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners, Christ died for us! While we were sinners, Christ rose for us and reigns in power for us. Christ prays for us. His love and mercy are available to all who call on his name. So believe the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

## SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 26:14-15

INTRODUCTION TO PASSION READING

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 26:18-30

HYMN "Let Us Break Bread Together"

**Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees.)**

**Let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees.)**

*Refrain: When I fall on my knees,*

**With my face to the rising sun,**

**O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)**

**Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees.)**

**Let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees.)**

*Refrain*

**Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees.)**

**Let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain***

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PASSION READINGS Matthew 26:31-35  
Matthew 26:36-46

HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" v.1

**When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died.  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

PASSION READINGS Matthew 26:47-56  
Matthew 26:57-68

HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" v. 2

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to this blood.**

PASSION READINGS Matthew 26:69-27:2  
Matthew 27:11-26

HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" v. 3

**See, from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'r such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

PASSION READINGS Matthew 27:27-44  
Matthew 27:45-54

HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" v. 4

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was  
conceived by the Holy Spirit, 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 sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory of Our Time

This week is Holy Week. We start with Palm Sunday and end with Easter Sunday, but a lot happens in between!

Matthew 21-28 tells the story of that last week of Jesus' life.

This may be a good year for you to take a little time out each day and read it through. It will be time well spent.

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13)

**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.**

"What Wondrous Love is This?"

Euphonium

#### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (the congregation joins hands to sing)

**The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
be with you all, be with you all.**

**The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all. Amen**

#### POSTLUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES** The office will be PHYSICALLY closed as we continue to be a part of the effort of keeping our congregation and community safe. Kara will continue to be available by telephone and email during regular church hours (Mon.- Thurs., 9:00am to 2:00pm), and the mail will continue to be picked up regularly. If there is a need, don't hesitate to contact us. Meals on Wheels will continue to prepare food on Wednesdays, but we encourage all other groups to refrain from gathering until further notice. Please continue to pray and know you are being prayed for. God bless!

#### VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE THIS WEEK

Temple Keeper: Ed Kelsey (on or before 4/11)

#### HOW CAN I CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE AMAZING MINISTRIES OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SEFFNER?!? ... Glad you

asked! You can put your tithe/offering in the mail and send it to:

**Presbyterian Church of Seffner/ P.O. Box 545/ Seffner, FL 33583.**

You can also set it up with your bank as "Bill Pay", and coming soon, you will be able to give your tithe/offering or donate by making a secure gift through our website. Thank you for your faithful support!

#### EASTER FLOWERS— Celebrate your Easter with our EASTER GARDEN flowers! Starting THURSDAY, APRIL 9<sup>th</sup>, you can come to pick up

your Easter Flowers in the courtyard at church or have them delivered by one of our amazing helpers. They will have a black ribbon tied around them to remember Christ's sacrifice, which we will remove together at the beginning of worship on Easter Sunday! THERE'S STILL TIME TO ORDER and turn in your dedications in honor or memory of a loved one for the bulletin. Please email or call the church office **BY APRIL 5th** to place your orders and put your payments in the mail, \$8 ea.

**OUR MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM** continues to feed those most in need even during these difficult times. But for their safety and that of the community, some of our regular volunteers are not able to help during this time. **Can you help us in helping our community?** We are looking for **Substitute drivers and/or delivery helpers** for the month of APRIL. You will need to be available **Wednesday mornings, 10:45 until noon.**

**Youth can earn up to 2 hours of community service** by helping our adult drivers deliver food to the door. You can also help by **providing a dessert** to go with the main meal for approximately 45 people. If you can help, please contact **Janet Holzman at 813-681-2548 or email at [omanopa@aol.com](mailto:omanopa@aol.com).** Thank you for your continued support in prayers and service!

**PROGRESS CONTINUES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL** - Our Rejuvenation Project continues, with great progress! Please continue to keep it in your prayers.

**LEMONADE TIME** - When we gather again, if you would like to host lemonade time, but don't know what's involved? Call the church office (689-4412) to sign-up or get instructions.

**EXPERIENCE A SPECIAL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY AT CEDARKIRK** and make this a summer that you will never forget. Summer camp programs are available for campers who have completed grades 1-12 and there is something for everyone. Make your plans today for camp to be a part of your summer. You can register online and find out information about Cedarkirk, its staff, and its summer programs at [www.cedarkirk.org](http://www.cedarkirk.org).

**We're going to "ZOOM" right into our EASTER BIBLE STUDY!** Starting **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15TH**, we will offer 2 Bible Study Opportunities on "Zoom", one at 10am and one at 6:30pm. The book we are using is, *Why Easter Matters*, by Andy Stanley, and will be available for pick up outside the church office that Wednesday. It is a 6-week study on Easter and it's relevance on our lives today. To enable opportunities for conversation, the studies will be no more than 12 and will need at least 4 people. **Please sign up by emailing Loli or the church by TUESDAY, APRIL 14th.** Upon sign up, there will be more information on getting on Zoom and scriptures we will be wrestling with!

**MISSION FOCUS FOR APRIL - ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** - In Isaiah 58, God issues a call and a challenge to love one another more deeply by sharing what we have with those in need. Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

## PRAISES and CONCERNS

### Pray at all times in the Spirit...Ephesians 6:18a

Our ministry is to pray for our members who are hospitalized, ill, home bound, attending college, and in the military; and to also encourage others to send cards, make a phone call or visit if possible. If you do not have a directory or need an address not listed, please contact the church office, we will be happy to help.

Lexi Crawford	Maggie Hehn	Bill Worth
George Kosan	Susan Kriska	Tammy Wooster
Terry Cooney	Bob Stetler	Jim Barfield
Charles Brandt	Joy Lavazza	Bonnie & John Taylor

**College:** Kai Abe, Elizabeth Banks, Michaela Brushwood, Danh Cooney, Michael Hawkins, Christian Jaimungal, Rachel Kosan, Peter Lapham, Amber Todd, Jenny Todd

**Military:** Jeff Mason Jr., Diego Rincon, Justin Ernul, Wyatt Harris, Michael Paynter, Sherryn Ramkarran, Aaron Sampson

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### **Sunday, April 5, 2020**

11:00 am Palm Sunday Worship Service Online Live

### **Wednesday, April 8, 2020**

8:30 am Meals on Wheels

### **Sunday, April 12, 2020**

11:00 am Easter Sunday Worship Service Online Live

## A HOPEFUL LOOK AHEAD

Apr. 5	Online Live Palm Sunday Service
6	Possible Online Committee Meetings
7	Online Office Staff Meeting
9	Online Live Maundy Thursday Service
12	Online Live Easter Worship Service
14	Online Session Meeting
15	Meals on Wheels
16	Online Live Easter Study
19	Online Live Holy Humor Sunday
22	Meals on Wheels, Online Live Easter Study
29	Meals on Wheels, Online Live Easter Study