

## Service of Divine Worship

*Palm/Passion Sunday*

*April 13, 2025*

### *Assemble in God's Name*

**Life Together:**

Susie Faas

**Welcome and Proclamation of the Good News**

**Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship:**

*We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.*

**We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.**

*Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.*

**We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.**

*Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes modeling humility and obedience for all of us.*

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.<sup>1</sup>**

**\*Opening Hymn #88:** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

**Call to Confession**

**Unison Prayer of Confession:**

**Sustainer of the weary, we know how we sang for joy when Christ came into our lives, and how we have not followed him when he leads us on this journey. We have hidden our faces from the pain and suffering of our world. We have turned a deaf ear to the cries of the poor, the hungry, the oppressed. We trust in the slick promotions of the world, and not in your words that can transform our lives. Forgive us, Steadfast God, and shine your face upon us.**

**Help us to have the same mind as Christ, so we would know your promises;**

**help us to have the same heart as Christ, so we might serve your children; help us to have the same Spirit as Christ, so we might go wherever you lead us.<sup>2</sup>**

*Silent, Personal Prayer*

**Responsive Assurance of Pardon:**

*Hear the good news: "Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave...and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross."*

*Through his obedience we are freed from whatever sin enslaves us.*

**Thanks be to God, Amen!<sup>3</sup>**

**\*Song of Joy, Hymn #85, verse 1:** *What Wondrous Love Is This*

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,**

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul!**

**What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss**

**To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,**

**To bear the heavy cross for my soul!**

**\* The Peace:** *"The Peace of the Lord be with you." "And also with you."*

*As a sign of reconciliation please share the Peace of Christ with your brothers and sisters.*

### *Proclaim God's Word*

**Unison Prayer for Illumination:**

**God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture. our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.<sup>4</sup>**

**Children's Time**

Susie Faas

**Ministry of Music:** *Ride On, King Jesus*

Karen Mail, soprano

Hall Johnson

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 21:1-11, 6:19-24

Sermon: *Being Undivided*

Reverend Sarah Sparks-Franklin

### *Respond to God's Word*

\*Hymn of Response #76: *My Song Is Love Unknown*

*Joy & Concern Cards will be collected during this hymn*

\*Unison Affirmation of Faith: from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

### Joys and Concerns

Responsive Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Leader: *Lord in your mercy....*

Congregational Response: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: *Our Father...*

### Presentation of Our Tithes and Gifts to God

Offertory: *Crown the King with Praise*

Heritage Choir

\* Hymn # 592: Doxology

\* Prayer of Dedication

Douglas Nolan

\*Hymn of Sending #89: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*\*Those who are able may stand*

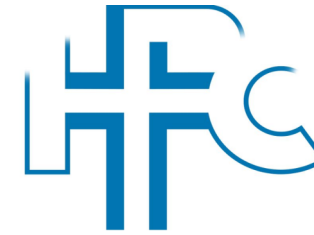
<sup>1</sup> Written by Thom Shuman, and posted on his excellent **Lectionary Liturgies** blog. <http://www.lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>

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# Heritage Presbyterian Church



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## Order of Worship

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## Calling All High School & Post High School 2025 Graduates!

Graduate Recognition will be on Sunday, May 4th during the Worship Service. We will present our high school graduates to the congregation. Other graduates will be asked to stand and be recognized.

All graduating high school & other graduates should submit the following:

- Name of the school you will be graduating from
- Any specific plans for the Fall, including your chosen college, major or job
- High School Seniors, please include 5 photos
- Other graduates, please include 1 photo



Send all the above info to: [youth@hpcmason.org](mailto:youth@hpcmason.org)

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## HPC Sending Adult Mission Team



Get out your gloves and hammer. Sign-up sheets are on the Mission bulletin board in the Atrium. Our first mission team since Covid, we're going to the mountains in western North Carolina that were so hard hit by Hurricane Helene last fall. All able-bodied members are welcome to join us.

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## Senior Game Day: April 16, 1-3pm

Senior Game Day will be *Wednesday, April 16*, from 1-3pm in rooms 14/15. Come out and spend the afternoon playing Dominos, Sequence, Qwirkle and other fun games. Snacks and beverages will be provided.



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## Join Us for a Mason Chorale Concert: Sunday, April 27 at 7pm

Celebrating our favorite Broadway Classics & Honoring our Musical Mentors

*Sunday, April 27th at 7pm at HPC*

Tickets for HPC Members are \$10, other adults are \$15, students \$10, Kids 6 and under are free. Get your tickets online at [www.masonchorale.org](http://www.masonchorale.org) or at the door.



## Prayer Requests

### Joys:

- Alan & Laurie Knobbe celebrated their 44<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

### Concerns:

- Charlie McCaulou—results of testing
- Betty Hecht—Leah Jacob's mother—hospitalized for pneumonia due to coronary heart failure

### Continued Prayer:

- Prayers for the people of Ukraine and Russia, Israel & Gaza, and for peace.
- Robert & Tricia Boies—friends of Pat Brandt—Robert has serious health issues
- Dave Durham—friend of the Plats' - Osteoporosis & kidney problems
- Cathy Ewing's parents—navigating scan results and ongoing health challenges
- Bob Fisher – Drew Fisher's dad – diagnosed with prostate cancer
- Jamey Focke—appointment with back surgeon
- Barbara Garrett—Sarah Falck's aunt—Hospice care
- Skip Glander—Anita Segreto's brother—Stage IV lung cancer.
- Debbie Jarvis—Kyle Homan's niece—breast cancer
- Jenny—Michelle Romans' mother—recovery from 3/31 surgery for early stage breast cancer
- JoAnne McCaulou—at Mason Christian Village Grace Center, room 406
- Carole Phillips—memory care at Optimized Senior Living
- Ellen Reiter – former coworker of Rick Davis – hospice care
- Leigha Riley—niece of Joanne Foster—miscarriage
- Steve Ritz—health issues
- Carl & Gaye Sanker
- Randy Stanford—lung cancer, broken foot
- Teresa Stanford—home recuperating
- Roni Swihart—recovery from herniated disc

### In Memoriam;

- Jeanette Fay, Ray Fay, Chris Case and family – Bob Fay claimed the victory of the resurrection on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Visitation 10-11:30am, Service 11:30am followed by a luncheon at HPC on Saturday, April 26.

**Intercessory Prayer:** Third Presbyterian Church  
Call the church office, 398-7671, to add requests.

## Congregational Survey

One of our Matthew 25 Action Groups would like to hear from you! Please fill out a brief survey for them by scanning the QR code below, or fill out the survey insert in the bulletin. There is a collection box for the surveys set up in the Atrium. Contact Nick Tymitz at [nick.tymitz@gmail.com](mailto:nick.tymitz@gmail.com) with any questions.



## Apply Now For No-Interest Heritage Education Loans

### EDUCATION



HPC can help cover these post-secondary education costs through interest-free loans of up to \$2,500 a year. The loans are available to Heritage church families and other Christian students and are provided by the Thompson-Baxter and Cheryl Whitacre Education Funds established through memorial bequests administered by the HPC Endowment Committee. The church loans have helped make college and advanced study possible for students enrolled in higher education institutions for over 40 years.

Contact Susan Brose, Business Manager at [sbrose.hpc@gmail.com](mailto:sbrose.hpc@gmail.com) for loan application forms. Submit applications by July 31 to give the Endowment Committee time to review the requests and finalize the loans before tuition is due.

Loans are made for \$1,250 per semester, \$2,500 per school year, for a maximum of four years and \$10,000. Loans are interest-free with a repayment schedule beginning 12 months after the final year of education.

## Community Cupboard

Most Needed Items: Shelf stable milk, canned pasta with meat, tuna, canned chicken, Spam, beef stew, potatoes (boxed, canned, dry mix), flavored rice, gravy



## VBS Decorating: Wednesdays in May from 5:30 – 7:30 pm

We need help creating the decorations to transform our building for Vacation Bible Study. If you can trace, cut, or glue, we would love to have you join us! Some take-home projects are also available. Contact [susie.faas@hpcmason.org](mailto:susie.faas@hpcmason.org)

## Heritage Presbyterian Church VBS: June 23-27, 6-8:30pm

One of the highlights of summer is Vacation Bible School. Come and be a part of faith and fun, as we are called together to serve.

Through Bible activities, crafts, games, science, snacks, and mission, we will be part of an amazing community of fun and learning about the Bible.

There are many ways to be part of VBS!

⇒ **Attend:** Children age 4 – upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome. Register at <https://bit.ly/HeritageVBS2025>, or in the Atrium

⇒ **Donate:** There is a wish list of supplies posted in the Atrium.

⇒ **Volunteer:** We need lots of helpers! Adults & Teens (upcoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders and older)

If you love God, and love to have fun, you will love VBS! How do you want to be a part of VBS?



6 PM Soup & Bread Potluck

Maundy

Thursday

"Do this in Memory of Me"

7 PM Service



# *Week at a Glance*

## ***Sunday, April 13, Palm/Passion Sunday***

9:00 am: Sunday School for All Ages

10:15 am: In Person Worship & Livestream Worship on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

5:00 pm: Kids of the Kingdom, 'Tweens & Legacies

## ***Monday, April 14***

7:00 pm: Mason City Council Meeting

## ***Tuesday, April 15***

7:30 am: Men's Bible Study

10:00 am: Crafting Group

6:30 pm: CESE Meeting

7:30 pm: Mary Haven

## ***Wednesday, April 16***

1:00 pm: Senior Game Day

7:00 pm: Bells Practice

## ***Thursday, April 17, Maundy Thursday***

11:00 am: Adult Bible Study

6:00 pm: Maundy Thursday Soup & Bread Supper

7:00 pm: Maundy Thursday Communion Service

## ***Friday, April 18***

## ***Saturday, April 19***

10:00 am: Eggstravaganza

## ***Sunday, April 20, Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday***

8:30 am: Easter Breakfast

10:15 am: In Person Worship & Livestream Worship on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

***The Worship Leader this Week is*** Susan Brose

***The Sanctuary Flowers Today are given by*** Chris & Lucy Atkinson in Celebration of their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

***Birthdays this Week:*** Nina Probel, Kyle Perkins, Debbie Farrell, Tom Walker

## ***Children's Ministries is Having an "Eggstravaganza"***

Celebrate the Joy of Jesus! ***Saturday, April 19, 10am – Noon***

Children (Preschool – 3rd Grade) and parents are invited to a

time to hear the Easter Story, enjoy games, snack, and crafts.

Invite friends to this great morning of fellowship. Sign up in the

Atrium or <https://bit.ly/HPCEggstravaganza25>.



## ***Fellowship and Hospitality Hosting Easter Breakfast on April 20***

Please join us Easter morning for breakfast from 8:30 – 9:45am. Egg casseroles, bacon, yogurt, pastries and fresh fruit will be on this year's menu. Volunteers will be needed to help provide this wonderful feast. Please sign up online at <https://bit.ly/HPCEasterBreakfast2025>, or add your name to the sign-up sheet located in the Atrium to RSVP & volunteer, so enough food is planned. We hope to see you there!

## ***Heritage Presbyterian Cookbook***



Presbyterian Women will be publishing a cookbook just in time for the holidays. Watch the PW bulletin board for details on how you can submit your favorite recipes. Think of all the food you have enjoyed at church potlucks and breakfasts, and ask the cooks to submit the recipes! Contact Libby McKean or Joanne Foster with questions.

## ***Bible Breakfast and Teacher Appreciation May 4, 9-10 am***

As we close out a great school year of Sunday School and Bible Study, let's celebrate! All are welcome! If you attended Sunday School, Bible Study, or studied scripture on your own – come and enjoy fellowship and breakfast. We will also take some time to appreciate those who taught us this year. Please use the link <https://bit.ly/HPCsundayschoolmay4> to let us know you are coming or contact [susie.faas@hpcmason.org](mailto:susie.faas@hpcmason.org)



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## ***Sandusky Mission Trip: June 4 – 8***



We are beginning to plan our annual mission trip to the Sandusky Presbyterian Outreach Center. This year, we will include children who have completed 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Please contact [susie.faas@hpcmason.org](mailto:susie.faas@hpcmason.org), if you would like to attend, or would like more information about this trip.



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## ***Sandwich Mission Update: Thursday, April 3, 2025***

- ⇒ Sandwiches Delivered: 34.188
- ⇒ Sandwich Tower Height: 261 Stories
- ⇒ Weeks Delivered: 252
- ⇒ HPC Sandwich Missionaries: 48

*You Sandwich Missionaries are amazing!*

*“For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat.” Matthew 25:35.*

*“Whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:40.*

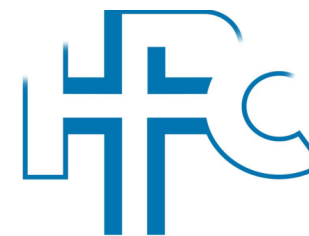
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## **2025 Pledges & Gifts**

Use this link to give online: <http://bit.ly/2Wjfb2m>

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Please check where you can serve or if you are interested in an event and place this sheet in the offering plate.

*Please Print Clearly*

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**I am a Visitor.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Please contact me with more information about Heritage Presbyterian Church.

**Greeters**

I/we would like to be a Greeter(s).  
Date(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**HPC No-Interest Education Loans**

\_\_\_\_\_ Please email me a loan application form.

**April 19th Eggstravaganza 10am-12pm**

Children Attending: # \_\_\_\_\_  
Adults Attending: # \_\_\_\_\_

**Easter Breakfast 4/20 at 8:30-9:45am**

I/we will attend: # \_\_\_\_\_  
I/we will provide (circle items)  
Breakfast Casserole/Baked Good/Fruit  
I/we can help set up Saturday 4/19 at 12:30pm. # \_\_\_\_\_  
I/we can help set up Sunday 4/20 at 7am. # \_\_\_\_\_  
I/we can help clean up Sunday, 4/20 following worship. # \_\_\_\_\_

**May 4th Bible Breakfast/Teacher Appreciation at 9am**

I/we plan to attend the breakfast. # \_\_\_\_\_

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