

**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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April 11, 2019

This Sunday:

9:30 am - Sunday School - Luke 18:28-40, Luke 23:1-49

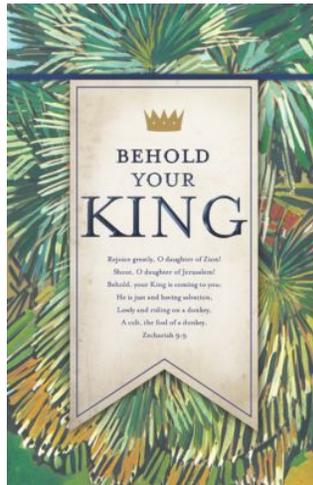
10:45 am - Worship

Rev. Judith March Hardie preaching

Holy Communion

Palm Sunday

Greetings from Pastor Judith



Palm Sunday approaches.

Each year as I prepare to lead worship on Palm Sunday, I cannot help but be aware of how much Jesus, of how much God has given up in order to love and welcome us as children in the Household of God.

If you are able to worship with us this Sunday, I hope that we can enter into that thin, liminal space together. Through all of the celebratory readings and processions, through the leadership of children, youth, scripture readers, ushers, greeters, ministers, musicians, all, I hope that we can recognize this day as a threshold through which we can come to stand in our place as human beings in this world.

I hope that we can cross this threshold into the transformative opportunity we have in Christ to take a stand, to follow Jesus, to enact the Love of God we read about together every Sunday.

And then, next week, through the journey of Holy Week, through community, through fellowship, through loss and pain, I look forward to the mark of our faith--the Resurrection--to be proclaimed. These next 7 to 10 days will be both exhausting and exhilarating as we wait for the stone to be rolled away. What will this New Life bring?

Sure, our praises may turn to rejection at times, but our Prodigal and Loving God, who is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, awaits, arms open wide to call, encourage, support and welcome us into new lives filled with LOVE. Come, celebrate Christ's love this Sunday at church, and every other time and place you get the chance to know and show God's love!



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Compassion Ministries



Compassion Ministries provides safe, comfortable and attractive housing for up to 6 months while families or individuals get their lives in order, attain permanent, full-time employment and find affordable, safe housing. In addition to receiving the services of licensed professionals while living at Compassion, residents attend weekly volunteer-led classes in budgeting, employment and living skills.

Compassion Ministries is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year and in June, Hope House will have been open for 17 of those 25 years. All the apartments are sponsored by an individual or community group. Central Presbyterian Church has been a sponsor from the beginning, stocking apartment 6 for each new family that moves in.

In order for the congregation to be hands-on in this project, the past few years we have participated in "APRIL SHOWER." By donating nonperishable items to stock our pantry, we only have to purchase perishable food items at the time the family moves in.

To participate, all you need to do is to take a sticky note (or several) off the board located in the narthex and bring the items you purchase back to church during the month of April. It is an easy way for us to help these families begin a new, successful life.

Our apartment has the original television that we donated 17 years ago. If anyone has a newer flat screen that they would like to donate, we could upgrade from the small boxy television.

In addition, Compassion will accept gently used or new clothing and school uniforms for children ages newborn to 16 and coats for adults. (No other adult clothing, please) They also have a small warehouse for donations of furniture and household items in good condition. Those items can be dropped off during business hours at 1421 Austin Avenue, 254-755-7640.

Women's Retreat at Mo-Ranch

Reservations have been made for 10 people to attend the Mo-Ranch Women's retreat this year. We have ONE MORE SPACE. It is the first weekend in June. Here is a link to the event.

<https://www.moranch.org/attend-a-conference/adult-conferences/womens-conference/>

If you are interested in coming, please let Meg Bierwirth know. The cost of the conference is \$300. The deposit of \$75 has been covered for you. DEADLINE to pay/register is **THIS SUNDAY, 4/14.**



April 12 - Mission Crafters, 10:30 am

April 14 - Palm Sunday - come for a new experience of an ages old tradition

April 14 - Lenten Supper at the Scott's, 6 pm, 204 Laurel Oaks Lane, Crawford 76638

April 18 - Maundy Thursday service, 7 pm

April 19 - Good Friday service, noon

April 21 - Easter Sunday!

- **Easter Breakfast** at Poage Park from 8-9 am. Church will provide eggs, sausage, bacon, milk and orange juice. If you have a favorite food or drink not listed feel free to bring that with you.

- **Fellowship** back at church. No Sunday School before worship.

- **Flowering of the Cross** 10-10:45 (please bring flowers, possibly fresh from your garden)

- **Celebration** of the Resurrection with Communion, 10:45



Celebrating Birthdays

Matthew Bierwirth - April 11

Ken Smotherman - April 24

(We are missing many birthdays in our database; please let us know yours!
We need the year to enter the date in the database, but will never print it!)



Thanks for helping us encourage local Waco & Woodway Elementary Students!!

One person heard an idea and shared it with another, over and over, until this project came to full blossom! After realizing how powerful this method of discerning and responding to God's call to serve (organically and outside of our usual committee structure), our service committee has decided to try on a new name and identity--**Community Involvement Team**. Watch for ways you can get involved in playing for or cheering on this team!

The Weekly News is published each Thursday and sent to members via email. It is also mailed to members who do not have email or desire a printed copy. Printed copies are also available in the church narthex. Church activities and pertinent event information is available on the church website: cpcwaco.org