

Second Reformed Church

Of New Brunswick



**100 College Avenue
New Brunswick, New Jersey**

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

March 24, 2013

Palm Sunday

Welcome guests, we were expecting you! We are glad you have come to worship with us today. So please sit back now and relax. Worship begins best out of a prayerful spirit. Let's begin our service of worship in silent prayer.

PREPARATORY PRAYER

Almighty God, rock our boats, cross our paths, shake us up, make us sit up and take notice that you are here, you are commanding our attention and you are expecting our worship. May your Holy Spirit bring to our hearts and minds the fruit of attentiveness and adoration as we pray and sing and submit to your holy Word. **Amen.**

GOD CALLS US INTO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

All Glory Laud and Honor

arr. D. Paxton

INTROIT

"There is a Redeemer" (Vs. 3 only)

Green Hymnal #145

VOTUM / SALUTATION

Our help is in the Name of the Lord, creator of heaven and earth.

Grace to you and peace from God, our Creator, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

***PEACE**

Jesus said: "Peace be with you. My peace I give to you."

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body.

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let's stand and share a sign of peace with each other.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Read aloud from balcony.)

Mark 11.1-10

***PROCESSION OF PALMS**

***OPENING HYMN**

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Hymnal #89

CALL TO RENEWAL OF FAITH

Many pretend to be saviors in our day, either by force or by favor, and we are swayed by the allegiances of many theories and philosophies, but we are called to radical obedience to God's kingdom and God's holy will; therefore, let us pray.

PRAYER OF RENEWAL OF FAITH

Almighty Sovereign, your will for us is to die to sin and live in You. Yet, our sin can be addictive and overwhelming. Our desires are for what we know is wrong rather than the right. Our allegiances are to the evil principles of life like gluttony and greed, instead of faith, hope and love. Set our hearts aright anew, and put us on the path to freedom and liberation, so that we might live holy and pleasing lives to the glory of our true Savior and Sovereign, Jesus Christ.

HYMN Grant to us O God, a heart re-newed; speak to us a-fresh your for-giv-ing word.

GOD'S ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

--Ephesians 1.7,8

In Jesus Christ we have redemption through his precious blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he has lavished on us. Therefore in Christ we stand forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

***HYMN**

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Hymnal #276

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lift up your hearts. **Let us lift them to the Lord our God.** Lord, we rejoice in the fact of Jesus’ bringing us the message of God’s redeeming love and renewing grace. May the word we speak and hear today reinforce these deep mysteries to our hearts, encouraging us to holy living, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, world without end. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

The Word of the Lord from Psalm 118. 1,2; 19-29 *Pew Bible pg. 554*

Give thanks that the Lord’s steadfast love endures forever.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON

The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke 19.28-40 *Pew Bible pg. 957*

The narrative of the triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“The Divine Masculine”

Rev. Shepler

PRAYER FOR BLESSING

***HYMN**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Hymnal #142

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Te Deum

We praise you, O God: we acknowledge you to be the Lord. All the earth worships you, the Father everlasting. To you all the angels sing aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein. To you cherubim and seraphim continually do sing. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Heavenly Hosts! Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of your glory. The glorious company of apostles praise you; the goodly fellowship of the prophets praise you; the noble army of martyrs praise you; The Holy Church, throughout all the world, acknowledges you as the God of infinite majesty, your adorable true and only Son, and also the Holy Spirit, our Comforter. You are the King of Glory, O Christ. You are the everlasting Son of the Father. When you took upon yourself to deliver humankind, you did not abhor the Virgin’s womb. When you had overcome the sharpness of death, you opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. You sit on the right hand of God the Father in glory. We believe that you shall come to be our Judge. We therefore pray, help us your servants, whom you have redeemed with your precious blood. Make all of us numbered with your saints in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

GLORIA PATRI

GIVING OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM / OFFERTORY

The Palms

J. B. Faure

***DOXOLOGY**

***THANKSGIVING**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to offer thanks and praise.** God of all mercies, we give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people. Give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips but in our

lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory now and forever. Amen.

GOD SENDS US INTO MISSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

"Lord in your mercy...Hear our Prayer."

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. AMEN.

INVITATION TO FELLOWSHIP

*HYMN

"All Glory Laud and Honor"

Hymnal #88

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

**Go now in peace, Go now in peace, May the love of God sur-round you,
ev-ery-where, ev-ery-where, you may go.**

*CHARGE / BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross

D. Busarow

WELCOME!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

Sunday: 7:00 am Del Dios Vivo Church Worship
10:00 am English Worship 11:00 am Coffee Hour
11:30 am Korean Service
5:00 pm Del Dios Vivo Church Worship
Tuesday: 6-8:30 pm Soup & Cinema – “Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill”

HELPING YOU THIS MORNING

Coffee Hour: **Helen & Steve Sandor**

Ushers: **Greater Consistory**

TUESDAY EVENING SOUP & CINEMA – We will be meeting every Tuesday evening during Lent beginning February 20 at 6 – 8:30 pm to share soup and a movie. A sign-up sheet for soup is on the bulletin board.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

~March 24 Palm Sunday/Last day to order Easter plants
~March 28 Maundy Thursday Seder with Communion –
Signup sheet on bulletin board
~March 29 Good Friday – Noon Passion readings with
Service of Healing prayer
~March 31 Easter Sunday – Special Coffee Hour hosted by **Ellie**

Walt Holz

~April 20 Spring Consistory Retreat Pancake breakfast 8am – Noon
~April 21 RU ½ Marathon – Roads Closed – SRC parking permits will be available



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EASTER PLANT ORDER FORMS - Today is the last day to order

Forms are located on the tables in the foyers. Last day to order is Sunday, **March 24th**.

SPRING NEWSLETTER

Copies of the newly released Spring newsletter are on the foyer tables. Second Reformed is trying to go green and also save on postage. Copies will be mailed to members that do not have internet access.

INCLEMENT WEATHER If we are cancelling Sunday worship service, a message will be on the answering machine no later than 8 am Sunday morning. Please also check your emails. When in doubt, call the church office with the latest updates. A consistory member may also call you using the phone number listed in the most recent church telephone directory. If there are any changes, please let Kathy know in the church office.

BENEVOLENCE SUNDAY - \$110 collected so far in 2013!

The first Sunday of each month we will be collecting for missions. Currently, we do not have a budget for any mission monies to be used for outside of Second Church ministries. Envelopes will be available

on the foyer tables or place your check in the offering plate and write in the memo section of your check, "Benevolence Sunday". We will not be collecting on the 1st Sunday of the month in *March, November or December*. Instead, there will be special (holiday) designated collections. The next collection will be on Easter Sunday, **March 31st**.

EASTER SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION – Begins Today!

We will have a special collection for Easter beginning on Palm Sunday. All monies will benefit repairing the Second Church organ. Envelopes will be provided in your bulletin and will be on both foyer tables though **April 7th** for your convenience.