

# The COURIER

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Minneapolis



## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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### **UPCOMING** Events:

Peeps Diorama  
Display, 9:15 am,  
Sunday, April 14

Mission & Outreach  
Team Meeting,  
Wednesday, April 17,  
2 pm

Meal for St. Stephens,  
Saturday, April 13  
4 pm for meal prep

FCC will have many opportunities during Holy Week to worship, to center yourself and to journey in the steps of Christ. Please join us!

### **Palm Sunday Processional and Worship**

**Sunday April 14– 10:25 am**

Join us in the Gathering Space at 10:25 am for our Palm Processional; we'll then head into worship as we begin Holy Week.

### **Maundy Thursday**

**Thursday, April 18 – 7 pm**

The North Sanctuary will be transformed with a walking labyrinth, Stations of the Cross, communion, hand/foot washing and The Drama of Lent.

### **Prayer Vigil**

**Thursday, April 18 (starting at 8 pm, ending 3 pm Friday, April 19 )**

30 minutes slots are available – [click here to sign up](#) and see details on page 3.

### **Good Friday Service**

**Friday, April 19 – 7 pm**

Join us for a tenebrae service featuring the original compositions of our Music Director/Composer-In-Residence, Adam Conrad, along with a variety of readings.

### **Easter**

**Sunday, April 21**

8 am: Easter Celebration Service, North Sanctuary

9 am: SpringHouse Youth Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser – Gathering Space

10:30 am: Easter Celebration Service, North Sanctuary

*In Our Prayers. . .*



**Prayers of Sympathy**

*For Jimmy Burnett, whose  
uncle recently passed away*

**Prayers of Joy**

*For Deb Murphy who is  
completing her Master's  
Thesis  
For Grace Madsen who is  
back with us in worship after  
her fall*

**Prayers of Concern**

*For Larry and Connie Pray  
who are moving to Montana  
For Bobbi Hall's cousin Pam  
who has pancreatic cancer  
For all our homebound  
members, especially June  
Andrix and John Takekawa*

**Prayers for the World**

*For the many organizations  
that provide service to  
immigrants along our  
southern border  
For continued attacks against  
LGBTQ people here in the  
US and around the world*



Poetry by  
Steve Rusinak



***Palm Sunday***

All hail the coming of the King!  
Raise holy palms and sing praises as He rides in.  
Begin this day with glory and with joy  
And employ, here, your cheers of Hosanna on High.

But deny here not the truth of coming days.  
That the praise and cheers will turn to jeers  
That prey upon the fears of crowds that cry for blood.

We of mortal make will stake our claim that Jesus has no throne.  
We, intending ridicule and scorn,  
Will rend his flesh with crown of thorns  
Pressed to his regal head in mocking tone.

We, pounding hammer into nails,  
Will ring the sound that drowns the joyous hails of yesterday,  
Pinning the King unto the tree.

We, each, slave to sin,  
Will begin His journey to the grave  
And await with bated breath the death of He Who Came To Save.

We will kill our Savior.  
We will thrill in death.

Bereft of life, His corpse yet still is doomed.  
Not holy enough for us, we'll spear his side,  
Deriding afresh his broken corpse  
to spill his blood from out his flesh  
and send him, broken, to the tomb.

In our gloom and darkness will we stay  
Three days hence before the rising of the Son  
A dawning of the Light upon the world,  
Victory unfurled in death undone.

And now we see, THESE holy palms,  
Pierced through with nails of irony,  
Ripped and torn with violence at the rood  
Drip the blood of His forgiving Love for us.

For our blood-lust, He offers us His blood,  
That the ruddy taste upon our tongues might wash away our sin.  
For our betrayal, He offers His flesh to save,  
That we, forgiven, may find His peace before the grave.

## How to join in the Prayer Vigil

The sign-up for the Prayer Vigil, which begins at 8 pm on Maundy Thursday and ends at 3 pm on Good Friday, is now available on line.

To sign up, go to the FCC website at [fccminneapolis.org](http://fccminneapolis.org). On the main page, scroll down to “Holy Week Worship Schedule.” Click on that; you will be taken to a page with Holy Week activities listed. The Prayer Vigil sign up link is highlighted in blue.

Sign-ups are in half-hour increments. If you need assistance in signing up, please talk with Deb Murphy or Karen Kandik. You may pray at home or at the church, when it is open.

In keeping with our focus on drama this year, ideas for your prayer time may include reading parables, some of which we have studied for the last few weeks. Here are some suggestions:

Parable of the Good Samaritan:	Luke 10: 30-37
Parable of the Lost Sheep:	Luke 15: 1-7
Parable of the Worker in the Vineyard:	Matthew 20: 1-16
Parable of the Sheep and Goats:	Matthew 25: 31-46

If you have questions, please talk with Karen Kandik. Please consider being a part of this meaningful prayer time during this Holy Season; while you pray alone, it is a powerful experience and brings you closer to God and the community of believers all over the world.

## News in Brief

**Gift Card Fundraiser** – Becky Whitaker is again organizing an easy-to-do fundraiser for FCC missions. Through [ShopwithScrip.com](http://ShopwithScrip.com), you order a gift card from a local merchant and a percentage of every card goes directly to FCC for use in mission funds. Call Becky if you want more information about the program. Orders need to be to her by April 21 (Easter) and will be delivered May 5 – just in time for graduation presents and any other gift opportunity.

**Sheridan Story volunteers** – The Mission & Outreach team is hoping for a few new faces to join the “regulars” on Friday mornings until the end of May to put small bags of foods in the lockers of kids at Whittier School. It only takes about an hour of time on Friday mornings, and its fun to see the busy teachers and students in the cheerful school hallways. A sign-up sheet for the remaining Friday spots is on the information table in the back of the North Sanctuary.

**Fellowship Hour treats** – April, May and June are FCC’s months to provide light snacks for SpringHouse folks after worship. A sign-up sheet is on the door of the kitchen.

## About those Lenten musical responses



You may have noticed a new musical element in our worship during Lent: the choral response following the Prayers of the People.

Adam Conrad, FCC’s music director and composer-in-residence, has been composing these responses, using text provided by a collaborator, Brian Lenz. Brian is a Minneapolis singer, songwriter, playwright and teacher whom Adam has worked with on numerous projects.

Weeks ago, Adam sent Brian the list of scriptures for Lent, and the lyricist created words to reflect significant language or ideas in each text. Adam then set these words to music for the choir.

The responses are brief, and according to Adam, it usually just takes one rehearsal for the choir to learn one.

Adam will also be providing original music during the Holy Week services.

**Sundays at First Christian Church  
Worship at 10:30**

**Before Worship**

Children's Classes, 9:15 am  
Joint Adult class 9:30 am

**After Worship**

Fellowship Time 11:45

**Narrative Lectionary  
For Sunday, April 15  
Triumphal Entry  
Matthew 21: 1-17**



Palm Sunday in Honduras, 2009

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**Reflections on the Word**

*Matthew 21:10 – When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?”*

All true Christian discipleship is surrounded by and causes turmoil. Our Prince of Peace does not “magic” it away. Rather, when we follow Jesus we find peace beyond the turmoil as justice is done; the world is transformed, healed, and made new.

*Lord Jesus, may we find your path into and through the turmoil of your coming reign.  
Amen*

by Niall McKay, *Disciplines*, 2014

*A Welcoming Community of Faith in the  
Heart of the City*

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