



# Holy Week Activities for Children 2010

## Sunday, March 28, Palm Sunday

All families are invited to participate in the Children's Procession at the start of the 11:00 a.m. service. All families with children and youth not already participating in the Family Music Ministries are invited to gather before the service at **10:30 am in the Esther Morrow Room of the South Wing** to prepare to process into the service following the adult choir (line up for the procession will be at 10:45 a.m.). *Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent.* All participants in the procession will come *immediately* to the front of the church for beginning of the service, including the Children's Prayer, after which they will go to church school. (Youth in grades 7 – 12 will remain in the service.)

**Children's and Youth Music Ministries (grades 2-12) should arrive at 10:00 a.m. in the Assembly Hall for warm up and rehearsal.** After rehearsal and at the start of the 11:00 a.m. service, the Children's and Youth Music Ministries will join in the **Children's Procession.**

Families whose children are **NOT** participating in Children's and Youth Music Ministries are invited to an **ecumenical service in Washington Square Park at 10:00 a.m.** Plan to join other First Church friends at the church at 9:45 a.m. and process together to Washington Square Park for the service and then return in time for the 11:00 a.m. service at First Presbyterian.

## Maundy Thursday Garden Meditation Thursday, April 1, at 5:30 p.m.

All families are invited to the South Lawn (weather permitting) for a garden meditation. Join the FPC Youth Group, the Rev. Barbara E. Davis, and Emily Scott for a service of prayer, singing, and scripture readings from the Last Supper to the Garden of Gethsemane, followed by a potluck supper at 6:00 p.m.

## Sunday, April 4, Easter Sunday Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

**Childcare is provided at both of these services.**

**NO CHURCH SCHOOL on Easter Sunday for children over 4 years of age.**

*All children 5 years old and up go to church with their parents and remain with them for the duration of the service.*

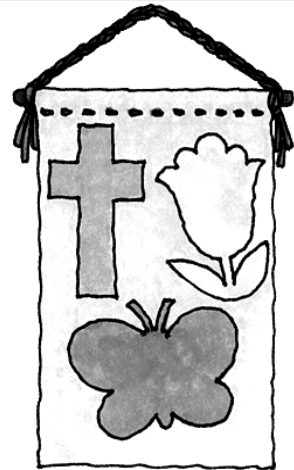
**Easter Program during Services for 3 and 4 Year Olds**

*Children 3-4 years old will have a special Easter Program which will begin after the "Children's Prayer" at both the 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. services. Sessions will be led by church school teachers. Parents may pick up their children after the service.*

## Saturday, April 3

### Egg Dyeing at 10:00 a.m. in the Assembly Hall

This is an event for all ages. Eggs, dye, and unfrosted cupcakes for decorating will be provided. The eggs the children dye will be hidden for the Easter Egg Hunt on the lawns following the 11:30 a.m. service on Easter Sunday. Egg dyeing is a very popular event! Please sign up in the Mellin-Macnab lobby so that we will know how many children to expect and will be sure to have enough materials for everyone. *Volunteers are needed to help set up & clean up. Please contact Heide Valero at thevaleros@yahoo.com or (917) 297-2221 if you can help.*



### Easter Egg Hunt on the North Lawn (weather permitting) at 12:45 p.m.

Children of early elementary age and younger are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt. Please bring a basket for your child. Parents are asked to talk with their children ahead of time about only finding **FOUR** eggs each, so that we can be sure each child gets a chance to find eggs. Any older children in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or above, who would like to help hide the eggs, should meet in the Church House lobby at 10:15 a.m. (\*\*If you are planning to attend the Easter Egg Hunt, it makes the most sense to attend the 11:30 a.m. service.)

*If you are looking for ways to talk to your children about the stories of Holy Week, pick up your copy of the brochures "Holy Week at Home" and "Experiencing Holy Week with Children" in the lobby. The events of Holy Week are intense and they can be difficult to understand, even as adults. This brochure a great starting place to begin conversation with your children about this important week in our faith. It also has some suggestions about children's books and bibles that offer a good approach to the stories of Holy Week. Please contact the Rev. Barbara E. Davis, Minister of Education at bdavis@fpcnyc.org or (212) 675-6150 with any questions.*