

# First Presbyterian Church

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## *Celebrating 175 Years*



April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

We welcome you not as strangers but as a part of God's family! We are a community of faith that gathers to praise our Lord and Savior, serve others, search for answers, and enjoy the fellowship of one another. We hope today you will be challenged and discover encouragement. The peace of Christ be with you!

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Palm Sunday

April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

*Worship begins with the Prelude. Please use this time for **silent** preparation.*

PRELUDE

J.B. Faure

“The Palms”

### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Morning after morning, God grants us a new day. Let us wake up to the joys and challenges life brings.

People: *This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Leader: God equips us to face whatever the day may hold.

People: *We gather, seeking a blessing in the name of God. We come, thanking God for the gift of salvation.*

Leader: The gates of righteousness are thrown open. Let us enter into God's spiritual journey.

People: *God's steadfast love endures forever!*

Unison: *Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.*

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

### CHORAL INTROIT

Christian Gregor

“Hosanna”

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 196

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

*Loving God, who sent Jesus among us, hear our confession and forgive our sin. When we invoke Christ's name for selfish reason, have mercy upon us. When our faith is convenient and does not lead to commitment, surround us with grace, that we may repent. When we practice kindness that is self-serving, may it be replaced with a love that has no boundaries.*

*Forgive our leisurely approach to Your sacrifice and eternal love for us. Make us disciples who welcome Jesus as our guide in our journey of faith. Amen.*

### \*DECLARATION OF PARDON

### \*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.*

## A MOMENT WITH OUR CHILDREN

### \*HYMN OF PREPARATION # 805

“Come Sing to God”

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*...Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our **debts**, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

G. Alan Smith

“Antiphonal Hosanna”

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 19:29-40, page 83

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

The Rev. Rick Martindale

“Pick Your King Wisely”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Parts 1 and 2, Page 37

“A Brief Statement of Faith”

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Cecil Frances Alexander

“There Is a Hill Far Away”

\*DOXOLOGY

Hymn # 606

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT # 197

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

Omer Westendorf

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

\*POSTLUDE

Henry Belacombe

“Ride on in Triumph”

*\*Please stand if able.*

**Opportunities for the Week of April 13<sup>th</sup> - April 20<sup>th</sup>**

Today:	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Tuesday:	6:15 p.m.	Men’s group
Wednesday:	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study Begins
Thursday:	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday/ Tenebrae Service
Sunday:		Christ is Risen!
	7:00 a.m.	Easter Community Sunrise Service and Breakfast
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Communion
	12:15 p.m.	Handbell Practice

## **Announcements**

We give thanks for Geraldine Moore being our lay reader this morning.

Easter Sunrise Service will take place in the church cemetery at 7 a.m. followed by breakfast and fellowship in the multi-purpose room. The sign-up sheet for breakfast is in the lower narthex.

Don't forget to buy an Easter Lilly for the Easter service next Sunday.

We will begin our 4-week Bible study with The Chosen beginning on Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room.

Contact Paul White if you are interested in placing flowers in the sanctuary. Thank you to all who provide flowers throughout the year!

We have numerous "ministry baskets" in the Family Life Center. For the month of April, we are collecting peanut butter crackers and raisins for Backpack Pals.

If you are interested in being a lay reader during worship, contact Paul White. You will read the Old or New Testament lesson.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Carol & Paul White.