

# First Presbyterian Church

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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 / Passion Sunday (Holy Week Begins)

March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### 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.*

CHORAL INTROIT

Michael Morgan

“O Blest are They Who in Their Love”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) Psalm 118

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:

People: *his steadfast love endures forever!*

Leader: Let Israel say,

People: *“His steadfast love endures forever”.*

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: *let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

\*HYMN OF ADORATION # 196

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

*Triumphant God, we join the crowds of the ages in shouting your praises. While our lips give you glory, our lives seldom reflect your purposes. We sing easily of your greatness, but living faithfully is often beyond us. We hear of your salvation, yet sin is still close and real, daily leading us away from you. Have mercy on us. Ride into our hearts with healing grace. Forgive what we have done and direct who we shall be. Lord, save us. Hosanna!*

\*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 # 197

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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

FIRST NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 21:1-11, page 23

ANTHEM

G. Alan Smith

“Antiphonal Hosanna”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Nancy Wazenegger

“Human Understanding vs. Divine Understanding”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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“Apostles’ Creed”

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Frederick Charles Maker

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

\*DOXOLOGY

Hymn # 606

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT # 215

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

Henry Hart Milman

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

\*POSTLUDE

Henry Balcombe

“Ride On in Triumph, O King”

*\*Please stand if able.*

**Opportunities for the Week of March 29<sup>th</sup> – April 5<sup>th</sup>**

- Sunday: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service / Nancy Wazenegger
- 11:10 a.m. Palm Sunday Covered Dish Meal / Easter Egg Hunt
- 3:00 p.m. Sandhills Crop Hunger Walk /UPHS
- Tuesday: 4:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting
- Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. PWCT Meeting
- 5:45 p.m. Choir Practice
- Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Maunday Thursday / Communion / Rev. Maggie Beamguard
- Friday: **Good Friday**
- Saturday: 7:30 a.m. Robbin’s Food Bank
- Sunday: 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service / Rev. Dr. Tom Currie
- 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service Breakfast
- 8:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship / 2 Cents a Meal / One Great Hour of Sharing /Robert Wilson - Communion / Rev. Dr. Tom Currie

## **Announcements**

Please welcome back, Nancy Wazenegger, as she brings forth our message.

The Fellowship & Mission Committee are hosting a covered dish meal after Worship Service today, for Palm Sunday and the Children Education Committee will host an Easter egg hunt following lunch. We hope everyone can make it.

We will be having our Easter Sunrise service at 7:00 a.m. on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Fellowship & Mission Committee will be hosting Sunrise Service breakfast which will follow the service. Don't forget we will decorate the cross with flowers on Easter morning.

**One Great Hour of Sharing:** We will be collecting the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Easter, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026. You will see special inserts in the bulletin prior to that date. This offering is broken down into three categories – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People. Please plan to contribute to this special offering and help make a difference in the lives of others.

The flowers in the sanctuary is given to the glory of God by Denise and Lee Edmonds.