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PALM SUNDAY

HOSANNA TO THE KING

Sharing the Life of the Church

HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID! SO SANG PEOPLE LONG AGO AS JESUS ENTERED JERUSALEM, AND SO SING WE. WELCOME TO PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP.

Coffee - Coffee is available in the Harris Room between worship services. If you would like to host a Coffee Hour, sign up outside the Harris Room, or call Joyce Boso at 304-488-1205 for information.

Lydia Circle - The Lydia Circle will meet at **11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 16**, at Mary B's Restaurant on Garfield Avenue. **All ladies** are invited to join in lunch, study and fellowship. Please text Barbara Lucas (304-580-1274) if you are attending so she may reserve ample seating.

Maundy Thursday & Good Friday Worship
We will hold Maundy Thursday worship here at First Presby at **7 p.m.** in the Sanctuary, and will be joined by the congregation of Westminster Presbyterian. Then, on **Good Friday**, we will join the congregations of our Presbyterian cluster churches for worship at Westminster Presbyterian in Vienna at **7:30 p.m.** We hope all of you can attend.

Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 19, 1 p.m. in Friendship Park - Thanks to all for your generous donations of candy and eggs. We do still need volunteers and donations of cookies, so please sign up at the new bulletin board. Cookies may be delivered to the church Monday through Thursday, or on Saturday at 11:30.

PCUSA Special Offering - Next Sunday we will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Offering envelopes will be included in your bulletins.

Egg Hunt for Our Children - We will have an Easter egg hunt for all of our kids on Easter Sunday, immediately following 10:30 Worship. Bags/baskets will be provided - no need to bring your own.

VBS 2025 - This year's Vacation Bible School is **August 1 & 2**, and we are looking for volunteers. Anyone interested in helping, either before or during, please see or call Kelly Beckett, 304-991-3613.

Cello Recital - All are welcome to attend a cello recital by **Ella Rockhold** (sister to Scott) on **Friday, April 25, at 7:00 p.m.** in our Sanctuary. She will be joined by Scott and other musicians for an evening of fine music. Invite a friend and join us.



Maundy Thursday - April 17

7:00 p.m. Worship / Communion

Good Friday - April 18

7:30 p.m. Worship
at Westminster Presbyterian

Resurrection / Easter Sunday - April 20

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship (Prayer Garden)
(NO 8:30 a.m. Worship)
10:30 a.m. Worship
(Egg Hunt following Worship)

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Palm / Passion Sunday

April 13, 2025

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Welcome

Sharing the Life of the Church

Entry into the Church

Prelude

Processional

R.J. Hughes

***Call to Worship**

Hosanna! We claim God's salvation in Christ our Savior.

God's steadfast love endures forever. Hosanna!

An unlikely king, Jesus rides into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey
and still we recognize him.

God's love never quits. Hosanna!

We find God's majesty in this humble man
who leads a bunch of ragtag followers!

God's faithful love lasts forever. Hosanna!

Hosanna to Christ, the blessed child of God.

Blessed is the one who comes in God's name.

Let us worship Christ our king. Hosanna!

***Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray:

***Journeying Jesus, enter our lives
and open us to the gifts residing deep within
the Holy Darkness of our lives.***

***Help us to be with and for each other
as the crowds that day offered their presence for you
In your many names, we pray. Amen***

***Hymn 197**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

Children's Time

*Those who are able, please stand.

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*O God, how often we hesitate to join the parade of life
with our whole selves.*

We let fear keep us from walking alongside our neighbors.

We shy away from struggle even when we know what is right.

Forgive and restore us, O God.

*Open us to the gifts residing deep within
the Holy Darkness we experience.*

*Help us to be with and for each other
as the crowds that day offered their presence for you.*

*Help us let go of all we cannot know
so that we can live more wholeheartedly;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

SILENCE for personal confession ...

Words of Assurance and Pardon

Hear these words of assurance:

God continues to invite us to this parade; it is never too late.

God asks us to be companions, and we can; it is never too late.

So listen to the sound of the waters and remember that

in baptism you have been marked as a beloved child of God.

God is with you, forgiving and restoring you to wholeheartedness.

Friends believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Response

Hymn 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

***Ritual of Friendship**

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Exchange words of peace and greetings with those around you.

GROWING

Special Music

A Song for the King of Kings

H.S. Livingston, Jr.

Prayer for Illumination

God of extravagant grace, your word is our way of truth and life.
 Create in us hearts that are clean and put your Spirit within us,
 so that we may receive your grace and declare your praise forever;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Luke 17:20-21 p. 742
 The gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Scripture Luke 19:29-42a p. 743
 The gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon "THE GIFT OF MISFITS" Rev. Annie McMillan

Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
 and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried;
 he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand
 of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come
 to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
 the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.*

CARING

The Offering Lift High the Cross S. Nicholson/arr. C. Berry

*The Doxology

Hymn 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

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.

GOING

***Hymn 198**

Ride On! Ride on in Majesty!

ST. DROSTANE

***Benediction**

The Postlude

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

arr. Edward Broughton

Worship Participants

Acolytes - *Connor Buchanan, Emily Shuman*

Beadles - *Ellie Buchanan, Avalyn Meckley, Riley Shuman*

Liturgist - *Deb Karr*

Sound Technician - *Matt Buchanan*

Organist - *Scott Rockhold*

Prayer List – Please remember the following in your prayers:

Lloyd Cowell	Family of Kitty Brown	Wayne Dunn
Sandy Cowell	Autumn Vancamp	Mike Lewis
Brandon Davis	Alan & Jodi Earnest	Bobby Craig
Barbara Perez	Richard Hayhurst	Carl Gheen
Zach Mullinnex	Mary Essenmacher	Tyler Mackey
Kenny Sumner	Ruth Ann Huddle	Dan Sombeck
Doug Anderson	Pat & Ann Patterson	Ken Stoller
Harriet Litteral	Homebound Members	Ed Ball
Derrick Sheppard	Troops – World Peace	Brad Carter
Fleming Family		Dan Ellis

*Those who are able, please stand.

THIS WEEK AT FPC



Sunday, April 13 **Palm Sunday**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class - Room 201
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour - Harris Room
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Ensemble - Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary

Wednesday, April 16

- 11:00 a.m. Lydia Circle - Mary B's Restaurant
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts - Room 124

Thursday, April 17 **Maundy Thursday**

- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts - Room 123
- 7:00 p.m. **Worship / Communion** - Sanctuary
- 7:15 p.m. Troop 3 Boy Scouts - Scout House

Friday, April 18 **Good Friday**

- 7:30 p.m. **Worship** - Westminster Presbyterian

Saturday, April 19

- 8:30 a.m. Saturday Stewards
- 11:30 a.m. HA Meeting - Room 204
- 1:00 p.m. Easter egg hunt - Friendship Park

Sunday, April 20 **Easter / Resurrection Sunday**

Cents-Ability Offering
OGHS Offering

- 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service - Prayer Garden
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee - Harris Room
- 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Children's Egg Hunt

Next week, April 20, is Easter / Resurrection Sunday.

We conclude our Worship Series "Gifts of the Dark Wood".

The theme will be *Where Do We Go from Here?*

Scriptures will include Acts 10:34-43 and John 20:1-18.

Luke 19:29-42a

²⁹ As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰ “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

³² Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them.

³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

³⁴ They replied, “The Lord needs it.”

³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it.

³⁶ As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:



³⁸ “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

⁴⁰ “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

⁴¹ As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it ⁴² and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace.