

GATHERING

Jesus, morning by morning, you awaken me more deeply to your truth. Send me into the world this day with the courage and wisdom to be a faithful witness to your coming reign of justice, mercy, and peace. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

Solemn Processional

T. Pavlechko

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it.

Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.

Blessed is the coming kingdom.

Hosanna in the highest!

* **HYMN 196**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We confess that we have sinned, and although we would like to deny it, we have forsaken you. We are horrified by the suffering we cause, to you, ourselves, and the world you have created. Open the gates of your forgiveness and restore us in your love, for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Now, O Lord, transform us as we continue our confession in silence.

KYRIE (HYMN 551)

Lord, Have Mercy

LAND OF REST

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, Believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 118:19-29 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

OT pg. 565

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11 A.M.)

Sing Hosanna!

C. McCartha

Sing Hosanna! Shout the news King Jesus comes! Sing Hosanna! Worship Him with joyful song! Sing Hosanna! Wave your palms and shout His praise. Sing Hosanna! Sing with hearts and voices raised! Now to our city Christ comes to bring peace and love. Sing Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Sing Hosanna! Let your songs and praises ring. Sing Hosanna! Jesus reigns as King of Kings!

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Sarah Whitfield

(Afterward, children in kindergarten through 2nd grade will be dismissed to Kids-4-God.)

* **HYMN 197** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna ELLACOMBE

GOSPEL READING Mark 11:1-11 (NRSV)
This is the Word of the Lord. NT pg. 47
Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Triumphal Entry Rev. Mark Hults

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONDING

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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; on 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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (11 A.M.) The Ground O. Gjeilo
*Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Osana in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Benedictus qui venit. Osana in excelsis. Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi. Dona nobis pacem.*

*Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is He who comes. Hosanna in the highest. Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world. Grant us
peace.*

* **DOXOLOGY** Hymn 606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* **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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (8:30 A.M.) (Gluten-Free Bread)

SENDING

* **HYMN 221** O Sacred Head, Now Wounded PASSION CHORALE

* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE** Ah, Holy Jesus J. Brahms

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Scott Stuart, Sarah Whitfield

ELDER ON DUTY: Susannah Peddie

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

CHANCEL CHOIR

CHANCEL CHOIR ACCOMPANIST: Tiffany Fung

CHAPEL USHER: Howard & Margaret Lingg; **SANCTUARY USHERS:** Roger Bachmann, Pam Bailey, Matthew Morse, Carol Turner, Cyndie Williams

VIDEO TEAM: Troy Bleeker, John Rayl; **SOUND:** Kaylee Bleeker

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We pray that you experience Christ's presence in our midst and that His presence will sustain you in the week ahead. Visitors are welcome to participate in the worship and the work of First Presbyterian Church. You can find a "Three Steps to Membership" card with information about how to join the church in the pew racks. If you feel a call to commit your life to Jesus Christ and His Church, please speak to the pastor or an elder after worship.

Prayer of Belief: *Lord Jesus Christ, I admit I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment, and offering forgiveness. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior. Amen.* (If you are saying this prayer for the first time today, please let the pastor or elders on duty know.)

Leadership

Rev. Mark Hults
Pastor

Alison Barat
Clerk of Session

Dink Henderson
Treasurer

Session

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Alison Barat	Fleetwood Fleming	Pam Bailey
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Jennifer Clark	Joe Mueller	Andy Greer
Maralyn Foote	Elisa Neale-Tobener	Margaret Lingg
Evelyn Lewis	Earle Pickens	Susannah Peddie
Coleen O'Brien	Geoff Spiegel	Dick Rauber
Dan Sutton	Alexis Vellis	Steve Walker
	Sarah Whitfield	

Diaconate

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Buzz Boyd	Holli Best	Mark Coffey
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Nick Vellis		

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FPC Weekly Figures

In-Person Attendance 3/17	161
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$35,061
Received Week of 3/17/24	\$7,599
Weekly Offering	\$6,653
Designated Offerings	\$946
Other Revenue	--
Preschool	--
<u>FPC Fiscal Year: July 2023-June 2024</u>	
YTD Budget Requirements	\$1,332,302
YTD Received	\$1,301,253
YTD Expenses	\$1,174,787

All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 118:19-29 (NRSV)

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. ²⁰This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success! ²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. ²⁷The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. ²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. ²⁹O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 11:1-11 (NRSV)

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" ¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang,
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded 221

1 O sa - cred head, now wound-ed, with grief and shame weighed down;
 2 What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain:
 3 What lan-guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear-est friend,

now scorn-ful-ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead-ly pain.
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with-out end?

O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
 Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place;
 O make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint-ing be,

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
 look on me with thy fa - vor, and grant to me thy grace.
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

This poignant hymn originated in a series of Holy Week meditations focused on the parts of Christ's crucified body: feet, knees, hands, side, breast, heart, face. First joined to secular words, this chorale melody has appeared with this text since the mid-17th century.

GLORIFY GOD

Holy Week Worship

March 28 • Maundy Thursday

John 13:1-17; 31b-35

Worship 6:30 p.m.

Holy Communion

*No nursery care

March 29 • Good Friday

The Seven Last Words of Christ

Worship 6:30 p.m.

*No nursery care

Saturday, March 30

Easter Egg Hunt

10 a.m. Gordon Hall

March 31 • Easter Sunday

Mark 16:1-8

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Both in the Sanctuary with

Holy Communion

The Prelude starts 10 minutes prior to the service

*Nursery available for both services

**Please bring fresh flowers for your family to add to the flowering of the cross in the church yard. Help us celebrate the joy of the resurrection with our community.

The **third Love in Action concert** will be held during 11 a.m. worship on April 14 (There will not be an 8:30 worship service). In preparation, the Local Missions Committee is asking you to join our Love in Action Challenge: participate in at least one activity to share God's love with those in need in our community. How will you step up to the challenge?

2024 Keeter Lecture: Sunday, April 7 at both services and the Sunday School hour. Michael Wear is the founder and president of the Center for Christianity and Public Life, a nonpartisan, nonprofit institution based in the nation's capital. He is also the author of *The Spirit of Our Politics*, which offers insight on how to engage with hope in a politically challenging world. For more, visit www.michaelwear.com

MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

Nursery Care (6 weeks old through pre-kindergarten) is available on Sundays from 10:45 a.m. through the end of the 11 a.m. worship service. Email Jenna Mueller at jdmueller2009@gmail.com with questions or to sign up. Families, please find the sign-in cart upstairs in the Christian Education building by room 204.

Children's Worship Guides are located in the narthex, and Gordon Hall. Pick one up before the service to help your child participate in worship and return the bags to the baskets after the service.

Kids-4-God: Children (K through 2nd) will gather in Room 217 after the Time for Young Disciples to engage with their faith through the end of the service. Families will

meet in Gordon Hall following worship. Volunteers are needed. Contact Evelyn Lewis at citytr122@gmail.com.

LOGOS: (Ages 3 through high school) *This week we are taking a break for Holy Week and encourage your family to join us for one of our Holy Week services. We will resume next week.* Gather on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. for LOGOS, which includes worship arts, Bible time, recreation, and fellowship for children and youth with 6 p.m. family time dinner. Email Bev Vloedman to RSVP for dinner at dvloedman@aol.com.

Our Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, March 30 at 10 a.m. for preschool and elementary aged children. Plan to join us in Gordon Hall for crafts, coloring, an empty egg hunt (with prizes at the end), decorating our flower cross, and more! Bring a canned good to donate to Gainesville Community Ministry, flowers to place on the cross, and an Easter basket. Contact Evelyn Lewis with questions at citytr122@gmail.com and to let us know you plan to join us.

Youth Connection (6th-12th Grade) meets today, Sunday, March 24 following 11 a.m. worship with lunch and Bible study. Questions? Contact Fred Lundy.

College Café: All college students are invited to join us in the Serving Room for lunch following 11 a.m. worship. Thank you to those who provided today's meal! If you are interested in serving a meal to the college students, please contact Scott Stuart.

Multiply Sunday Class: Meet upstairs in [room 201](#) on the second floor of the Education Wing at [9:30 a.m.](#) as we continue our study of Lent.

Gordon Hoover Sunday School: Meet in the Church Library at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Enter through the Mary Gate or the sanctuary. All are welcome! Email Perry Foote at palbertfoote@gmail.com with questions.

March 24

2 Corinthians 3

Bob Bailey

March 31

No Class


Happy Easter!

MEET HUMAN NEEDS

Let Us Remember in Prayer and Correspondence: Marilyn Ast, Jayne Fox, Carol Hayes-Christiansen, Elizabeth Miller, and Marjorie Pedrick. Our men and women in the services: Ashley Dace, Matt Gowdy, Brian Hill, and Dan Williams; and first responders: Nick Gonzalez and Paul Samala.

Montreat Scholarship Applications are due TODAY Sunday, March 24 to Mitch Rorick. Forms can be found at www.1stpcmusic.org/montreat2024.

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