

GATHERING

God, as I enter into this new day, I ask that you keep me mindful of the profound nature of this Holy Week. Help me to go beyond the joyful parade of the palms and to follow Jesus into the suffering of this world, mindful that he was obedient to you, even to the cross. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE Celebration No. 5 in C M. Keller
Jubilate Ringers

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.”

He answered them: “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

* **HYMN 196** All Glory, Laud, and Honor VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of heaven and earth, we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ in your name. Even though we profess to follow him, we confess that in times of trial we too often deny him. Forgive us and heal us, we pray. Help us to put our faith not in the princes of this world, but only in the Prince of Peace. 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 FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:19-29 (NRSV)

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ANTHEM (11 A.M.)

Palm Sunday Majesty

S. Rogers

Carol Ringers

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Scott Stuart

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

* HYMN 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

Intro - arr. L. Larson

GOSPEL READING

Luke 19:28-40 (NRSV)

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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

The Holy City

F.E. Weatherly, S. Adams

Dr. Christopher Pfund, tenor

Last night I lay asleeping, there came a dream so fair: I stood in old Jerusalem, beside the temple there; I heard the children singing, and ever as they sang, me-thought the voice of angels from heav'n in answer rang. "Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Lift up your gates and sing, Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to your King!" And then me-thought my dream was chang'd, the streets no longer rang, hush'd were the glad Hosannas the little children sang; the sun grew dark with mystery, the morn was cold and chill, as the shadow of a cross arose upon a lonely hill. "Jerusalem! Jerusalem!" Hark! how the angels sing: Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to your King! And once again the scene was chang'd, new earth there seem'd to be, I saw the Holy City beside the tideless sea; the light of God was on its streets, the gates were opened wide, and all who would might enter, and no one was denied. No need of moon or stars by night, or sun to shine by day, it was the new Jerusalem that would not pass away. Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Sing, for the night is o'er! Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna forevermore!

* 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

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

J.S. Bach

Jubilate Ringers

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Scott Stuart, Steve Walker

ELDERS ON DUTY: Geoff Spiegel, Steve Walker

ACOLYTE: Ocean Wacha

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

CONDUCTORS: Andrew Netardus, Rebecca Ruescher

CAROL RINGERS AND JUBILATE RINGERS

CHAPEL USHER: Howard & Margaret Lingg; **SANCTUARY USHERS:** Maralyn Foote, Perry Foote, Louis Motz, Mary Lou Schubert

A/V TEAM: Owen Best, Alex Conerly, Zack Conerly, John Rayl, Geoff Spiegel

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to Dottie Dace, John Dace, and Douglas Dace upon the passing of her husband and their father, Dr. Melvin C. Dace, who joined the Church Triumphant on March 30, 2025.

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in memory of Bruce D. FitzGerald from the FitzGerald family.

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.

Let Us Remember in Prayer and Correspondence: Marilyn Ast and Leon & Jayne Fox. Our men and women in the services: Ashley Dace, Matt Gowdy, Brian Hill, and Dan Williams; and first responders: Nick Gonzalez and Paul Samala.

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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!

to Refrain

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

Luke 19:28-40 (NRSV)

²⁸After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" ³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

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 weighd 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.



Congregational Meeting



A Financial Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 27, 2025 after the 11 a.m. worship to hear a presentation from the chairs of the Budget & Finance committee and Trustees, Dick Rauber and Ken Mears, with a focus on the challenges and opportunities for our church as we approach a new fiscal year. This presentation will be a high-level overview on current and projected financial positions of the church, with discussion pertaining only to these items.

Calling All Graduates!



If you are graduating from high school, please let us know your plans for after graduation. Those of you who are graduating from college, please let us know what your degree is in as well as your post-graduation plans. Email communications@1stpc.org or call the church office at (325) 378-1527 by Sunday, April 20.



Holy Week

April 13 • Palm Sunday

Luke 19:28-40

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

*Nursery care is available
beginning at 10:45 a.m.

April 18 • Good Friday

The Seven Last Words of Christ

Worship 6:30 p.m.

April 20 • Easter Sunday

John 20:1-18

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

in the Sanctuary
with Holy Communion
choir, brass, and percussion
and 11 a.m. on our YouTube
Channel

*Nursery care is available
beginning at 8:15 & 10:25 a.m.

April 17 • Maundy Thursday

John 13:1-17; 31b-35

Worship 6:30 p.m.

Holy Communion

Saturday, April 19

Alleluia Choir Rehearsal

9:30 Sanctuary

Easter Egg Hunt

10 a.m. Gordon Hall

We invite you to join us for worship on Sunday mornings and for the special worship services during this Lenten and Easter Season. Visit www.1stpc.org/lent for more information.

Pick-up a calendar page from the ushers for all this week's ministry events or print one from the weekly invite email. Children's worship guides are available at all entrances.

Weekly Figures

In-Person Attendance 4/6	156
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$38,129
Received Week of 4/6/25	\$54,063
Weekly Offering	\$18,380
Designated Offerings	\$734
Other Revenue	\$30
Preschool	\$34,919
FPC Fiscal Year: July 2024-June 2025	
YTD Budget Requirements	\$1,525,154
YTD Received	\$1,361,671
YTD Expenses	\$1,367,962


Online Contributions



Visit our website, www.1stpc.org, to make an online donation. Click the GIVE button at the top of the page. You can contribute to the General Budget or use the drop-down menu, change to Other, and specify the designated ministry in the memo section. Text contributions, bill pay through your bank, and electronic funds transfers are also options. Contact Trudy Bonerba.



T-Coil installed in the sanctuary, and Hearing Assist devices available in the Narthex.

Tune in to Cox Channel 11 **now from 9-10 a.m.** for our televised broadcast  or MyTV 28.2 for over the air broadcasts

Current Worship video and audio as well as archives at 1stpc.org

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Ministries

At **First Presbyterian Preschool**, children are fully prepared for school in a caring, Christian environment. Classes are offered 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Early Childhood Accredited.

Our **Children and Youth Ministries** provide a multi-generational approach of Christian example as the church family comes alongside parents to lead children to become fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ.

Nursery Care during worship for children 6 weeks through pre-kindergarten. Contact: Jenna Mueller - jdmueller2009@gmail.com

Kindergarten through 2nd grade children are released from worship for **Kids-4-God** to spend time growing their faith. After the service, families meet in Gordon Hall. Contact: Evelyn Lewis - citytr122@gmail.com

LOGOS is a mid-week ministry with worship arts, Bible time, recreation, and family dinner for students age 3 through high school. Contact Bev Vloedman to RSVP for 6 p.m. dinner at dvloedman@aol.com.

Youth Connection meets for fellowship and food with Bible study and mentoring for students in grades 6-12.

Our **College Ministry** seeks to launch students into a life of pursuing Christ, trusting in Him, and growing with others. Join us for Sunday worship & lunch and Tuesday Bible study. Bring a friend!

Young Adult & Family Ministry (YA&FM) is for marrieds and singles, with or without kids, in grad school or in vocation. We gather for Bible Studies and to get to know each other better and would love the chance to do life with you.

With choirs for ages three and above, our **Music Ministry** welcomes everyone to sing or ring and to dedicate their music to God. Our concert season includes Concerts for a Cause, which support local and global mission partners.

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Glorify God
Make Disciples of Jesus Christ
Meet Human Needs



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion - Iona Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: Joel - Tim Schubert - Library
- 9:30 a.m. Multiply Sunday School - Lent - Room 201
- 9:30 a.m. Palms and Psalms - Gordon Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Carol Ringers - Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Jubilate Ringers - Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Rm 204
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:20 p.m. Kids-4-God - Rm 217
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time - Gordon Hall
- 12:00 p.m. College Cafe - Serving Room
- 12:15 p.m. Youth Connection - Room 211

Monday, April 14, 2025

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

- 2:15 p.m. Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. College Trajectory Bible Study - Gordon Hall

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

NO LOGOS - Holy Week Break

Thursday, April 17, 2025

- 10:00 a.m. Preschool Easter Egg Hunt - North Courtyard
- 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship and Holy Communion - Sanctuary
- 8:00 p.m. Brass Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Friday, April 18, 2025

- 5:30 p.m. Good Friday Ensemble Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Good Friday Worship - Sanctuary

Saturday, April 19, 2025

- 9:30 a.m. Alleluia Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt - Gordon Hall

Sunday, April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

- 7:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8:15 a.m. Nursery Opens - Room 204
- 8:30 a.m. Easter Worship and Holy Communion - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Multiply Sunday School - Lent - Room 201
- 9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Easter Breakfast - Gordon Hall
- 10:25 a.m. Nursery Care - Rm 204
- 11:00 a.m. Easter Worship and Holy Communion - Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time - Gordon Hall

Visit www.1stpc.org/lent for information on our special services and ministry activities during the Lent and Easter Season at First Presbyterian Church.