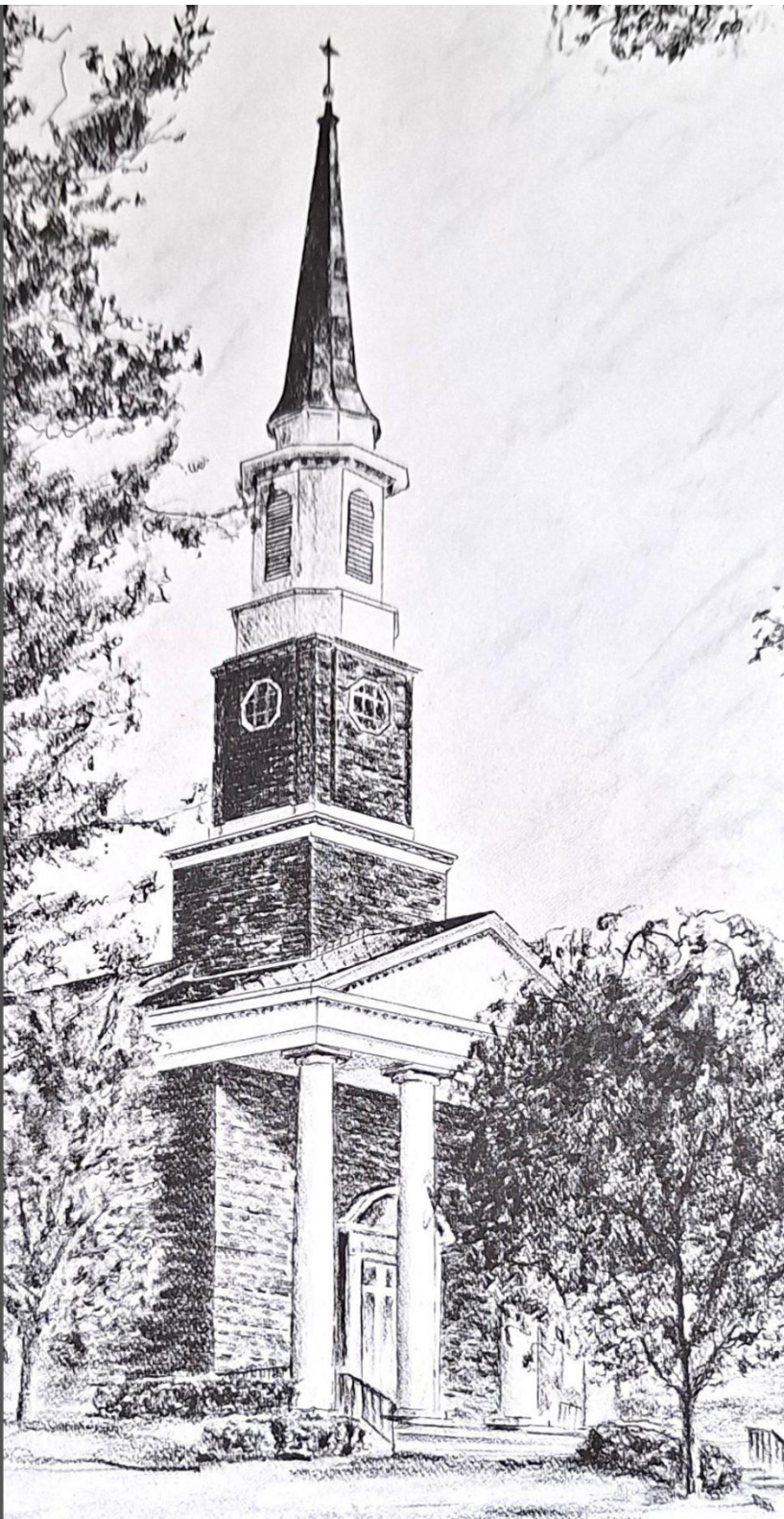


# Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025  
10:30 A.M.

FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH



# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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## THE GATHERING

*The Service begins outside, on the patio in front of the church*

### GREETING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

BASED ON LUKE 19:18-40

The whole multitude of disciples praise God joyfully, saying:

**For every deed of power we have seen, blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Peace in heaven, and glory to God in the highest.

**If these were silent, the very stones would cry out. Let us worship God.**

### OPENING PRAYER

We praise you, O God, for the redemption earned by Jesus Christ. He came into Jerusalem in triumph. He was called Messiah and king. The people greeted him with honor along the way. We carry branches today as signs of his victory. Grant that we may follow him on the way to the cross and may enter into your kingdom in celebration of Christ. **Amen.**

### PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM (Responsive)

When Jesus had finished his teaching, he went on to Jerusalem. As he was getting near the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples on ahead. He said,

**“Go into the next village, where you will find a young donkey that has never been ridden. Untie the donkey and bring it here. If anyone asks why you are doing this, just say ‘The Lord needs it.’ ”**

They went off and found everything just as Jesus had said. While they were untying the donkey, its owners asked,

**“Why are you doing that?”**

They answered,

**“The Lord needs it.”**

Then they led the donkey to Jesus. And as he rode along, the people celebrated God because of all the miracles they had seen. They shouted,

**“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory to God.”**

Some in the crowd said to Jesus,  
**“Teacher, make your disciples stop shouting!”**  
But Jesus answered,  
**“If they keep quiet, these stones will start shouting.”**

*The people enter the church singing. We are a throng; we do not need to walk in single file. You can wave your palm branches as you come!*

\*HYMN 196

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

#### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Nothing can be hidden from the Lord, whose wisdom is endless, whose mercy is great. Therefore, trusting in God’s grace, let us name the weight of sin we carry. Let us pray.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God our Redeemer, we cannot escape the truth that we are people of ashes and dust. We join the parade and shout, yet we deny our Lord in his hour of travail. We wave palms and sing a hymn but hand our Savior over to die. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Help us to come through the week we call holy, confessing our sin and reaching for holiness itself, through Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

*A brief silence is kept for personal prayer.*

#### PRAYER RESPONSE

*Bless The Lord, O My Soul*

#### POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We are part of a long and joyful procession. Remember your baptism and give thanks. **Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

GREATOR EX

**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.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another. The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

\*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 227)

*Jesus Remember Me*

REMEMBER ME

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Diane Bowers

May God be with you in worship here.

**May God be with you in worship there.**

*Children may depart the sanctuary for Kids' Kirk. They will return before communion.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, we continue to walk with you, and we seek the truth of your Word.

Restore and rescue us, and guide us to walk on, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalms 118:1, 19-29 (O.T. p 565)

The Psalms are Israel's songbook.  
**Hear us, O God, as we rejoice and sing!**

\*Mark 11:8-9, 11 (N.T. p.47)

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**May Jesus Christ be praised**

SERMON

Rev. Matthew Covington

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*HYMN 209

*My Song is Love Unknown*

LOVE UNKNOWN

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From I Corinthians 15:1-6; Mark 16:1-9;  
Matthew 16:16; Revelation 22:13; John 20:28

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to**

the scriptures, that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God.

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice before God. Let us come before God with our tithes and our offerings.

#### MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

*God So Loved the World*

JOHN GOSS

\*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

### SEALING THE WORD WITH THE SACRAMENT

#### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

#### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

*Sung by all: (Hymn 552)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

*The prayer continues.*

#### 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.**

#### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*All who seek God are invited to the table, regardless of church affiliation or any other condition or identity. Ushers will guide you forward to partake by taking a piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. Servers will come to those who prefer to remain in their seats.*

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Our communion meal recalls our Lord's last supper with his disciples. Now, having eaten with him, we are ready to observe his passion, and we are ready to be amazed at his resurrection. In joy, and in eagerness for the gospel, send us out now. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### **BEARING THE WORD INTO THE CREATED ORDER**

*Readings to prepare for Easter (Luke 22:39-53, Mark 15:16-20)*

\*HYMN 228

*Were You There*

WERE YOU THERE

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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*\*Rise in body or spirit*

#### **LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

Preacher: *Rev. Dr. Matthew Covington*

Liturgist: *Jerry Price*

Communion Servers: *Patti Price & Mary Lou Taylor*

Kids' Kirk: *Kim Lashbrook*

**You are invited to make a gift to support our church's ministry of sharing God's love:**

- As the offering plate is passed
- By scanning the QR code to the right
  - \*Please note that a 2.9% fee + \$0.50 is taken from your donation
- Online at [fpcobky.com/give](http://fpcobky.com/give)
  - \*Please note that a 2.9% fee + \$0.30 is taken from your donation
- Or by contacting the church office to set up automatic withdrawal



# The Life of the Church

**The Easter Egg Hunt** will be held today at 2:00.

**Today is the deadline for the FPC Educational Scholarship Applications.** Scholarships are for undergraduate students who are active in the life of First Presbyterian Church and enrolled full-time in any accredited college or university. The application is available in Presbynotes or you may email [office@fpcobky.com](mailto:office@fpcobky.com) to learn more.

Please be sure to check Presbynotes for a full list of our **Holy Week Services**

We are looking for volunteers to help answer the phones on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10:00-2:00. A sign-up sheet is on the **Helping Hands** table

**As we wrap up the first quarter of 2025,** we would like to take a moment to celebrate our improved financial position! Our giving is up, and our expenses are down compared to the first quarter of 2024. Your support and dedication is truly appreciated. Please see Presbynotes for a more detailed comparison. Lets keep up the hard work!

**Financial Update** Our ministry is funded by the giving of members and friends. Thank you for your generosity.

**Year-To-Date (Thru Mar.)**

Income: \$ 122,732.42

Expense: \$ 113,453.20

Balance: \$ 9,279.22

**Month To Date**

Income: \$ 4,395.00

Expense: \$ 12,367.32

Balance: - \$ 7,972.32

**Week of April 12**

Income: \$ 4,395.00

Expense: \$ 12,367.32

Balance: - \$ 7,972.32



First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive community of faith called to proclaim the good news of the love of Jesus Christ for all people, and to join God in the building of a just, peaceful, and compassionate world.

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