



Entry into the City, John August Swanson

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 10, 2022
10:30 A.M.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

*OPENING PRAYER

We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ, who entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Let these branches be signs of his victory, and grant that we who carry them may follow him in the way of the cross, that, dying and rising with him we may enter your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

BAPTISM OF OLIVIA ANNE MAHONEY

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Olivia by word and deed, with love and prayer? **We do.**

Will you encourage her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church? **We will.**

QUESTIONS TO THE CHILDREN

Will you be a friend to Olivia? **We will.**

If she gets lost, will you show her the way? **We will.**

Will you share with her the stories of God's love? **We will.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: HYMN 188 *Jesus Loves Me!*

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

We come with our praises, yet we fall short of the glory of God. Sin stains even our best intentions, but God refuses to let sin have the last word. With faith and hope, let us seek God's forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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!

Silence is kept.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

He who rode into Jerusalem, struggled on the cross, and was sealed in a tomb is risen from the dead! Jesus Christ has defeated sin forever. This is good news!

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

*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

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 611)

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.

Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.

Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.

Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, as we enter this Holy Week, strengthen us to move beyond the festive parade of palms and to follow Jesus to the way of the cross, that united with him and all the faithful, we may one day enter through the gates of righteousness into the eternal city where we may praise you with Christ and the Holy Spirit forever.

Amen.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29 A song of God's covenant people. **Amen.**

Luke 19:28b-40 The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

“Regime Change”

Rev. Matt Curry

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Phil. 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

Hosanna in the Highest

David Music

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

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:

*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 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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God, our help and strength, you have satisfied our hunger with this holy food. Strengthen our faith as we begin the journey of this week, that through the death and resurrection of your Son we may be led to salvation, for he is Lord now and forever. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: *George Triplett*

Communion Servers: *Lori Triplett & Jerry Nail*

The flowers today are given in memory of Dayton Hicks Heffelfinger, Sr., by his family.

The Life of the Church

Holy Week begins with today's celebration of Palm Sunday. See the back of this bulletin for our complete schedule of worship and activities as we enact the story of God's love expressed in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

A Springtime Get Together & Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for this afternoon at 2:00pm. This will be a fun afternoon of fellowship with the egg hunt and bounce house for kids, and lawn games for all ages. Bring a chair and enjoy some community!

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received next Sunday. Presbyterians around the country will give support to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Self-Development of People Program, and Presbyterian Hunger Program. Please give generously!

The Kentucky Wesleyan Singers, under the direction of Dennis Jewett, will perform Mozart's *Vesperae Solennes de Confessore* in our sanctuary this evening at 5:00pm.

Hearing Assistance Devices are available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.

Easter Flowers

This year, we will order Easter Tulips to adorn the sanctuary through Welborn Florist. The cost of each tulip is \$15. Checks can be made to First Presbyterian Church with Easter flowers in the memo. Please fill out the form in the bulletin, email (office@fpcobky.com), or call (270-684-1467) the office to place your order. The following information is needed:

In honor/Memory of _____

Given by _____ Quantity _____

Order deadline is Monday, April 11.





Holy Week at First Presbyterian Church

- MAUNDY THURSDAY** Worship at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary
including the choral work *The Seven Last Words of Christ* by Theodore DuBois
- GOOD FRIDAY** Worship at Noon in the Chapel
- HOLY SATURDAY** Great Vigil of Easter at 6:00pm in the Prayer Garden
Bring a chair and join us by the fire for this first celebration of Easter!
- EASTER SUNDAY** Flowering of the Cross on the front lawn, 8:30-9:30am
You are invited to bring flowers to add to the large cross in front of the church.
- Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall, 9:00-10:15am
Hosted by the Men's Bible Class
- Resurrection of the Lord Worship at 10:30am in the Sanctuary
Worship with special music to celebrate the good news: Christ is risen indeed!



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