

# Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024  
10:30 A.M.

FIRST   
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH



# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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## THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

\*LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

*Zech. 9:9*

**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.**

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

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

CHORAL INTROIT

*Hosanna in the Highest*

David W. Music

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

May God be with you in worship here.

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

*Children may depart the sanctuary with their teacher for Worship & Wonder. They will return to the sanctuary before communion.*

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

2 Cor. 5:20

In the name of Christ, I urge you: be reconciled to God. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

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. Enter into our hearts with healing grace. Forgive what we have done and direct who we shall be. Lord, save us. Hosanna!**

*A brief silence is kept for personal prayer.*

SUNG RESPONSE

Text: Greek, "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy" Tune: Antonin Dvorak

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## 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.**

## \*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 197)

ELLACOMBE

**Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;  
Through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,  
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.**

**From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,  
The victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;  
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,  
Nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.**

**"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,  
For Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.  
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,  
And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.**

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let your Word, O God, break open our hearts this day through the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may enter into the coming Holy Week with the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

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

John 12:2-16 The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

"The Next-to-the-Last Supper"

Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus

\*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

*Make a Joyful Noise*

John A. Behnke

Make a joyful noise, all the earth, come before his presence with a song.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! (Psalm 100)

\*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:

*Sung by all:*

**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. Usbers will guide you forward to partake by taking a piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. Prepackaged gluten-free elements are available in the baskets near the communion stations. Servers will come to those who prefer to remain in their seats.*

#### 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 209

*My Song is Love Unknown*

LOVE UNKNOWN

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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*\*Rise in body or spirit*

## About Today's Worship

Preacher: *Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus* | Liturgist: *Jerry Price*  
Communion Servers: *Creda Heffelfinger & Patti Price* | Worship and Wonder: *Kim Lashbrook*

Youth Choir: *Henry Baker, David Leishman, and Gia Hamilton*

We welcome **Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus** to the pulpit today. Laurie serves as Director of Humanitarian and Global Ecumenical Engagement in the national offices of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

The palm branches we are using today are **Eco-Palms**. Presbyterian churches join thousands of other houses of worship in using these sustainably harvested palms which provide fair wages to the people who harvest and process them.



## Holy Week Schedule

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY | 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall**

Interactive service with a simple supper and remembrance of Christ's command to love

### **GOOD FRIDAY | 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary**

Tenebrae Service with special music from the choir and instrumentalists

### **GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER | Sat. 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary (Gather at Front Steps)**

Easter begins with lighting the new fire, stories, remembrance of baptism, and communion

### **EASTER BREAKFAST | 9:00-10:15 AM in Fellowship Hall**

### **EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP | 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary**

Christ is risen, indeed! Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus will be preaching.

## The Life of the Church

**The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** will be taken next week, Easter Sunday. This offering supports ministries of hunger relief, disaster recovery, and development. More information is available at [pcusa.org/specialofferings](http://pcusa.org/specialofferings).

**Mission Committee** meets following worship today in the Gardenside Parlor.

**Youth Group** meets tonight at 5:00 PM.



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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