



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026 ~ 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

CENTERING MUSIC ~ "Were You There?" arr. S. Eithun and "What Wondrous Love is This?" arr. D. Wagner
Westminster Ringers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ *Please sign the friendship pads*

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

What will we lay down as Christ passes by?

**We have no cloaks today,
but we will lay down our hearts, our hopes, and our lives.**

As the crowds in Jerusalem cried out long ago, we echo,

Hosanna! Save us! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

*PROCESSION OF PALMS (10:30) AND HYMN OF PRAISE ~ "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!" (*No. 197*)

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Christ our Redeemer, try as we might, we do not follow your example. We do not empty ourselves; we do not humble ourselves; we are not obedient. You simply ask us to care about this world you created, but we fail to do even that. Forgive us. You have given us the greatest, clearest example of love. Heal us and help us to follow. (Time for silent confession). Amen.

*RESPONDING TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS ~ Doxology (*No. 606, Glory to God*)

*HOLY INTERRUPTION ~ *An intentional time to share the peace and fellowship of Christ*

SCRIPTURE READINGS ~ Zechariah 9:9 and Matthew 21:1-11

SERMON ~ "And so it begins..." Rev. Russ Pearson

SPIRITUAL RESPONSE NO. 743 ~ "O God, You Are My God" ("Step by Step")

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

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I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.

And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ The Apostles Creed

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; 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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

"On That Day, When He Rode into Jerusalem"
Chancel Choir

Mary Kay Beall

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*p. 35, Glory to God*)

*HYMN OF SENDING ~ "The Trees of the Field" (*No. 80, Glory to God*)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*GO FORTH IN PEACE

"Arrival of the Queen of Sheba/Thine is the Glory"

Handel/arr. Jan Mulder

Sermon Notes

Please be aware the 10:30am service is live streamed on Facebook and YouTube

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