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# PALM SUNDAY

*Hosanna! Blessed is the one who  
comes in the name of the Lord!*

**Rev. Dr. Michelle J. Bartel, Preaching**  
**Tony Butler, Liturgist**  
**Stephanie Davisson, Accompanist**

Welcome  
to  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
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Church Mission Statement: We are a Presbyterian church responding to new mission frontiers presented by our changing culture. Guided by our Lord Jesus Christ, we love, serve and embrace all people.

Sunday Offering: \$675.00 Attendance: 18  
Pastor: Rev. Michelle J. Bartel, Ph.D.  
Youth Minister: Stephanie Davisson  
Director of Music: Stephanie Davisson  
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If you would like a child’s folder or a wireless hearing assistance device, let the usher know.

**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.  
Lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,  
for ever. Amen.

**Church Calendar**

Sunday, April 13	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Monday, April 14	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Church Office Open
Tuesday, April 15	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Church Office open
	3:30 p.m.	Dance Magic
	4:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Wed., April 16	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Church Office open
	5:00pm - 6:30 pm	Youth Group
	6:30pm - 7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday, April 17	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Church Office open
Maundy Thursday	6:00 pm	-Maundy Thursday Service at Trinity UMC
Friday, April 18		
Good Friday	6:00 pm	-Good Friday Service in the sanctuary
Saturday, April 19	7:00 p.m.	AA – Alcoholics Anonymous (Lounge)
Sunday, April 20	9:30 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary)
Easter Sunday		Easter Brunch following the service

**Announcements**

- There will be a Maundy Thursday Service on Thursday, April 17 at 6pm at Trinity United Methodist.
- There will be a Good Friday Service at 6pm here in the FPC sanctuary on Friday, April 18.
- The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected on Easter Sunday. (April 20)
- Choir practice will meet this Wednesday April 9 at 6:30. We will sing in the service on Easter Sunday.
- Please join us after the service next Sunday the 20th for an Easter brunch.

Prayers for Holy Week

Monday

Lord Jesus Christ,  
In this sacred and solemn week  
When we see again  
The depth and mystery of your redeeming love,  
Help us to follow where you go,  
To stop where you stumble,  
To listen when you cry,  
To hurt as you suffer,  
To bow our heads in sorrow when we die,  
So that when you are raised to life again  
We may share in your endless joy.  
Amen.

Tuesday:

Almighty God,  
We who are quicker to judge than to bless  
Fall silent at the extravagance of your grace.  
As we are confronted again  
with the depth of human wickedness  
And the greater depth of your divine compassion,  
May we not remain unmoved.  
As Christ's arms are stretched out  
And his body lifted up  
May we confess our part in the sin of the world,  
Repent of it,  
Know the reality of your forgiveness,  
And be transformed.  
Amen.

Wednesday:

Eternal God,  
Your hand shaped our lives by grace  
And your hand rescued us from sin by love.  
May your hand guide us though this day,  
Shielding us from all evil,  
Strengthening us to do justice and love,  
In Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Thursday:

Lord God,  
Maker and lover of all,  
As we contemplate again  
The pageant of our Lord's betrayal,  
Suffering, and death;  
May neither the history, ritual,  
Nor sentiment of this season  
In themselves fascinate us.  
Rather may our souls be grasped  
By what our minds alone cannot  
contain—  
That this was all for us.  
And so, Lord, may we be all for you.  
Amen.

Friday:

Protect your people, O God,  
And keep us safe  
Until the coming of your new dawn  
And the establishment of your  
righteous rule.  
By your Holy Spirit,  
Stir up within us a longing  
For the light of your new day,  
And guide us by the radiance of  
Jesus Christ  
Your Son, our risen Lord.  
Amen.

-Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday prayers are  
from *The Book of Common Order of the Church  
of Scotland*.

-Wednesday and Friday prayers are taken  
from the PCUSA Daily Prayer service.

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

✠ Please stand in body or spirit

Prelude

Welcome

Rev. Michelle Bartel

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 118):

Tony Butler

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected

**People: Has become the chief cornerstone.**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

**People: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever! Let us worship the God.**

✠ Hymn of Praise #197 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**Have mercy on us, O God, for we are broken vessels. You call us to follow you, but we deny, abandon and betray, like your first disciples. You call us to pursue justice and righteousness, but we stick to the status quo. You invite us into the hope of your Spirit, but we still despair. You lead us to the cross, but in our discomfort, we try to skip to the empty tomb. Transform us, O God. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon all our brokenness, that your grace may fill in the cracks of our broken places and make us whole. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon  
Hymn #215    *What Wondrous Love Is This*, verses 1 and 2

✠ Response    #581 *Gloria Patri*

Announcements

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm Reading                      Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29                      p. 565 OT

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord  
**People: Thanks be to God**

Old Testament Reading              Isaiah 50:4-9a                      p. 680 OT

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord  
**People: Thanks be to God**

New Testament Reading              Philippians 2:5-11                      p. 197 NT

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading                      Luke 19:28-40                      p. 83 NT

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Blessed is the One Who Comes in the Name of the Lord

“As 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, saying,

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

Hymn of the Word    #175    *Seek Ye First*

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (we use “debts and debtors” in the prayer)

The Offering  
(The Offering plates will not be passed. You may place your offerings in the plates on the pedestals either before or after Worship.)

✠Doxology    #607    *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

✠ Prayer of Thanksgiving  
**God, giver of all good gifts, we thank you for all that you have graciously poured out on us. As we begin Holy Week and walk the final steps to the cross, we give you thanks for the greatest of all gifts — the gift of yourself to your people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

✠ Hymn of Sending    # 215    *What Wondrous Love Is This*, verses 3 &4

✠ Benediction

Congregational Response    #227  
*Jesus, Remember Me, When You Come into Your Kingdom* (sing three times)

Postlude

-Call to Worship, Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, Prayer for Illumination, and Prayer of Thanksgiving, written (lightly adapted) by Ginna Bairby for *The Presbyterian Outlook*.