

**Service For the Lord's Day
Sunday, March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday**

WELCOME

Liturgist: Sherry Mills

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

ALL: Let us worship God!

RESPONSIVE CALL TO GATHER

LEADER: "Hosanna!" They shouted. "Save us!"

RESPONSE: "Hosanna!" We're shouting. "Save us!"

LEADER: Savior, ride into our hearts again,

RESPONSE: wash us with excitement and hope,

LEADER: give us a reason to praise and to shout again,

RESPONSE: "Hosanna! Hosanna!

ALL: Let us worship God!

GATHERING PRAYER

O Hosanna! Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you come to us in triumph and mercy! We lift our hearts in praise as palms wave and voices shout your glory. As we gather in your name, fill us with the joy of your presence and the hope of your kingdom. Ride into our worship, Lord Jesus—ride into our hearts—and make us part of your procession of peace and love. Hosanna in the highest! Amen.

Procession of the Palms

HYMN

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Hymn #196

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed One.

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems
before thee we present.

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!

To thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King!

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!

CONFESSION & PARDON

Holy Christ, we confess that amidst all the Palm Sunday crowds, we find ourselves in more turmoil than triumph. Our faith is unsteady. Our wisdom is eroding. Our resolve is shaken. Our mercy is hardening. Our hope is weakening. Come again and save us from these sins. Give us strength to follow you, our humble Savior, our wise fool, our all in all.

Amen.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Gloria Patri “Glory Be to the Father” Hymn #581

“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.”

ANTHEM

“When He Prayed Beneath the Trees” Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

<i>Psalm reading</i>	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29	p.433, OT
<i>Epistle reading</i>	Philippians 2:5-11	p.152, NT
<i>Gospel reading</i>	Matthew 26:14-27	p.22, NT

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 p.433, OT

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

² Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.
²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.
²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
²³ This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!
²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord.
²⁷ The Lord is God,
and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.
²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.
²⁹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Philippians 2:5-11 **p.152, NT**

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a human,
⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Matthew 26:14-27 **p.22, NT**

¹⁴ Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵ and said, “What will you give me if I betray him to you?” They paid him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶ And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

¹⁷ On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” ¹⁸ He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” ¹⁹ So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

²⁰ When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve disciples, ²¹ and while they were eating he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.” ²² And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, “Surely not I, Lord?” ²³ He answered, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴ The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.” ²⁵ Judas, who betrayed him, said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?” He replied, “You have said so.”

²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” ²⁷ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you,

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Palm Branches, Crowds, and Tables” Rick Mills

AFIRMATION OF FAITH

Hymnal p.35

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 at 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (with the Lord's Prayer)
Hymnal p.35

Leader: Holy Lord, Holy Friend, we lift our hearts to you. Center us in your love and peace. Speak to us as we pray.

People: Hold us gently, O God, and teach us to answer in your name.

Leader: Jesus, in you all things are made, yet your creation is wounded. We pray for all who suffer—from violence near and far.

People: Turn wounds toward healing, and lead us to respond with compassion and love.

Leader: We long for a world restored—where fear is quieted and all are held in dignity and peace.

People: Make us instruments of your reconciling grace.

Leader: We pray, as you have commanded, even for those who have caused harm.

People: Heal hearts twisted by hatred, and help us not return evil for evil.

Leader: When we are overwhelmed by the world's pain—

People: Teach us to be kind within our reach.

Leader: When fear rises within us—

People: Teach us courage to follow you.

Leader: When the need feels too great—

People: Teach us to begin, one act of love at a time.

Leader: For signs of joy and renewal—for community, for creation, for your presence among us—

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: In this holy week, keep us near you. Open our eyes to both suffering and salvation.

People: Give us courage to walk the way of the cross.

Leader: We offer now the prayers of our hearts...

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: And now we offer the prayer that your people have prayed for millennia, which has carried us through all the violence and fear and peace and healing of the years, the prayer Jesus himself offered to us:

**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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERING MUSIC

Tommy Clay, Jr.

DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Hymn #606

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

HYMN

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” Hymn #403

1 Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty
waits for God who answers prayer;
O how blessed is this place,
filled with solace, light, and grace.

2 Gracious God, I come before thee;
come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee,
there a heaven on earth must be;
to my heart O enter thou;
let it be thy temple now.

3 Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee;
let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee,
while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
here is balm for all our woes.

BLESSING AND CHARGE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place”

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

POSTLUDE

Tommy Clay, Jr.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: (Details on our website, Facebook,
Realm & 386-385-3040.)**

Church Activities

Small Groups-Sunday 9:15 am; Tues. 4:00 pm; Wed. 5:00 pm.

Presbyterian Women-Circles meet every 2nd Tuesday,
10:30am & 6:30pm.

Social Connections-Thurs.1pm in Zoom Rm. Contact
Shaaron Kohl 864-378-7032.

Quilting Group-Friday's at 10:00 in the Zoom Room,
Welcoming new members.

Outreach Ministries

Bread of Life- March needs are Bottled Water, Mild Chili Seasoning packets, Barbeque Sauce, Salad Dressing packets (any flavor).

Shower Ministry-Thurs. from 2-6pm

PC3 Ministry-Monday 2-6pm

Meridian/Grace Market Place-Thurs. 2-4pm in the Bartram Rm a representative for assistance.

CDC (Chemical Dependency Counseling)-Mon. 8-12; Tues. 8-6, Wed. 8-6, Sat. 8-6.

Church Calendar

4-17	RCMA	8:00am	WH
4-18	ARK/pets	9:00am	WH/Parking
4-25	Kiwanis/Bass	5:00am	Parking
4-24-26	Bartram	9:00am	WH/Parking
5-22-24	Blue Crab	8:00am	Parking

Lent Noon Service-Music and Meditation (Sanctuary)
Wed. April 1 - Tracey McInnis - Marimba

OTHER EVENTS

Thur. April 2 - Simple Maundy Thursday Meal & Communion around the table. 6:00

Kairos Prison Ministry

4-4-26 11-4pm team mtg and lunch
4-17,18-26 1-6pm meal prep
4-19-26 10-1pm meal prep
Overnight housing with showers 4-16-18-26 2pm-7am (possible 10 guests)

Financial Report

2026 Financial Report/Operating Budget

	Total Received	Total Spent	Surplus(Deficit)
<u>January</u>	\$ 22,695	\$ 18,906	\$ 3,789
<u>February</u>	\$ 16,471	\$ 18,873	\$(2,402)
<u>Year to Date</u>	\$ 39,166	\$ 37,779	\$ 1,3887

The Brick Opportunity to build a space rooted in legacy, community, and faith, one brick at a time. (#31) For more details go to our website fpcpalatka.com.