

# First Presbyterian Church

Established 1876



*Palm Sunday*

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Palm/Passion Sunday**  
**March 29, 2026**

Prelude ..... *“What Wondrous Love”* ..... Dale Wood

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

The Last Supper ..... Thaddaeus: Jeff Carr ..... A Lenten Drama  
Peter: Steve DeMott

\* Hymn of Praise No. 89 ..... *“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”* ..... ELLECOMBE

Call to Worship ..... Sally Pierce

Open the gates!

**Give us courage to walk through!**

Lay down the cloaks.

**We mark the journey to Love’s reign.**

Lift up the branches!

**Let us boldly proclaim God’s peace!**

Opening Prayer ..... Sally Pierce

We have come to meet you today, Jesus. We don’t know quite what to expect. We think we know what we need, how you can meet our needs. But we come humbly, laying our coats before you, admitting that it’s your call. Reveal to us who you are, then give us the courage to follow. Come Lord Jesus! **Amen.**

Introit..... *“Hosanna Processional”* ..... Mark Kellner

\* Call to Confession

(A moment of silent personal confession)

\* Litany of Confession and Forgiveness

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to you, my brothers and my sisters, of my brokenness: the ways I wound my life, the lives of other, and the life of the world.

**By the love and grace of Jesus Christ, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven. May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**

Amen.

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**Amen.**

\* Glory to the Father (Gloria Patri) (Unison) .....Hymn No. 579  
**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.**

Prayer for Illumination..... Sally Pierce

First Scripture Reading .....Matthew 21:1-9.....NT Page 23

Time with Young Disciples

Anthem..... *“On the Road to Jerusalem”* ..... Joseph Martin

Second Scripture Reading.....Matthew 21:10-17.....NT Page 23

Sermon.....*“How the Tables Turn”*..... Rev. Leslie Roper

\* Hymn No. 357..... *“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”* .....MARYTON

\* Affirmation of Faith (Unison)-Apostle’s Creed ..... Sally Pierce

**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.**

Giving of Our Tithes & Offerings ..... Sally Pierce

Offertory ..... *“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”* ..... Robert Hebble

\* Doxology – Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow .....Hymn 592

**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.**

\* Prayer of Dedication ..... Sally Pierce

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer (Unison)..... Traditional, Hymnal Page 16

**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.**

Litany from Palms to Passion

The crowds stood along the parade route, welcoming Jesus into their midst. They cried out “hosanna”, called him savior, and welcomed the mighty king.

**But Jesus was a different kind of king. He walked a different path to glory.**

The people did not understand. They wanted a mighty warrior, but they got a suffering savior.

**So when Jesus was betrayed, they turned on him, seeing him as a failure.**

When Jesus was betrayed, they denied him, abandoning their teacher and friend.

**When Jesus was betrayed, they cheered, crying “Crucify him!”**

When Jesus was betrayed, he loved them still.

\* Closing Hymn No. 85. .... “*What Wondrous Love Is This*” ..... WONDROUS LOVE

\* Charge & Benediction

Postlude..... “*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*” ..... Mary McDonald

*It is the practice of this congregation to sit back down for the postlude.  
Please join us in enjoying a few moments of reflection as our service concludes.*

\*Congregation Standing (Please remain seated if standing is uncomfortable.)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today's Sanctuary Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Jeanette and Gary Cline in honor of their 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Annual Lenten Worship and Lunch Series:** Each Monday in Lent, you are invited to gather as a Hot Springs faith community as we center worship around "Praying the Psalms through Lent." We will begin at 12:05 p.m. each Monday in the host sanctuary with a brief time of worship followed by a light lunch and fellowship. Tomorrow, March 30, we are host church here at First Presbyterian (213 Whittington Ave.) with Rev. J. J. Galloway preaching.

**The One Great Hour of Sharing offering** will be received Easter morning during worship. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

### **Holy Week**



**Church Office Schedule:** The church office will close at 12 noon this Friday, April 3, and we will be closed all day on Monday, April 6, for Easter Monday. Please plan accordingly.

**Welcome Visitors!** Please take a moment to fill out the visitor information card, located in the pew in front of you. Please drop them in the offering plate or hand them to an usher. We'd love to get to know you better! After Worship, join us for a time of fellowship and beverages in the Fellowship Hall. There, you'll find the Welcome Center, with more information about our church!

**Children are always welcome** in worship at First Presbyterian Church. Older children are encouraged to participate in worship and are welcome to pick up pre-packed activities on the table in the back of the sanctuary just for them. A nursery is available upstairs for children under 5. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

**Save your Quarters for the Heifer Project!** The quarter tube is located just inside the sanctuary doors near the steps leading into the sanctuary. **Save your Dimes!** All dimes put into the offering plates go to the Vera Lloyd Home to purchase Bibles. "Make a joyful noise to the Lord."



## ***APRIL BIRTHDAYS***

<p><b><u>April 1</u></b> Linda Glover Ric Poole</p> <p><b><u>April 2</u></b> Betty Kate Carney Carter King Cathe Talpas</p> <p><b><u>April 3</u></b> Jordan Garner</p> <p><b><u>April 7</u></b> Cookie Moore</p>	<p><b><u>April 11</u></b> Lilly Hardin</p> <p><b><u>April 12</u></b> Kent Westmoreland</p> <p><b><u>April 13</u></b> Gail Baum</p> <p><b><u>April 15</u></b> Connie Hope</p> <p><b><u>April 16</u></b> Adam Woodworth</p>	<p><b><u>April 22</u></b> Tom Brown</p> <p><b><u>April 23</u></b> Eliza Bailey</p> <p><b><u>April 28</u></b> Brooks Rice Donald Simmons</p> <p><b><u>April 29</u></b> Elaine Pathmann</p> <p><b><u>April 30</u></b> Susan Lee</p>
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## ***APRIL ANNIVERSARIES***

<p><b><u>April 2</u></b> Susan and Adam Woodworth</p> <p><b><u>April 3</u></b> Sandra and Jim Matheney</p>	<p><b><u>April 7</u></b> Jeanette and Gary Cline</p> <p><b><u>April 30</u></b> Char and David Paul</p>
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*We are so very lucky to have a congregation that is willing to invest in our graduating seniors each year. Each month on the 3rd Sunday, members celebrating their birthdays that month are encouraged to make a special "Birthday Blessing" to our scholarship fund. We have been so blessed in the past to be able to contribute to the continuing education of our Youth. We hope that you will consider this month to give in honor of your birthday.*



**Church Office Hours:**

Monday – Friday  
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Office Lunch Hour:**

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

**Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday**

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
11:30 a.m. Handbells

**Monday, March 30**

9:00 a.m. Bargain Box Marking  
12:05 p.m. Lenten Worship & Lunch at First Presbyterian Church (213 Whittington Ave.)

**Wednesday, April 1**

10:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study  
12:00 p.m. Bargain Box Open until 3:00 p.m.  
5:30 p.m. Session Meeting

**Thursday, April 2 – Maundy Thursday**

10:30 a.m. Mission Committee Lunch Prep at Jackson House  
6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

**Friday, April 3**

12:00 p.m. Church Office Closes

**Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday/Communion**

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m. Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt  
10:30 a.m. Worship/Communion

**Prayer Requests:** Anyone who wants prayer from the Prayer Chain should email or call Jamie Williams, [jsar43@gmail.com](mailto:jsar43@gmail.com) / 276-2852 or Patricia Mills, [paulpatmills@yahoo.com](mailto:paulpatmills@yahoo.com) / 545-5250 with your request. You may also email the Church Office [office@firstpreshotsprings.org](mailto:office@firstpreshotsprings.org). A request can be for yourself, a family member, or a family friend. *You may ask that the request be kept confidential. Only the Prayer Chain members will be notified and they will also be told to keep it confidential.*

*Please remember to recycle your bulletins by placing them in the blue recycle container in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you.*

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