



WORSHIP

MARCH 24, 2024 | 10:30 A.M.



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
RICHARDSON

PALM SUNDAY

Responding to God's love and grace, we WORSHIP with joy, NURTURE with faith, and SERVE others with love.

We Gather Around the Word

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Rosy Robson McCreary

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Hosanna”

by Christian Gregor (1723-1801)
arr. Betty B. Garee

The Ruth Greer Handbell Choir, Becky Lormor, Director
Terry Metzger, Organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP | Responsively

Psalm 118 and Zechariah 9

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

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.

*OPENING HYMN | "All Glory Laud and Honor"

Glory to God 196

Handbell Descant by Margaret R. Tucker

Everyone is invited to wave their palms and join the processional.

ANTHEM

“Ain't No Rock Gonna Shout For Me”

by J. Paul Williams and Lloyd Larson

Sanctuary Choir, Amanda Hollis, Director
Terry Metzger, Piano

CALL TO CONFESSION and PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Triumphant Lord, we rejoice in your entry into the world and into our lives!

Joining with the crowds, we sing your praises and exalt your reign,

but even so, our hearts are far from true worship.

We dream of lives that are more show than substance.

We resist the journey that takes us to places of faith in you.

May we trust you to forgive what is sinful,

to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own.

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with-in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold me with your free Spir - it. Cre-ate in me a clean
heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with-in me.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Even when enduring death,
Christ cares for us;
Christ loves us;
Christ forgives us.

Thanks be to the God of mercy.

ANTHEM**"Agnus Dei"**

Soloist, Max Bitner, Baritone
Soloist, Lauren Carter, Soprano
The Sanctuary Choir, Amanda Hollis, Director
Terry Metzger, Piano

*by Joseph M. Martin
from "Song of the Shadows"*

TIME FOR TINY THEOLOGIANS

Pastor Alice and Pastor Rosy

*Children of all ages are welcome to join us up front for a brief children's lesson.
Children between the ages of 0-kindergarten are then welcome to go to the nursery following the
lesson, or return to their seats.*

We Proclaim the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:36-37

NRSV N.T. Pg. 83

And as he rode along, the people spread clothes on the road in front of him. When Jesus was starting down the Mount of Olives, his large crowd of disciples were happy and praised God because of all the miracles they had seen.

REFLECTION | *Expectation*

Carolyn Prince, Mary Jo Grimes, and Ben Niewenhuis, Liturgists

*HYMN | “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

Glory to God 775

REFLECTION | *A Change of Plans*

*HYMN | “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Glory to God 223

REFLECTION | *Journey Toward Something Greater*

CHORAL AMEN

HOMILY

Rev. Alice Hernandez

We Respond to the Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

written by Rev. Julia Seymour

**We believe in the God who is the pillar of fire and the pillar of cloud.
We trust in our Holy Parent who judges and shows mercy.
We hope in our Creator who is faithful to all that is seen and unseen.
We believe in the Jesus who rode in triumph into Jerusalem.
We trust in the Messiah who was crucified, died, and was buried.
We hope in the living Christ who walked out of the tomb.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, giver of faith and formation.
We trust in the Breath of Life who stirs, sustains, and sanctifies.
We hope in our Advocate who brings to us, and through us, the gift of God’s peace.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER | Unison

**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.**

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"On The Road to Jerusalem"
The Sanctuary Choir, Amanda Hollis, Director
Terry Metzger, Piano

*by Joseph M. Martin
from "Song of the Shadows"*

***DOXOLOGY | "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

Glory to God 606

**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.**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

We Are Sent Out to Bear the Word in the World

***SENDING HYMN | "A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd"**

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***BENEDICTION and PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**The Peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.**



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Holy Week

at First Presbyterian Church of Richardson

Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday

Nursery: 9:00 am - 11:30 am, CE Building
Children's Sunday School: 9:00 am, CE Building
Coffee Class: 9:00 am, Room A111
Present Word: 9:00 am, Room A109
Worship: 10:30 am, In-person and Online
Grace Community Presbyterian Fellowship: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Chapel, A111, A109

Monday, March 25

Faith Sharing: 1-2:00 pm, Library
Book Discussion Group: 2-3:00 pm, Library
Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 5-10:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 26

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group: 6:30 am, Phone
Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 10:00 am, Library
Pastor's Bible Study: 4-5:00 pm, Zoom

Wednesday, March 27

Sometimers: 8:00 am
Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 5-10:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
Handbell Rehearsal: 5:45-7:15 pm
Choir Rehearsal: 7:30-9:00 pm

Thursday, March 28 - Maundy Thursday

Tai Chi: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
Dinners for 8: 6:30 pm

Friday, March 29 - Good Friday

Good Friday Gathering for Children: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Service of Shadows and Song: 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

Saturday, March 30

Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 10:30 am - 12:00 pm, Library
Grace Community Presbyterian Choir: 3-4:00 pm, Chapel

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday

Outdoor Easter Service: 8:00 am, Pavilion
Nursery: 9:00 am - 11:30 am, CE Building
Children's Sunday School: 9:00 am, CE Building
Coffee Class: 9:00 am, Room A111
Present Word: 9:00 am, Room A109
Worship: 10:30 am, In-person and Online
Grace Community Presbyterian Fellowship: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Chapel, A111, A109
Children's Easter Egg Hunt: After the 10:30 service
United Fellowship Bible Church: 3-5:00 pm, Chapel



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Celebrate Easter with Us!

Outdoor Easter Worship
8:00 am, Pavilion

Easter Worship
10:30 am, Sanctuary

Children's Easter Activity
After Worship