

WORSHIP

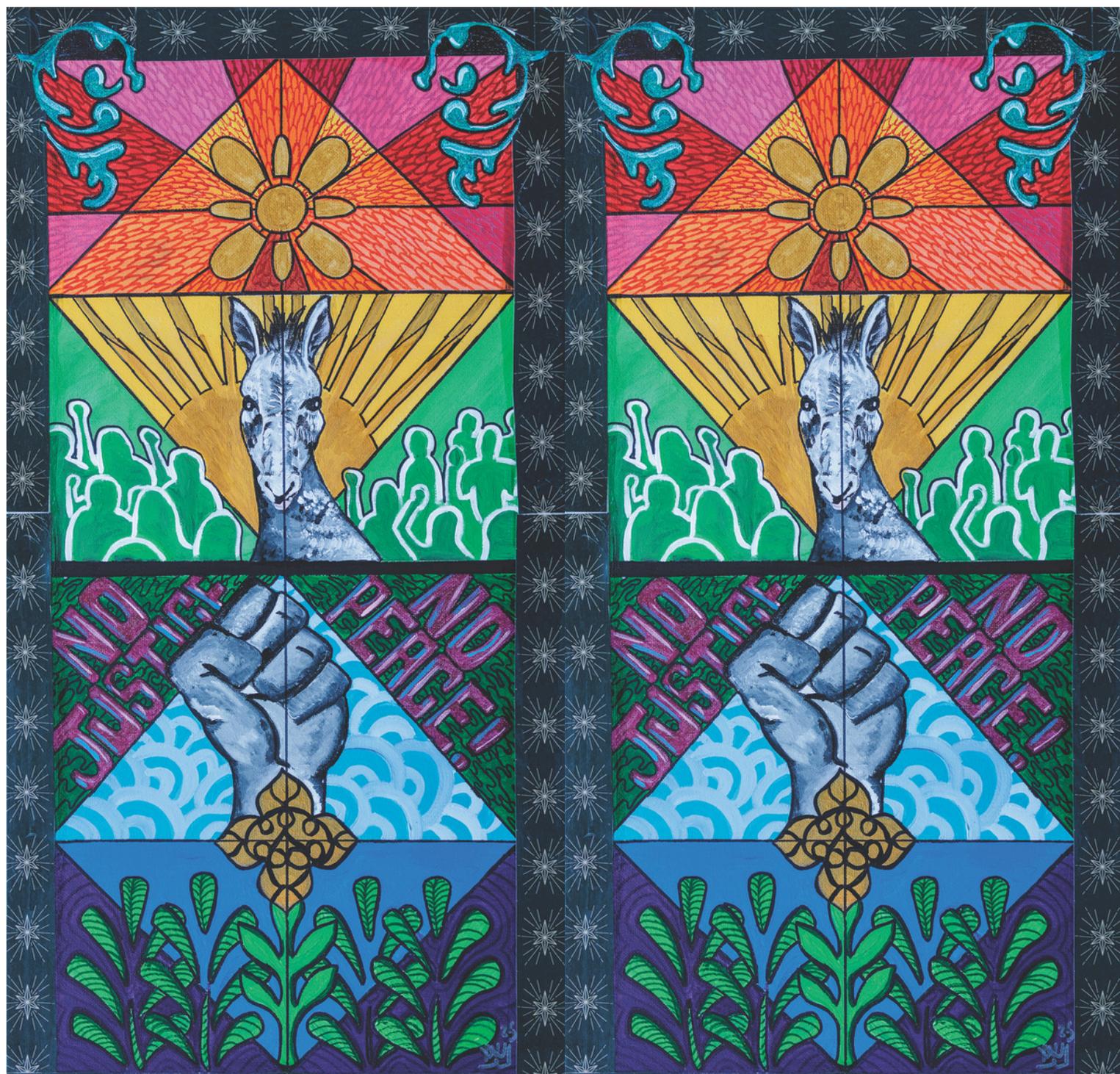


FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
RICHARDSON

PALM SUNDAY | MARCH 29, 2026

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

At First Presbyterian Church of Richardson, we believe that God's love is for everyone—without exception. We welcome all people to worship, serve, and grow with us, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental ability, marital status, or economic circumstance. We affirm the worth and dignity of every person as a beloved child of God, created in God's image. As a church rooted in God's grace, we seek to live with open hearts and open minds. We commit to being a safe and affirming space for all, especially those who have been hurt or excluded by the church in the past. In our worship, our leadership, our fellowship, and our service—we welcome you. We see you. We honor your full humanity. You are welcome here. You are not alone. You are loved.



We Gather Around the Word

WELCOME

Rev. Sarah Chancellor-Watson

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Postlude on ST DROSTANE”

Lani Smith

Terry Metzger, Organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP

John Fattarus, Liturgist

Will you follow?

Will you lay down your coat?

Will you lay down something important?

Will you shout “Hosanna”?

Will you join the parade?

Will you sing, even if your throat is hoarse?

Will you cut down a palm branch?

Will you wave it in the air?

Will you follow the one riding on a donkey?

Will you let this good news inspire you to act?

We will. We will sing. We will pay close attention.

We will worship. We will follow.

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Blessed is He Who Comes”

by Lloyd Larson

FPCR Children’s Choir

The Sanctuary Choir, Amanda Hollis, Director

*Please have your hymnals open to #196, “All Glory Laud and Honor”.
The congregation will be prompted when it’s your turn to join in and sing.*

CALL TO CONFESSION *and* PRAYER OF CONFESSION | *Unison*

Jesus of Nazareth,

we know that you spent your days teaching and healing.

You marched through the streets and walked on water.

You laid hands on the sick and broke bread at crowded dinner tables.

Your good news was not confined to conversation.

It was not confined to the Temple.

Your good news was an act of love, alive in the world.

Holy God, we long for a faith like that.

Forgive us for the times when we confine our faith

to something we think about, as opposed to something we act upon.

Inspire us to love as you loved. Inspire us to act.

With hope for tomorrow we pray, amen.

Root us in mercy, justice, and love.

**Please stand in body or spirit*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Church family,
whether or not you wave your palm branch,
whether or not you live out your faith,
whether or not you allow this good news to inspire your actions,
God will never stop loving you.
Jesus will never stop marching for you.
The Spirit will never stop listening to you.
We are claimed, loved, and held in grace.
What good, good news. Amen!

*GLORIA PATRI | #581 “Glory Be to the Father”

*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.*

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

TIME FOR TINY THEOLOGIANS

Robin Smith

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.

ANTHEM

“Fantasy on ‘Hosanna, Loud Hosanna’”
Spring Ring Handbell Ensemble
Becky Lormor, Director; Terry Metzger, Piano

*ELLACOMBE
Arr. Jantz A. Black
For text, see Glory to God 197*

We Proclaim the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 11:1-11

NRSV NT Pg. 47

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Sarah Chancellor-Watson

We Respond to the Word

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | #205 "Live in Charity"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison*

Iona Creed

**We believe that God is present
in the darkness before dawn;
in the waiting and uncertainty
where fear and courage join hands,
conflict and caring link arms,
and the sun rises over barbed wire.
We believe in a with-us God
who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.
We affirm a faith that takes us beyond a safe place:
into action, into vulnerability and onto the streets.
We commit ourselves to work for change
and put ourselves on the line;
to bear responsibility, take risks,
live powerfully and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge;
to choose life and be used by the Spirit
for God's new community of hope. Amen.**

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.**

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

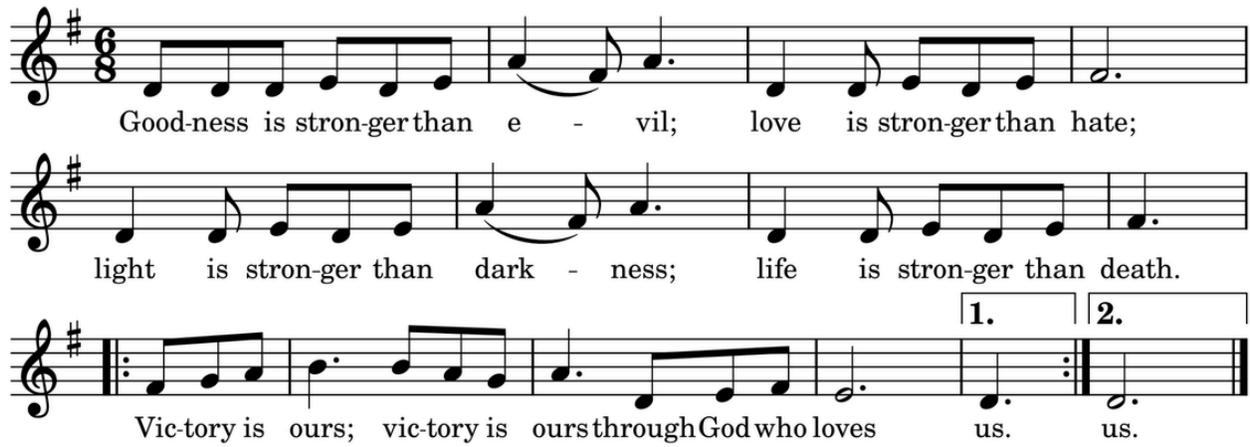
CALL FOR OFFERING *and* OFFERTORY "Ride On, King Jesus"

by Moses Hogan

The Sanctuary Choir, Amanda Hollis, Director
Peter Tiggelaar, Tenor; Terry Metzger, Piano

*Ride on King Jesus
Ride on the conquering king
Oh ride on King Jesus, ride on
No man no can a hinder thee
Jesus is the first and he's the last
Jesus is the Lord, Lord of Lords
Jesus is the prince, prince of peace
No man no can a hinder thee*

*DOXOLOGY | #750 "Goodness Is Stronger than Evil"



Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;
light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death.
Vic-tory is ours; vic-tory is ours through God who loves us. us.

We Are Sent Out to Bear the Word in the World

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN | #213 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

Glory to God 220

Max Bitner, Baritone; Terry Metzger, Piano



HOLY WEEK

at First Presbyterian Church of Richardson



PALM SUNDAY
March 29
Sunday Worship
10:30 AM | Sanctuary



MAUNDY THURSDAY
April 2
Dinners for 8
6:30 PM | Assigned Home



GOOD FRIDAY
April 3
Good Friday Service
6:30 PM | Sanctuary



EASTER SUNDAY
April 5
Outdoor Service
8 AM | Pavillion
Traditional Service
10:30 AM | Sanctuary
Easter Egg Hunt
12 PM | Fellowship Hall



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WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday

Coffee Class: 9 am, A111
Present Word: 9 am, A109
Children's Sunday School: 9-10:15 am, CE Building
Nursery: 9-11:30 am, CE Building
Worship: 10:30 am, Fellowship Hall
Children & Family Lunch & Play: 12 pm, Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 30

Book Discussion Group: 2 pm, Library

Tuesday, March 31

Prayer Group: 6:30 am, Phone
Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 10 am, Library
Pastor's Bible Study: 4 pm, Google Meet

Wednesday, April 1

Sometimes: 8-11 am
Women's Circle: 9:30 am- 12 pm, Chapel
Handbell Rehearsal: 5:45-7:15 pm
Choir Rehearsal: 7:30-9 pm

Thursday, April 2 - Maundy Thursday

Art Therapy: 10 am-12 pm, Room A110
Dinners for 8: 6:30 pm, Assigned Home

Friday, April 3 - Good Friday

Men's Breakfast: 7:30 am, La Madeleine @ Coit/Campbell
Good Friday Service: 6:30 pm, Sanctuary

Saturday, April 4

Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 2-4 pm, Library

Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday

Outdoor Easter Service: 8 am, Pavilion
Coffee Class: 9 am, A111
Present Word: 9 am, A109
Children's Sunday School: 9-10:15 am, CE Building
Nursery: 9-11:30 am, CE Building
Easter Worship: 10:30 am, In-Person & Online
Easter Egg Hunt: 12 pm, Fellowship Hall

Easter Flower Dedications

If you would like to dedicate flowers to a loved one for Easter, please fill out a card and drop it in the offering plate.

Dedications due by **Wednesday, April 1.**



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

Monthly Dinner & Fellowship

Dinner will be served from 6-7 PM.
Reservations are required!



All are welcome!

RSVP in the Friendship Pads. Suggested Donation: \$5/Adult.



SAVE THE DATE

EARTH CARE
PARK CLEAN-UP
SUNDAY, APRIL 26
AFTER WORSHIP

MORE DETAILS TO COME!


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For the full events calendar that includes our Community Partners, please scan the QR code.





Palm Sunday Was a Protest

by Nicolette Faison

Inspired by Mark 11:1-11

12"x24" Acrylic, marker, paper collage on canvas

Palm Sunday Was a Protest is a sister piece to *LL Cool J* in that the inspiration was also stained glass. Unlike *LL Cool J*, *Palm Sunday Was a Protest* contains a bit more detail emphasizing the hectic energy that is found in movements. Each segment is meant to capture the eye but the central subjects are in black and white, contrasting the brilliant color palette.

The order of colors is intentionally a rainbow as a nod to the Queer community. The piece contains a sunrise behind the iconic Palm Sunday donkey, which is an ode to the Sunrise Movement.²¹ Accompanying the donkey are crowds of people with fists raised in the air, a common sight at any protest. The phrase, "No Justice, No Peace" sits around a "power to the people fist" symbolizing resistance. This symbol was first utilized by labor and liberation movements in the early 1900s. I personally associate the fist with the Black Power movement of the 1960s. Along the bottom of the piece, the grassroots of the image, are palms, a nod to the biblical story.

Palm Sunday Was a Protest is an ode to modern movements. This piece visually aligns how Palm Sunday is talked about with the active work

happening today. Resist fascism. Resist occupation. Do justice. —Rev. Nicolette Faison

Look

As you scan the image, notice the contrast between vibrant colors and black and white.

What does this contrast convey to you?

²¹ The Sunrise Movement received increased attention at the end of the 2010s into the 2020s as a movement for young people committed to stopping climate change. sunrisemovement.org