

*Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!
We are thrilled to have you here.*

Gathering Around the Word

Centering Prayer

Holy God, you reveal the truth about your people and the ways of our world in the suffering of the Son and his steadfast love. Show us again the image of humility you desire for us, and teach us obedience, so that self-emptying may be our pathway, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* BY JOEL RANEY
Dr. Karen Buckland, organ and Mr. Mac McDougal, piano

Chiming of the Hour

Opening Words (*from Zechariah 9*) Rev. Andy S. Chambers

Rejoice, rejoice, you sons of Zion! Shout for joy, you daughters of Jerusalem! Look and see, your King is coming to you. He comes triumphant and victorious yet humble and riding on a donkey. The Lord will now save his people, as a shepherd saves his flock from danger. Like precious stones in a crown, we will shine in God's own land.

***Processional Hymn** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* #197/ELLACOMB
1 Hosanna, loud
hosanna, the little
children sang; through
pillared court and
temple the joyful
anthem rang. To Jesus,
who had blessed them,
close folded to his
breast, the children
sang their praises, the
simplest and the best.
2 From Olivet they
followed 'mid an
exultant crowd, the
victor palm branch
waving, and chanting
clear and loud; the Lord
of earth and heaven
rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little
children should on his
bidding wait.
3 "Hosanna in the
highest!" That ancient
song we sing, for Christ
is our Redeemer; the
Lord of heaven, our
King. O may we ever
praise him with heart
and life and voice, and
in his blissful presence
eternally rejoice.

Welcome, Concerns and Celebrations of the Church

Morning Prayer

***Palm Sunday Hymn** #196/VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN
All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*Call to Confession

***Prayer of Confession:** (unison)

With joy in our hearts, we welcome your servant, O God, only to reject him when he picks up the cross instead of a crown. Like cloaks laid on the ground before Jesus, we pick up our faith,

dust it off and put it back in the closet until we need it. We can be as stubborn and as the city which cheers your name.

Save us, Redeeming God, save us! May we lay our doubts, our fears, our worries, our weariness at your feet, trusting and believing that you will forgive what is sinful, make whole our brokenness, and welcome us as sisters and brothers of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Our prayer continues in silence)

***Assurance of God's Grace** (responsive)

Hosanna to David's Son! Blessed is the One who comes in God's name, not to judge us, but to save us. Friends, let us humble ourselves in gratitude to God, and in service to others, even as Christ did.

Hosanna in the highest. Amen!

***Gloria Patri** GLORIA PATRI
*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.*

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination Laurie Counterman

First Lesson: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 pp. 492 & 493
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem *I Will Lift Up My Eyes* BY ROBERT LAU

I will lift up my eyes to the hills, from where comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved. He keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will not slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun will not strike you, nor the moon by night. And the Lord will keep you from all evil. And the Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time and evermore. He will not slumber, he will not sleep, forevermore.

Children's Sermon Pastor Andy
All preschool and elementary children are invited to come down front.

Gospel Lesson: John 12 :12-16 p. 875
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Andy S. Chambers

Responding to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith** (unison) *from Philippians 2*

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something he exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

Prayers of the People and 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Hosanna to the King* BY GENE CLARKE

***Doxology** OLD HUNDREDTH
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

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

***Hymn for Holy Week** #265/DUKE STREET
Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

***Charge and Benediction** Rev. Andy S. Chambers

***Choral Benediction** WILLIAM WALKER
What Wondrous Love Is This

***Postlude** *Ride On In Majesty, Ride On* BY JAMES MANSFIELD

Thank you to Laurie Counterman for serving as liturgist and to Marty Ademy for live streaming at Presbyterian Communities.

Prayers for the Week

Morning Prayer: *I rise, O God awakened by your Word, to live another day. Lead me in your path. Show me the steps to take toward greater faith. Hold me in your care as I move through this Holy Week where the shadows deepen even in the daylight. Hosanna! Save me now, dear God!. Amen.*

Evening Prayer: *I come to the darkness of night, O God, tired and ready for a sweet respite in your care. Keep me safe from all harm, and bring me to the morning light with renewed strength. In Jesus' holy name I pray. Amen.*

Please Remember in Prayer

<u>Church Family</u>	<u>Friends of Church</u>	<u>Bereavement</u>
Margaret Addison	Stuart Britt	The Wardlaw family
Laura Ashley	Andy Dill	The Threatt family
Neile Chambers	Julie Young Keadle	Latha Gearheart & family
Sarah Tyler	Kim Purcell	Cindy Jacobs & family
Cockrell	Trecie Davis Richey	Sonya Atkinson & family
P-Nut Dowdle	Neil & Lynda Counterman	Pam Warren & family
Kathy Hamer		Marvine & Bill Tyler
Linda Hunter		Danny & Hunt Cook
Gin Jacobs		The Goodbar family
Liz Pinzon		
Kim Randall		
Dot Smith		

Please continue to hold our Global Missionaries in prayer: Donald Marsden (US); Pam (Turkey); Ellen Smith (US); Larry and Inge Sthreshley (Congo).

The Session of First Presbyterian Church

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Marty Ademy	Lee Atkinson	Austin Barnes
Emily Holder	Danny Cook	Cyndi Coker
Bob Link	Amanda Donley	Charlie Gustafson
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Holy Week at FPC

Sunday, March 29th – Palm Sunday

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages (final adult/youth combined class)
10:30 a.m. – Palm Sunday Worship Service

Monday – Thursday, March 30th – April 2nd

9:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Sanctuary open to all who would like to experience a self-guided, interactive journey to “The Way of the Cross”

Tuesday, March 31st

7:00 p.m. – Global Mission Committee meeting (library)

Thursday, April 2

5:30 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Service (sanctuary)

Friday, April 3rd

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Sanctuary open to all who would like to experience a self-guided, interactive journey to “The Way of the Cross”



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Announcements



On Easter Sunday we welcome you to join us for a continental breakfast in the courtyard during the Sunday School hour, 9:30 a.m.



Please bring cuttings from your yard and bring the whole family to enjoy this time-honored tradition of flowering the cross.



We're starting a new thing here at FPC Clinton . . . We are thrilled to bring to you the Fellowship Brew! Join us for our first brew in our new space at the CLC – Room III – **Wednesday, April 8th @ 10:00 a.m.** Coffee, teas and home-made breakfast snacks will be available. Join us for meaningful mid-week conversation and fellowship, and feel free to bring a friend along!

