



A Service for the Worship of God | Sunday, March 29, 2026 | 10:45am
Palm Sunday

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

CHIMES

PRELUDE.....*March*.....Henry Purcell

INTROIT.....*Hosanna to the Lord*.....Becki Slagle Mayo

The Children's Choir – Lynace Veit, conductor

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna to the Lord!

All glory, laud, and honor, to you, Redeemer, King,

To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift up your heads, O gates, and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty; the Lord, mighty in love.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Let us wave our branches and lift our voices.

Hosanna in the highest! Let us worship God.

† HYMN, No. 197.....*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*.....ELLACOMBE

Accompanied by The Jordan Street Ringers

LENTEN CANDLE EXTINGUISHING

CALL TO CONFESSION

ENTERING THE SILENCE, HYMN No. 544.....*Bless the Lord*.....BLESS THE LORD

(We will sing this three times.)

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

PRAYER OF SILENT REFLECTION

EMERGING FROM THE SILENCE, HYMN No. 466.....*Come and Fill Our Hearts*.....

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

(We will sing this three times.)

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the Good News!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made righteous! Thanks be to God!

† ACT OF PRAISE, No. 654.....*In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*.....

IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God; do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

A TIME WITH CHILDREN.....Lynace Veit

Children: God be with you as you stay.

Congregation: God be with you as you go.

Children may exit at this time. Parents of children ages 3 years and younger may take their children to the CE building for Extended Session, Room CE 103. Children 4 years old through first grade may exit for Worship Center on the third floor, Room 322.

RESPONSE, No. 702.....*Christ Be Beside Me*.....BUNESSAN

Christ be beside me; Christ be before me; Christ be behind me, King of my heart.

Christ be within me; Christ be below me; Christ be above me, never to part.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING.....Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Pew Bible, page 534 | Large Print, page 695
Bibles are located in the racks beneath the pews.

SECOND READING.....Matthew 21:1-11
Pew Bible, page 21 | Large Print, page 27
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON.....*The King We Expected and The King We Needed*.....Rev. Brent Anderson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

† **HYMN, No. 160**.....*A Stable Lamp is Lighted*.....ANDUJAR
A soloist will sing verse 1; the congregation and choir may join on verse 2.

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – A Brief Statement of Faith**

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our 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.

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY..... *Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates*..... William Mathias

The Sanctuary Choir

*Lift up your heads, O ye gates, The Lord strong and mighty,
And be ye lift up ye everlasting doors, The Lord mighty in battle.
And the King of glory shall come in. The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.
Who is this King of glory?*

† **DOXOLOGY, No. 606**..... OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

† **HYMN, No. 198**..... *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*..... ST. DROSTANE

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

† **RESPONSE, No. 543**..... *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*..... GREEN TYLER

*Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

† **POSTLUDE**..... *Trumpet Allemande*..... Anthony Holborne

† *Please stand in body or in spirit.*

*The palms today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the Tedford and Whited families
by Mary Ann and Steve Whited.*

Liturgist: Anne Jenkins

Ushers: Robin Jones, Mary Bush, Dick Bush, Mary Anne Selber, Patti Shelton

Worship Center: Lynace Veit, Jane Sugar

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, April 12** following worship for the purpose of approving the listing and sale of the Alden Plantation property in Bossier Parish, in one or more transactions (if the way be clear, and the price be acceptable to the Session). FPC Alden Plantation, LLC (of which First Presbyterian Church of Shreveport is the sole member) has an approximate 3.8% interest in this property which was received from the Hicks Marital Trust fund. Based upon the realtor's valuation, a sale or sales could net the church as much as \$350,000.00.

WORSHIP NOTES

WE WELCOME FRIENDS AND VISITORS. This church is for anyone who wants to be counted as a disciple of Jesus Christ, and who wants to be included in its worship and work. Thank you for signing your name and address on the attendance sheet.

WE WARMLY WELCOME CHILDREN as a vital part of our worshiping community! We understand that every family is different, and we strive to support each one in the way that fits them best. Children are always welcome to remain in the sanctuary during worship, and we offer worship bags and children's Bibles to help engage them in meaningful ways. Worship Center, a Montessori-based approach to worship, is available for 4-year-olds -1st graders following the Time with Children. Childcare is offered in the CE building when needed. In addition, a comfort room is located on the same floor as the sanctuary, equipped with a speaker so you can listen to the service while caring for your child.

PRAYER LIST - FOR HEALING, PEACE, AND COMFORT:

Martha Fitch, Joy Young, Zama Dexter, Jean Sayres, Leigh Taylor, Erika Asseff, Stephen Roberts, Josh Kilpatrick, Susie Nunnally, Ken Copeland, Lorna Rodman, Michael Avery, Vernon Chance, Claudia Engi, Jan Melton, Krystle Baker Bailey, Jerry Sayres, Robert Raymond, Lauren Gnann

Please keep the church staff updated on those who are listed.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING:

Mary Blackman and family, Mary Anne Selber, Anne Jenkins and family,
Peggy Guilbert and family, Marilyn Madison and family, Glenn Jackson, family of Jean Carroll,
Amy Bowman and family, Susan Lavergne and family, Brian Carberry and family,
Mary Bush and family, Mary Jane Lowder and family, Bob Neff and family,
Pam Naifeh and family, the Jackson family, the Mendenhall family,
the Day and Grantham families

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SERVING:

Ryan Markham, U.S. Navy; Jennifer Markham, U.S. Navy;
Reed Markham, U.S. Army; Evan Akers, U.S. Army; Josh Freidel, U.S. Navy;
Evan Richey, U.S. Navy; James Giddens, U.S. Army

CHURCH STAFF AND LEADERSHIP:

Rev. Brent Anderson..... Transitional Senior Pastor/Head of Staff
Rev. Lynace Pabst Veit..... Pastor for Children and Family Ministries
Dr. Hollice S. Watson..... Organist/Choir Director
Dakota Dunn..... Youth Director
Ginger Garfield..... Church Administrator
Kathy Booth..... Director of First Presbyterian Day School
Susan W. Abney..... Communications Director
Jan Melton..... Church Librarian
Tanna McAteer..... Church Secretary
Lona L. Lockard..... Staff Secretary
Jeff A. McKenzie..... Sexton/Maintenance Coordinator
Sheri Rowell..... Kitchen Coordinator
Jacob Dickson..... Pastoral Care Coordinator

SESSION MINISTRY MODERATORS:

Calvin Head..... Administration
Gene Hodgson..... Church Facilities
Simone Hennessee..... Stewardship
Marion Avery..... Congregational Life
Anne Jenkins..... Welcome Ministry
Piper Moritz..... Adult Ministries
Charlotte Sonnenfeld..... Youth Ministry
Brantley Hodges..... Children’s Ministries
Paul Dickson, Sr..... Worship Ministry
Kim Mitchell..... Outreach Ministry
Anne Jenkins..... Clerk of Session

DEACON, PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN & STOER MODERATORS:

Theresa Dyer..... Board of Deacons
Ann Morell..... Presbyterian Women
Liz LaBorde..... Stoer Committee

IN OUR OUTREACH CENTER:

Kelli Todd, Director..... Volunteers for Youth Justice/CASA
Youth Outreach Services – Jewell House

WEEKLY LINK – WEEK OF MARCH 29, 2025
THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

CURRENT OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, March 29

9:15 a.m. – Children’s Choir Rehearsal – CE Building

9:30 a.m. - Breakfast Cookoff – Youth Fundraiser – Gym

10:45 a.m. – Palm Sunday Worship Service – In-Person - Sanctuary and also Live Streamed on the Website:
<https://www.fpcshreveport.org> and First Presbyterian Facebook Page

5:00 p.m. – Youth Choir – Choir Room

5:30 p.m. – Youth Bells – Bell Room

6:00 p.m. – Youth Group – 4th Floor Youth Area

6:00 p.m. – Young Adults – Media Room

MONDAY, March 30

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. - FPDS

12:00 p.m. – AA

TUESDAY, March 31

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS

5:30 p.m. – PNC Meeting – Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, April 1

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS

5:15 p.m. – Children’s Ministry Meeting – CE Building

THURSDAY, April 2

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS

6:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Worship Service – Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

FRIDAY, April 3

7:00 a.m. – Men’s Prayer Breakfast - Gym

10:00 a.m. – Tower Art

12:00 p.m. - AA

6:00 p.m. – Good Friday Worship Service - Sanctuary

SUNDAY, April 5

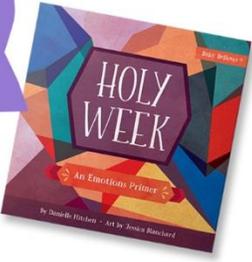
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – Butterfly Release and Easter Egg Hunt – Legacy Green

10:45 a.m. – Easter Sunday Worship Service – In-Person – Sanctuary and also Live Streamed on the Website: <https://www.fpcshreveport.org> and First Presbyterian Facebook Page

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

Holy Week

Come walk the paths of the Legacy Green and experience the many emotions of Holy Week



MARCH 29-APRIL 5



Butterfly Release & Easter Egg Hunt

EASTER SUNDAY
MORNING, APRIL 5TH
10:00-10:30am

Meet at the  Legacy Green!

Join us for a butterfly release, egg hunt, and refreshments



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Plan to join us at the Men's Prayer Breakfast on the first Friday of the month 7:00-8:00am in the gym.



FRIDAY, APRIL 3

PLEASE RSVP BY APRIL 1

THIS MONTH'S SCRIPTURE:
Romans 12:1-21

Breakfast | Fellowship | Bible Study

Church OFFICE CLOSED

MONDAY, APRIL 6
EASTER MONDAY