

Service for the Lord's Day

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

Preparation

RINGING OF THE BELLS First Presbyterian Handbell Choir

PALM PROCESSIONAL "There's a Man Riding in on a Donkey" (See Insert)

WELCOME, JOYS, AND CONCERNS Donna Farris

LENTEN INTROIT "God So Loved the World" R. Steven Branyon

God so loved the World that He gave His only Son, that whosoe'er believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

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.

† HYMN 196 "All Glory, Laud and Honor" (v.1-4)

† CALL TO CONFESSION

The very first Palm Sunday was a day of action. It was a day of movement, of crowded city streets, and cries of "Hosanna!" It was a day of peaceful protest and dreams for a better world. The first Palm Sunday was a day of peaceful, hopeful action. So friends, on this Palm Sunday, let us join the saints before us in an act of faith. Let us begin with an act of prayer, an act of honesty, an act of transformation. Let us begin by drawing close to God and sharing the truth of our lives. Let us begin with confession. Join me in prayer:

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Church family, hear the Good News: 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!

† RESPONSE 577 "Lord Have Mercy"

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also, with you.**
As God's forgiven people, let us pass the peace of Christ to one another.

Proclamation

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Alice Smith

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy One, if we've heard this story before, the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem riding on a donkey, then help us to hear it again. And if we've never heard this story before, if we've never heard the story of Palm Sunday or the cries of "Hosanna," then give us the wisdom to follow along. Give us the wisdom to hear these words. Give us the wisdom to take them into our hearts. Give us the wisdom to act on their truth. We are listening. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

ANTHEM Blessed Is He Who Cometh Charles Gounod
(Blessed is He Who Cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!)

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 11:1-11

MESSAGE *Inspiring Us to Act* Rev. Nick Setzer

† HYMN 197 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (v.1-3) Ellacombe

Dedication

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Ellacombe

† DOXOLOGY 606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

† OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of grace, you have gifted us with life in Christ. Today we bring the gifts of our work and the gifts of our hearts. May all that we bring and all that we are be your means of grace in the world, that all people may encounter your good news. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION (*We will all eat and drink together. Please listen for instructions.*)

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY: My Song Is Love Unknown Arr. Michael Burkhardt

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

† HYMN 200 "A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd" (v.1-5) Christian Love

† LENTEN LITURGY

Who is this unlikely king? Hosanna! His name is Jesus! Why does he ride into the city? Hosanna! He comes to save us! Let us wave our palms, throw down our cloaks, and follow Christ toward the cross.
Lord, have mercy.

† NAILING THE CROSS

† BENEDICTION

† CHORAL BENEDICTION "Jesus, We Just Want to Praise You"
(Sung by all) William J. Gaither
Jesus we just want to praise You. Jesus, we just want to praise You. Jesus, we just want to praise You. Praise You for bringing us love.

† POSTLUDE "Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty" arr. Robert Hobby

† Stand as you are able

The rosebud in the sanctuary today is in celebration of the birth of Daisy Kate Stevens. She was born on March 23rd. She is the granddaughter of Stephanie and Shawn Jarrett, and the great granddaughter of Steve and Becky Smith.

WYCCMA'S HOLY WEEK SERVICES ARE THIS WEEK!!! MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND

They will be held at the Divine Saviour Catholic Church each day at noon with a lunch to follow. Our church will be providing lunch on Tuesday. Below is a list of pastors, liturgists, meals & desserts for each day:

Mon.	Father Johnni do Bonfim Silva, C.O.	Wanda Shirah	Divine Savior	Philadelphia UMC
Tues.	Rev. Melissa Shortridge	Alice Smith	1 st Pres.	Abiding Presence
Wed.	Rev. Henry Gregory	Kenny McKown	Trinity	ARP
Thur.	Rev. Dr. Dave Hall	Ken Spaulding	New Home	Filbert
Fri.	Rev. Nick Setzer	Ed Kelly	Episcopal	Tabernacle of Praise

FLOWERS NEEDED

-On Easter morning, we will need flowers for blooming the cross.

SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE IS OUR THEME FOR 2026 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, JUNE 22-25. FIND YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD. "I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH HIM WHO STRENGTHENS ME" (PHILIPPIANS 4:13)

Preschool Art Show and Silent Auction

Please join us April 30th from 5-7 in McNeel for a special fundraiser hosted by the Preschool. Come see the children's art, as well as bid on special art pieces and other items. Proceeds go towards the church and preschool needs. Thank you for your support!

Presbyterian Women are now accepting applications for the 2026-2027 Iva Bryson Barnwell and Kitty Sandifer Scholarship. This opportunity is for all rising and current college and graduate students. Please contact the church or Liz Ann Hill (lizannhill15@gmail.com) for an application and to ask any questions. The applications are **due by APRIL 1ST!**

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS Thank you for joining us today. We're glad you're here and hope that you'll experience God's love as we worship together. If you would like to know more about us, please call our church office (684-2356) and ask to speak with our pastor. May God's peace be with you.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS:

All caregivers, Justin Snipes (son of Melissa & Patrick Young & grandson of Micky & Joe Howe), Matt Bozarth (Friend of Leigh Dayton) that is suffering from a rare cancer), Wayne McCormick, Jr., Mark Good (Friend of Jody Templeton has cancer), Gloria Ludwig (Stacey Walden's grandmother), Leigh Dayton, Shane Vickery (friend of Jake Walden) Joe & Mickey Howe, Archie Buchanan, Jim Ballard (Brother in law of Ann Lee), Robert Clewis (Shelia Herron's son), Danny Allman (19 yr. old nephew of Mike Allman), Jackson (friend of the Waldens), Bill Herron(Leukemia), Donna Jo McKinney Ferrell and Jane McKinney Bolin (have cancer, they are nieces of Brenda Brandon), Chip Lee (father of Bethany James), Patti Whiteside (Joanna Setzler's step mom) recovering from broken hip, Jim Bolduc (Surgery), Lorraine Stewart, Mike Allman, Sr. (brain cancer), Linda Lee (sister in law of Eddie & Ann Lee injured in auto accident), Bruce Richardson & Julian Chinavare (friends of Jake Walden) & Julie Setzer (Jane Ratliff's daughter) has bone cancer.

RETIREMENT/NURSING HOMES-HOMEBOUND

Barbara & Bob Falls, Jane Spratt & Lorraine Stewart

FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by the Hill Family in memory of Judy Moore. Judy was a wonderful neighbor, friend & valued church member. She will be greatly missed by all!

LITTLE DISCIPLES 29 Henley Lester 5 th Jake & Stacy Walden	NURSERY Jenny Hill Angie Pratt
ACOLYTES 29 Mackenna Zesiger/James Caveny 5 th Aubrey & Ryleigh Walden	CROSS BEARER Tallon Zesiger Rhodes Hill

The 2026 flower calendar is open. Anyone who would like to (sponsor) the flowers during the coming year please contact Ree Dillon at 803-526-1098. Open months are July and November.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING This is one of three annual Churchwide Special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) received during the season of Lent, each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations such as disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees The offering can be put in the envelopes provided. Please put OGHS on memo line of your check. **We will collect for this offering until Easter (April 5)**

SET UP FOR HEARING AIDS TO CONNECT TO SANCTUARY AUDIO

Scan: the QR code above to download the ListenWiFi app
Connect: your phone to the Wi-Fi Network
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Open: the ListenWiFi app
Click: "Venue Scan" on the app and the audio will connect to your device
Listen: Make sure your phone is paired to your bluetooth headphones or hearing aid.

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. 3-29	PALM SUNDAY 10:00am Adult Sunday School 11:00am Worship 4:00pm Women on the Way Practice 5:00pm Confirmation	
Mon. 3-30	5:00pm Handbells 6:00pm Ladies Bible Study 8:00pm AA	YCCMA Holy Week Services Monday -Friday this week at noon at Divine Savior
Tues. 3-31	4:00pm Theology 101 6:00pm Grief Share	
Wed. 4-1	2:30pm FWC Trinity 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal	
Thur. 4-2	6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service	
Fri. 4-3	6:30pm Good Friday Service	
Sun. 4-5	EASTER SUNDAY 7:00am Easter Sunrise Service/Blooming the Cross 10:00am Breakfast/Egg Hunt 10:00am Adult Sunday School 11:00am Worship/Communion/Baptism/Dimes for Hunger	

SUMMER OF 2026 DATES FOR MONTREAT CONFERENCES ARE SET!
Youth Conference at Montreat July 11-18 (9th-12th)
Middle School Conference at Maryville College July 15th-19th (6th-8th)
Please put these dates on your calendars for next summer now! We have lots of youth who are eligible to go!

BOOK CLUB APRIL 21 ST AT 6:30PM The book that we will be reading is "The Correspondent" By Virginia Evans. Please join us! All are welcome!	PATH NEEDS: Cereal and canned meats like Vienna sausages, chicken, tuna, etc. Please leave them in the PATH boxes at the back door parking lot.
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