

The crowds offered you their coats to walk on, they waved palm branches, honouring your presence. Today we honor you, Lord, with our faithful tithes and offerings. We lay these gifts before you, humble tokens of our love, a public display of affection for our King of kings. Amen.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Ashley Stanley-Robey	Interim Music Director
Patricia Taylor	Interim Organist
David Clark	Sound
Ray Beale	Liturgist
Kent Shelton	Time for Young Disciples
John Parris	Security, side door & offering
Kim Meadows	Greeter
Harriet Beale & Joan Reynolds	Sunday School
David Swann & Brenna Takata	Communion



First Presbyterian Church

April 10, 2022

As the chimes ring in the worship hour, we invite you to enter a time of personal reflection and congregational worship.

***Please stand as you are able.**

Palm Sunday Processional

Liturgist: Open to me the gates of righteousness that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

Pastor: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

(Lay Leader and People enter the space.)

Procession

“Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates”

GTG#93

Invocation: King of glory, our messiah, we worship you who entered the holy city of Jerusalem humbly riding on a lowly colt. Most majestic and righteous King, accept our prayers and hymns of praise along with the hosannas of the children of Zion. make us worthy, o lord, to welcome you with songs of praise as you were welcomed into Jerusalem with hosanna hymns. grant us the grace to celebrate your paschal mystery by sharing in your passion, death, and resurrection. the lord of all, forever

Palm Sunday Liturgy

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***Hymn**

"All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name"

GTG #263

Call to Confession

As we watch the gates open for Jesus' triumphant entry,
let us open the gates of our own hearts
that we may confess, with all honesty,
the sin that resides within.

Unison 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, our minds are distant from true understanding. We are disappointed with your humility, we are uninspired by your selflessness. Our sin leads us to give you death even though you give us life. Our treachery guides us to war even though you call us to peace. Help us to reflect in our lives the glory of your Son and to live faithfully here and now. Have mercy on us, Savior of all, find us in these forsaken places. Forgive what we have done and who we have been. Bring us home again and impart within us a new song of joy and celebration.

Silent confessions are offered.

Have mercy on us, O God, Do not cease to come to us and to call us to life. Help us to embrace the way of the cross And to live in the power of Your death-defying love. For Jesus' sake. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, God's steadfast love endures forever. There is no wall high or thick enough to separate us from the love of God. Jesus marched into Jerusalem to save us and save us, he will! In the name of Jesus Christ, I announce to you that our sins have been forgiven.

Thanks be to God, who has rescued us from all our sins, and invites us into new life with him.

*Passing the Peace of Christ—

Please stand, pass the peace with cupped hands and remain standing for the hymn.

*Praise and Worship

“Gloria Patri”

A Time for Young Disciples

Kent Shelton

The Communion—Celebration of Palms

Let us open the gates of our hearts

That the Sovereign God of Glory may come in

Let us lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving God deserves all honor and blessing now and forever.

It is our privilege and joy to exalt the Lord in every place and every moment.

And so, Dear God, we offer You our worship through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who comes to us humbly and riding on a donkey's foal.

Silent Reflection

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE:

All we welcome who seek to know the Lord and walk in The Way. You should come down the center aisle (maintaining space between participants), receive and partake of the elements, and return to your seat by the side aisles. You may dispose of your cup in the baskets located near the side aisle.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION:

"We Come as Guests Invited"

GTG#504

SENDING

MINISTER: What a strange paradox; the King is coming, the people rejoice, singing 'Hosanna in the highest!' yet fail to understand that the King they welcome is the Servant King, the King who washes his disciples' feet, the King who came not with an army but a weapon so powerful that not even death could resist, the sacrificial love of God laid out upon a Cross.

ALL: Lord God, as we sing our 'Hosannas' today may we remember also that which you were riding toward; the suffering and rejection, pain and humiliation, the cruel Cross. And let us look forward to the joy of Easter Day when you rose from death to reign forever. Help us, as we daily lay our lives before you, to live the resurrection life that acknowledges Jesus as Lord and King over our lives.

Announcements

Our Lenten meal will be **Maundy Thursday** April 14th at 6:00 p.m., please use the bulletin insert to sign up or call the church office. Team 3 and 4 will be in charge.

This week our meal will be glazed salmon, roasted potatoes, broccoli, and a delicious dessert.

Evening Circle will meet Monday April 11th at 7:00 p.m.
at the home of Bernadine Hayes.

Session will meet Tuesday April 12th at 7:00 p.m.

It's that time of year for our **FPC Scholarships**.

If you are graduating high school or reapplying to college, please stop by the office and get your scholarship application.

We will be accepting applications through April 30th.

*The palms that enhance our worship are given in loving memory of
our parents, Charles and Harriet Haynsworth and
Raymond and Lula Mae Beale
by Ray and Harriet Beale.*

We welcome you to First Presbyterian Church.

Our office hours are Monday—Thursday 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

We can be found on the web at www.fpcdanville.com or on Facebook.

Please call us at 434-792-7822

Palm Sunday Liturgy

Liturgist: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

People: This is the Lord's doing. It is marvelous in our eyes!

All: This is the day that the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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

C. Hosanna in the highest.!

This blessing can be heard coming from a long way off.

This blessing is making its steady way up the road toward you.

This blessing blooms in the throats of women, springs from the hearts of men, tumbles from the mouths of children.

This blessing is stitched into the seams of the cloaks that line the road, etched into the branches that trace the path, echoes in the breathing of the willing colt, the click of the donkey's hoof against the stones.

Something is rising beneath this blessing. Something will try to drown it out.

But this blessing cannot be turned back, cannot be made to still its voice, cannot cease to sing its praise of the one who comes along the way it makes.

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from her blog, [The Painted Prayerbook](#).

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