

Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Him Known

Welcome to today's worship service. We are delighted that you are here. If you are visiting, we invite you to join by profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, by reaffirmation of faith, or by transfer. Please speak to the pastor after the service.

SERVING TODAY

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Ashley Stanley-Robey	Music Director
Patricia Taylor	Organist
Sam Meadema	Sound
Brenna Takata	Liturgist
Gail Jones	Security, side door and offering
Barry Cutright	Greeter

BUDGET UPDATE

	February 29	YTD
Contributions	\$13,359.65	\$49,666.32
Expenditures	\$30,560.07	\$79,242.44
Difference	(\$17,200.42)	(\$29,576.12)

First Presbyterian Church

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11 a.m.



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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to Noon

“Hosanna! Hosanna!”

Tune: ELLACOMBE | *Gesangbuch der Herzog*, 1784

Lyricist: Jeannette Threlfall (1821-1880)

Arranger and Additional Lyrics: Timothy Mayfield (1947-2012)

Call and Response Chorus:

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the King.

Praises, praises, praises loud we bring.

Hosanna, loud *hosanna*, the little children sang.

Through pillared court and temple, the lovely anthem rang.

To Jesus who had blessed them close-folded to His breast,

The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

Chorus repeats.

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.

Chorus repeats.

“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 soul and voice,

And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice.

Instrumental interlude

CALL TO CONFESSION

Like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem and later pronounced, “Crucify him,” we are fickle people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Remembering the events of Jesus’ last week helps us see ourselves for what we are: sinners in need of a savior, a savior—praise God—we have in Christ.

In honesty and hope, we confess now our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you rode a donkey and came in peace, humbled yourself and gave yourself for us. We confess our lack of humility. As you entered Jerusalem, the crowds shouted, “Hosanna: Save us now!” On Good Friday they shouted, “Crucify!”

We confess our praise is often empty. We sing “Hosanna”, but cry “Crucify”. As the crowd laid their palms in front of you you took the way of God: you took no glory for yourself. We confess that we want to be accepted and take the easy way. We do not stay true to your will. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to follow in the way of obedience.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Word of the Lord from Psalm 118:

Let those who fear the Lord say, His steadfast love endures for ever. Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

In Christ, God answers us and sets us free!

In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us, the children of God, stand and greet each other with cupped hands filled with God’s blessings and remain standing for the “Gloria Patri”.

RESPONSE*"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.***CALL FOR THE OFFERING****PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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.

OFFERTORY*"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"**W. Croft/Berry***DOXOLOGY****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****HEAR THE WORD OF GOD****PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Merciful God, as we enter Holy week, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Stir up within us the gift of faith that we may not only praise him with our lips, but may follow him in the way of the cross.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 11:1-11

SERMON*"Jesus: The King"***RESPONSE TO THE WORD****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH***The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;

The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,

And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy catholic church;
The communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting

Amen.

HYMN*"All Glory, Laud and Honor"***GTG#196****CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP****POSTLUDE***"Psalm of Glory"**Lani Smith***BENEDICTION**