About the Anthem:

John Horman is a prolific composer of anthems, hymn tunes, and children's songs. His music was published in the Silver Burdett & Eamp; Ginn and MacMillan curricula in1988. Horman has published over 150 anthems with at least ten publishers, as well as over one hundred hymn tunes. Mr. Horman served as Organist and Director of Music at Warner Presbyterian Church for forty-three years. For twenty-six of those years, he also taught music in Montgomery County, Maryland. Upon his retirement, he spent another eight years as a church music director. Most recently, John Horman has focused on composing, piano lessons, and adult singing classes.

I love the celebratory and playful feeling of this anthem. It brings to mind the image of young children waving palm branches and skipping ahead of Jesus riding the donkey into Jerusalem. Mr. Horman used dynamics to create the feeling of watching a parade or procession wherein a group will gradually get louder when they are nearby and then become softer as they move further away. He also foreshadowed the celebration that awaits all Christians in heaven when we will all sing together, "the song that has no end." During this Holy Week, let us remember that the coming of our Lord is at hand. Soon we will celebrate Christ's resurrection and eternal life together.

"Lo, He Comes"

by John D. Horman (b. 1946)

Refrain: Lo, he comes! Sing we "Hosanna!"

Lo, he comes, let us sing to the Lord!

Enter his gates with shouts of thanksgiving, into his courts with songs of praise, Come, let us march in glad procession.

Loud hosannas now we raise.

Refrain repeats

Open your heart and welcome the Savior.

Join with the song that has no end.

This is the day for which we have waited;

The coming of our Lord is surely at hand.

Refrain repeats

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Week service noon Monday April 14th Tuesday April 15th Holy Week service noon Handbells 5:00pm Ladies Dinner 6:00pm Wednesday April 16th Holy Week service noon Thursday April 17th Holy Week service noon No Bible Study Choir 4:30pm Handbells 5:15pm Friday April 18th Holy Week service noon Saturday April 12th Sat. Lunch Ministry 11:30am

If you are applying or reapplying to college-it's time to get your scholarship application from FPC. Call the church office for more info. We will email or mail you an application today! Deadline is April 30th!

~ Scholarship Committee

Please join us for our Holy Week services this year April 14th–18th, in the sanctuary we will have guest speakers each day. Services will start at noon followed by a light lunch.

It's time to spring clean your closet and bring your casual wear clothes you don't wear anymore to church. We have scheduled a free clothes give away for our Saturday lunch program guests for May 3rd. Bags of clothes can be left in the church parlor.

SERVING TODAY

Minister of Discipleship
Music Director
Sound
C. B. Strange
Video
Alex Walthall
Liturgist
Greeter
Eddie Blount
Side door/Offering
Barbara Wilkins

List of Session members

Class of 2025: David Clark, Sam Meadema, Eddie Blount, Jackie Rochford Class of 2026: Barry Cutright, Gail Jones, Kim Wimer, Ava Barrett Class of 2027: Barbara Wilkins, Joan Reynolds, Pat Pinckney, Kent Shelton Trustees: Bob Newnam(27), Ray Beale(26), Gary Wimer(25)

BUDGET UPDATE

	March '25	FY 2025
Contributions	\$57,701.30	\$140,060.63
Expenditures	\$36,063.82	\$106,475.52
Difference	\$21,637.48	\$ 33,585.11

If you enter the hospital, your church will have no way of knowing unless you notify us. Please let us know of your hospital stay so that we may respond with pastoral care.

A Warm Welcome

We would love to have you join our church family. If you are moved to do so by the Lord, please talk to one of the elders or our pastor.

THE COLUMNS OF THE

First Presbyterian Church

Danville, Virginia

April 13, 2025 Palm Sunday



Welcome

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whosoever will come—this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

If you are visiting, we warmly welcome you to our service today.

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A Service for the Worship of God **GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD**

Please greet your neighbors and pass the Fellowship Pad to them.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PROCESSIONAL "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Hymn #197

Gesangbuch der Herzogl, 1784

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 118)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected

People: Has become the chief cornerstone.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

People: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the

name of the Lord.

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

People: God's steadfast love endures forever! Let us

worship God.

INVOCATION

God, we gather on this day to begin a week of contrasts. From hope to despair to hope again. As we begin the week, as we join with the crowd, help us cut through the noise to see what is happening, to see what is at stake. As the story unfolds, open us to both the hope and the pain. In this time of worship, prepare us to celebrate, to weep, and to wait. Amen.

*HYMN# 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on us, O God, for we are broken vessels. You call us to follow you, but we deny, abandon and betray. You call us to pursue justice and righteousness, but we stick to the status quo. You invite us into the hope of your Spirit, but we make despair our daily bread. You lead us to the cross, but in our discomfort, we try to skip to the empty tomb. Transform us, O God. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon all our brokenness, that your grace may fill in the cracks of our broken places and make us whole. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (GtG#215) What Wondrous Love Is This What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul?

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 those around us with a handshake, hug, or reconciling words, sharing God's blessings and then remain standing for the "Gloria Patri."

"Gloria Patri" *RESPONSE

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

Jesus tells us it is more blessed to give than to receive. May we who have received so much from the Lord give back as we receive the morning offering.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, giver of all good gifts, we thank you for all that you have graciously poured out on us. As we begin Holy Week and walk the final steps to the cross, we give you thanks for the greatest of all gifts — the gift of yourself to your people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

"My Song is Love Unknown" **OFFERTORY** by John Ireland

*DOXOLOGY

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER **HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

ANTHEM "Lo, He Comes" by John D. Horman

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Illuminating God, shine your light through the darkness of this world into every corner of our hearts. As we read the many words of Scripture, may we recognize the presence of your one true Word, Jesus Christ, who bears your love into the world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: (436/457)Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

(743/782)

Luke 19:28-40

SERMON "Shouting Stones" **Jackson Weller**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN# 263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

*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.

POSTLUDE "Jesus, Remember Me"

Taize/Jacques Berthier

*BENEDICTION

* Please stand if able.