

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY  
APRIL 13, 2025



*Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem, Jesus Mafa (Cameroon)*

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*Weather permitting, all who are able are invited to gather on the front plaza outside the sanctuary for the Blessing of the Palms and Processional into the sanctuary.*

*Please join in reading aloud those parts of the service printed in **bold**.*

## BLESSING OF THE PALMS AND PROCESSIONAL

### WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

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

**Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

This is the day the Lord has made.

**Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

Let us rejoice and be glad.

**Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

### PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise and bless you, ever-living God,  
for the acts of love by which you redeem the world  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem  
and was proclaimed king  
by those who spread their garments and palm branches  
along his way.

Let these branches be for us signs of his victory;  
and grant that we who bear them  
may always acclaim Jesus Messiah  
by walking the way of his suffering and cross;  
that, dying and rising with him,  
we may enter into your kingdom.

Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Glory, Laud and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*When this symbol (\*) precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.*

**Refrain**

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

1. Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da vid's roy - al Son,  
2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
3. To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
4. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

**Repeat Refrain**

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.  
our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Triumphant God,  
we join the crowds of the ages  
in shouting your praises.  
While our lips give you glory,  
our lives seldom reflect your purposes.  
We sing easily of your greatness,  
but living faithfully is often beyond us.

*We lay before God our own sins, the sins and brokenness of our fellow worshipers, the church universal, and the world.*

We hear of your salvation,  
 yet sin is still close and real,  
 daily leading us away from you.  
 Have mercy on us.  
 Ride into our hearts with healing grace.  
 Forgive what we have done  
 and direct who we shall be.  
 Lord, save us. Hosanna!

**\*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Forgive Our Sins

DETROIT

"For - give our sins as we for - give," You taught us Lord, to pray,  
 But You a - lone can grant us grace To live the words we say.

*Text: Rosamond E. Herklots,  
 as found at Hymn No. 444*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Hear the Good News

NETTLETON

Hear the good news of sal - va - tion: Je - sus died to show God's love.  
 Such great kind - ness! Such great mer - cy! Come to us from heaven a - bove.  
 Je - sus Christ, how much I love you! Je - sus Christ, you save from sin!  
 How I love you! Look u - pon me. Love me still and cleanse with - in.

*Text: Native American, version by Jane Parker Huber, 1989  
 As found at Hymn No. 441*

**\*ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASSING THE PEACE, LOVE, AND JOY OF CHRIST TO OTHERS**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
 And also with you.

*The astoundingly  
 good news of our  
 reconciliation to  
 God through Jesus  
 Christ frees our  
 tongues to sing  
 mighty praise to  
 God.*

*We exchange  
 reconciling words  
 and gestures among  
 the people of God.*

## LISTENING FOR THE WORD

### STORY TELLING

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**FIRST READING:** Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

*Large Print Pew Bible, pages 694, 695-696  
Pew Bible, pages 565-566*

Holy wisdom, holy word.  
Thanks be to God.

*We listen for what  
God is saying to  
God's people  
through scripture,  
song, and sermon.*

### ANTHEM

Wave Your Branches

Thomas Pavlechko (b. 1962)

*Children's Choir  
Linda Cykert, flute  
Laura Mann, hand drum*

Wave your branches, wave them high,  
Jesus now is riding by.  
*Wave your branches, shout and sing  
loud hosannas to your King!*  
Wave your branches, wave them now  
with Jerusalem's cheering crowd.

**SECOND READING:** Luke 19:28-40

*Large Print Pew Bible, page 101  
Pew Bible, page 83*

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

**SERMON:** God Moves Towards Jerusalem

Dr. Jim Lunde

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE – No. 160**

A Stable Lamp Is Lighted

ANDUJAR

*Our response to  
hearing God's Word  
includes singing and  
saying what we  
believe.*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

- Adapted from *The Confession of 1967, 9.09*

God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery  
which the Scriptures describe in various ways.  
It is called the sacrifice of a lamb,  
a shepherd's life given for his sheep,  
atonement by a priest;  
again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt,  
vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty,  
and victory over the powers of evil.  
These are expressions of a truth  
which remains beyond the reach of all theory

in the depths of God's love for humankind.  
They reveal the gravity, cost,  
and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### LORD'S 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.

## OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

### MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Saw Ye My Savior

setting by David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

*Chancel Choir*

*Polly Butler Cornelius, soprano*

*Linda Cykert, flute*

Saw ye my Savior and God?  
O he died on Calvary to atone for you and me,  
And to free us from sorrow's great load.

He was extended, painfully nailed to the cross;  
Then he bowed his head and died, thus my Lord was crucified,  
To atone for a world that was lost.

Jesus hung bleeding, three dreadful hours in great pain,  
Whilst the sun refused to shine when his majesty divine  
Was derided, insulted, and slain.

Saw ye my Savior and God?  
O he died on Calvary to atone for you and me,  
And to free us from sorrow's great load.

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

TALLIS CANON

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow, Praise God, all  
 crea - tures here be - low, Praise God a - bove ye  
 heav'n - ly host, Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

*Text: Thomas Ken, 1674  
As found at Hymn No. 675*

**BEARING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD**

**\*CLOSING HYMN – No. 215**

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*James Lunde, D. Min., Senior Pastor and Head of Staff*

*Lisa Mullen, M. Div., Parish Associate*

*J. Patrick Murphy, M. Mus., Organist-Choirmaster*

*Charlotte Nance-Allbright, M.A, C.C.E., Director of Christian Formation and Education*

*Pennies for Hunger Offering is being received today. The collection is sent to Salem Presbytery where it is then divided and returned to local food ministries.*

*God blesses and sends us in mission to the world.*

**IN MEMORIAM**

**ROGER HAROLD NARDELLI**

entered the church triumphant on  
March 23, 2025

“I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord.”  
*John 11:25*

**IN MEMORIAM**

**RALPH GENE HARRIS**

**February 10, 1931 — April 4, 2025**

“So then, whether we live or whether we die,  
we are the Lord’s.”  
*Romans 14:8*

## HOLY WEEK

MAUNDY THURSDAY TENEBRAE COMMUNION SERVICE - 7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary - Thursday, April 17

Thursday of this week is called "Maundy Thursday." This term is derived from the Old French maunde and from the Latin mandatum novum, "a new commandment." This new commandment of Christ was to love one another and was given on the night before his death (John 13:34). On this night we remember and celebrate the final supper Jesus shared with his disciples in the context of Passover. This event, which reveals the holiness of all subsequent meals eaten in his name, institutes the mystery of his abiding redemptive presence in the church's celebrations of the Lord's Supper. This evening also marks the beginning of the most solemn and joyful celebration of the entire Christian Year.

This service commemorates the suffering and death of Christ. Dating from the 8<sup>th</sup> century, Tenebrae was originally celebrated on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of Holy Week. Tenebrae is Latin for "shadows" and a Tenebrae Service is one in which light fades into darkness, as the sanctuary candles are extinguished with each of the scripture readings that tells the story of the betrayal and death of Jesus. This is symbolic of the physical darkness that fell over the earth as the Son of God was crucified; symbolic of the fading spiritual light of the world as Christ, the Light, was leaving it; and symbolic of the fading of loyalty of the disciples and our own betrayal of Christ. With its movement from light to dark, the Tenebrae Service prepares us to receive the Light of Easter morning - to celebrate the joyous news of the resurrection.

Join us for this Holy Week communion service as we enter what Augustine referred to as "the triduum (three days) during which the Lord died, was buried, and rose again."

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE - Noon - Williams Chapel - Friday, April 18

All are welcome to join this service of contemplation.

## EASTER SUNDAY—APRIL 20

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP- 10:00 a.m. - Sanctuary

On this day celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we join with the community of believers in every time and place as the Gospel is proclaimed, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is shared, and hymns and anthems are sung, accompanied by brass, timpani and organ. Prelude to begin at 9:30 a.m.

EASTER SUNDAY FLOWERING THE CROSS: Bring fresh flowers to "flower the cross," planted in the Davis Street lawn.

EASTER ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN: Children are invited to come to a special Easter Sunday class including an egg hunt at 9:00 a.m. PreK in Room 223 and K-5th in Room 224. Adults and Youth are needed to help hide eggs at 9:00 a.m. Please let Charlotte Nance-Allbright know if you are able to help with these activities (callbright@fpcburlington.org).

EASTER SUNDAY ANNUAL BUTTERFLY RELEASE: The annual Butterfly Release will be on the front lawn at the flowering cross after worship (weather permitting). All are invited to join us as we celebrate the resurrection through the symbolism of the butterfly.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS) Special Offering of the PC(USA) will be received. The three programs supported by OGHS - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Thank you for giving to this Special Offering.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A WARM AND CORDIAL WELCOME** is extended to all who worship with us. . We hope in this service you will encounter the living Christ and experience the warmth of our caring family of faith. If you are not receiving the weekly e-newsletter, please feel free to pick up a copy today in the narthex and then contact the church office to be added to the weekly email list. If you are visiting with us and in search of a church home, we invite you to become a part of our church family here at First Presbyterian Church. Please let us know of your interest by way of the friendship register, or by speaking to a minister. The Church Office phone number is 336-228-1703.

**WORSHIP NOTES:** During the season of Lent, it is our tradition at FPC to remove Alleluias from worship; to sing the Doxology without Alleluias; and to offer no closing voluntary. These will return with the Joy of Easter Sunday.

**MUSIC NOTES:** Music texts and impressions, along with streaming music, are provided with permission from One License, License #A-715495. All rights reserved.

**LIVE VIDEO STREAMING SERVICE:** *Boxcast* will stream to our website and Facebook page each Sunday morning. Click here to view: [on our website](#) and on [the FPC Facebook page](#).

**LARGE PRINT HYMNS:** Copies of today's hymns are available in the Narthex.

**WORSHIP SERVICE CDS AVAILABLE EACH WEEK:** Each Sunday, the Scripture readings, anthem, and sermon will be recorded on CD. A limited number of copies will be available immediately after the worship service in the narthex. Additional copies may be requested by calling the church office. This same recording will be posted on the website.

**OFFERING RITUAL:** In the pew racks you will find "Offering Ritual" cards. The giving of our offerings and ourselves is vital part of worship in which we express our gratitude for God's blessings. The passing of the offering plate is a visible demonstration of our commitment to devote our time and treasures to Christ's ministry. If you give monthly, quarterly, annually; or through stocks, credit cards, or e-giving, you may still participate in the offering ritual by placing this card in the offering plate. If you are interested in giving electronically through our secure e-giving process, you will find instructions on the back side of this card. Scan this QR code to access FPC's online Giving with your Smartphone. It's easy to download a QR Code reader from the App Store!



**RECEPTION HONORING J. PATRICK MURPHY:** Patrick's retirement from FPCB is approaching. He has honored and protected and advanced our church's legacy of music being a foundational piece of our worship, of our healing, and of our joy. Please make plans to join us on April 27, at 11:15 a.m., in Shive Hall, for a reception and thank you to Patrick.

**PASTOR ON-CALL INFORMATION:** If you have a personal emergency, hospitalization, or pastoral care need, please call the church office. If it is after office hours or on the weekend, you may contact the pastor on call by calling the church at 336-228-1703 and pressing 9. You will then be connected to the pastor on call.

### DONATIONS FOR FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your many years of donating food for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. We are thankful we can continue to partner in this important ministry and mission. Donations can be dropped off in the designated bin outside the CDC entrance during the week or inside directly into the Food Pantry closet in the Welcome Center during office hours or on Sundays. Please note that food left in the outside bin is frequently brought inside to the closet, however, there are occasions that our neighbors experiencing hunger and/or homelessness may find the resources in the bin and take those to meet their need. Interested in volunteering with this meaningful mission? Please contact Bruce Shields ([bruce.shields@yale.edu](mailto:bruce.shields@yale.edu)).

### REFUGEE SUPPORT NEEDED

We, at First Presbyterian Church, embrace our call to be a Matthew 25 Church and serve Christ by helping those in need in our community. For the past few years, our church has been working with agencies to help fully vetted refugees resettle in Burlington. Christ is calling us to continue in that service with our newest neighbors. With reductions in government funding, some of the refugees relocated to Burlington have had their monetary and support assistance severely reduced or eliminated altogether. Perhaps you feel called to help and might serve in one or both of these ways:

A few members of our church and sister churches are forming a Support Team to help with transportation needs. If you are interested and would like to learn more or serve in this way, please contact Bruce Shields (203-668-2488 or [bruce.shields@yale.edu](mailto:bruce.shields@yale.edu)).

If you are led to give a financial gift, cash or checks payable to First Presbyterian Church with note/memo "Refugee Assistance." For more information or to learn more, contact Kent Byrd (336-516-1592 or [kentbyrd@gmail.com](mailto:kentbyrd@gmail.com)).

CALENDAR

**SUNDAY, APRIL 13**

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
- 9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Band Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship – Shive Hall
- 6:00 p.m. PW Circle #1 – Witherspoon Room

**Monday, April 14**

- 10:00 a.m. PW Circle #2 – Witherspoon Room

**Tuesday, April 15**

- 10:00 a.m. PW Circle #4 – Witherspoon Room
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting – Room 122
- 7:00 p.m. BSA Troop 17 Meets – Garrison Joyner Activities Building

**Wednesday, April 16**

- 6:00 p.m. Youth Game Night – Room 401
- 6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Room 225

**Thursday, April 17**

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry – Room 201
- 3:30 p.m. CDC Easter Egg Hunt – Front Plaza
- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service– Sanctuary

**Friday, April 18**

- Noon Good Friday Worship Service – Williams Chapel

**Saturday, April 19**

- 8:30 a.m. Brass Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal–Sanctuary

**Easter Lilies:** Easter lilies will be present for worship in the sanctuary and will beautify the sanctuary chancel for Live Streaming and Facebook Live worship on Easter Sunday (April 20, 2025). To order a lily as a memorial or honorarium (\$33 each) please complete the order form below and return it to the church with your check (make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and notate "Easter Lilies" on the memo line). Please contact the church at 336-228-1703 if you have questions.

**The deadline to order is Monday, April 14.**

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM:

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Donor \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Donor \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## A Moment's Meditation

The longest journey is the journey inwards.

*Dag Hammarskjold*



MATTHEW 25