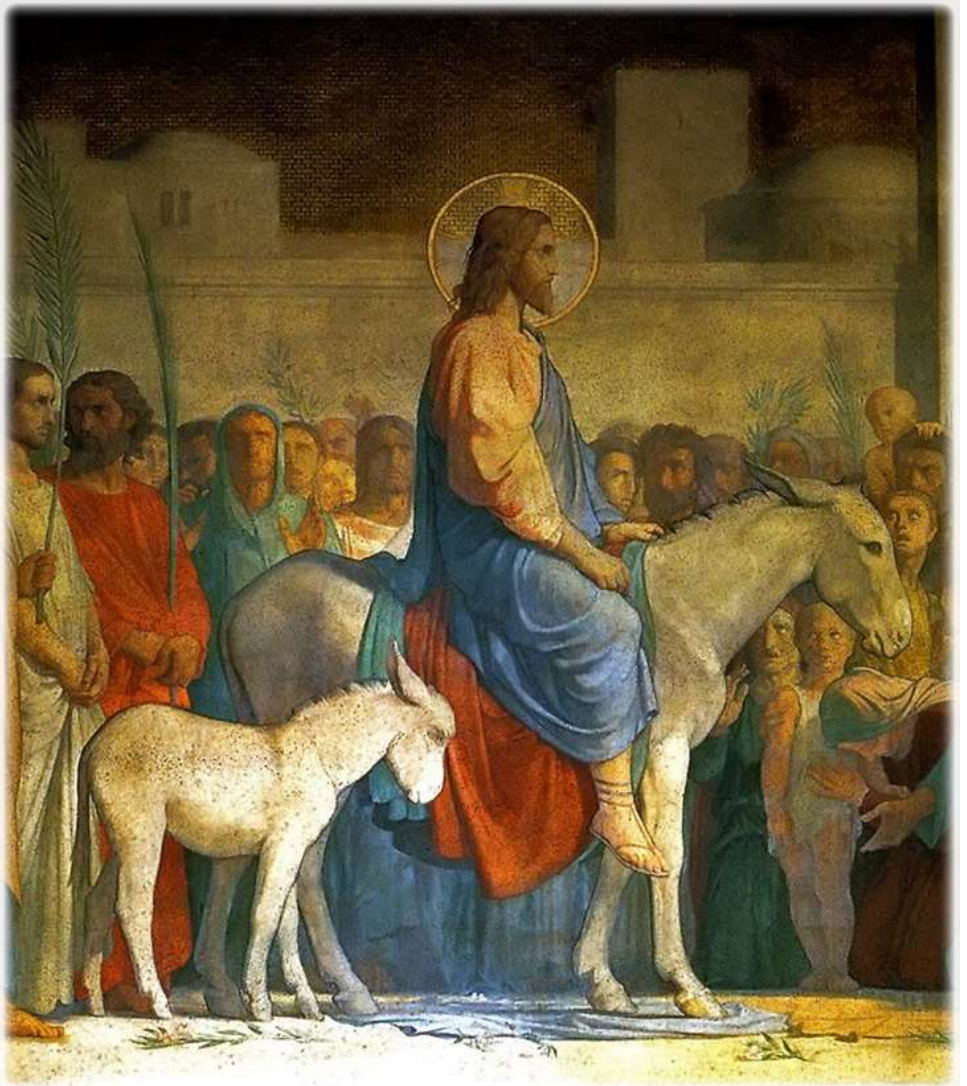


# FIRST



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



Palm Sunday  
March 24, 2024

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 24, 2024

*Palm Sunday*

11:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

PRELUDE

*Finlandia*

Jean Sibelius

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The parade today is just the beginning of our hope.

People: We wave our branches and shout "Hosanna!"

Leader: But there will come a time of silence and of mourning.

People: Help us to be ready for that time, O Lord.

Leader: Blessed is Jesus, who came into Jerusalem on that day.

People: Blessed is Jesus who comes into our hearts always.

### \*PRAYER

#### \*PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

*from Zechariah 9:9*

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

People: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Leader: Lo, your king comes to you;

People: Triumphant and victorious is He,

Leader: Humble and riding on a donkey,

People: On a colt, the foal of a donkey.

### \*HYMN NO. 88

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Glory, when things are going well for us, we can easily sing loud hosannas. But when we are caked with anger and bitterness, the words turn to ashes in our mouths.

We confess that we hide behind palm branches hoping you will not see our doubts. We eagerly feast on your blessings but are reluctant to offer even crumbs to those around us.

Forgive us, Lord. Help us to praise you for the promise of new life given us by your son. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: At his birth, Jesus comes bringing us hope.  
Entering Jerusalem, he brings us assurance.  
Walking to Calvary, he leads us to new life.  
All this was for us - so we could bend our  
knees before God in humility and praise.  
God's steadfast love endures forever.

People: **Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings  
us the kingdom of God! Amen.**

## \*SUNG RESPONSE

Hymn No. 82

*O Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross did suffer,  
And patient still and lowly, Yourself to scorn did offer;  
Our sins by You were taken, Or hope had us forsaken;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus!*

## \*THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Eternal God, through the life, death and resurrection  
of your Son your kingdom has broken into our troubled world.  
Help us now to hear your Word that our lives might be signs  
of the new life offered through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 11:1-11

*"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"*

### ANTHEM

*Let Us Love One Another*

Arnold B. Sherman

*Beloved, let us love one another, for love comes from God,  
and all who know and call upon his name are children of our Lord.*

*Beloved, this is what love is: not that we love God,  
but that he loves us and sent his only Son to free us from our sin.*

*How can we not know our God?*

*How can we not love our God?*

*He sent his only Son to die for all our sins.*

*Is there greater love than this?*

*Beloved, if this is how God love, then we should love all men,  
and live in perfect harmony with all, and God will live in us.*

*Let us love one another.*

### TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

### SERMON

*Pilgrim's Progress*

Rev. Sherard Edington

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 89

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

ELLACOMBE

\*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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*The Solid Rock*

Roger C. Wilson

\*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

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Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer.

SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN NO. 102

*Were You There?*

WERE YOU THERE

DEPART IN SILENCE

**Worship Notes:** The hymn *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* was composed around 820 A.D. by Theodulph of Orléans and was first used as a Palm Sunday processional hymn. Theodulph was born in either Spain or Italy and was a monk until King Charlemagne brought him to France in 781 and made him abbot of Fleury and bishop of Orléans. He was imprisoned for conspiring against King Louis the Pious.

## WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to become a member of First Presbyterian Church. For more information, please speak to the pastor at the close of the service.

📶 For WiFi access go to FPC\_CONNECT and enter password 6154441360.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

March 27, 6:00 p.m.

*Potluck Covered Dish*

Bring your favorite dish and a friend!

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THANK YOU—We would like to express our thanks for the continued prayers, support, cards, and encouragement from our church family during my recent health issues. We are so grateful for each and every member of our church family.

In Christ, Robin and Jack Emmert

The ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING offering will be received today. Your gift enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

STATIONS THROUGH THE SQUARE – First Presbyterian will participate in *Stations Through the Square*, a community event held on Good Friday. If you are interested in helping for a couple of hours on Friday, March 29, please contact Kristy in the church office at 615-444-1360.

THE 4 CENTS A MEAL offering will be received next Sunday.

## YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade) will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Sherard is teaching the Youth Sunday School Class.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

### Today

8:45 a.m. Worship  
9:45 a.m. Church School  
11:00 a.m. Worship

### Monday

6:00 p.m. New Day Group

### Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

### Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice  
6:30 p.m. Bible Study

### Thursday

9:00 a.m. Preschool  
6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

### Friday

8-4:00 p.m. Stations Thru Sq.

### Saturday

## SESSION

Class of 2024  
Max Carter  
Nancy Gebhardt  
Mickey Stueck  
Allen Vance

Class of 2025  
W.P. Bone  
Nancy Boyd  
Jack Emmert  
Frank Reeves

Class of 2026  
Carol Hill  
Margaret Ann Trail

## DIACONATE

Class of 2024  
Jonathan Bouton  
Carol Turner  
Van Turner  
Sandra Weatherford

Class of 2025  
Rachel Low  
Jim Stueck

Class of 2026  
Melissa Cassetty  
Karen Hunter-Lowery  
Jim Murff

## CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell  
Treasurer – Jim Stueck  
Budget & Finance – Jim Stueck  
Buildings and Grounds – Allen Vance  
Christian Education – Nancy Gebhardt  
Congregational Care – Nancy Boyd  
Outreach – Margaret Ann Trail  
Personnel – Jack Emmert  
Worship – Mickey Stueck

## STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation  
Pastor – Sherard Edington  
Organist/Director of Music – Darryl Nettles  
Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent  
NCC Worship Leader – Natalie Loader  
Preschool Director – Angela Hankins  
Nursery – Sara Chaney  
Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children	Adult
Nursery	Crossroads Class
Elementary Class and	Faith Builders Class
Middle - High School Class	Westminster Class

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FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	Expenses	Income
February	\$22,477.22	\$18,194.63
YTD	\$52,108.16	\$33,071.06
	Last Week's Offering	\$6,952.00