

FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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April 13, 2025

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* Dale Wood
CHIMING THE HOUR

WHO WE ARE

Leader: We are called Christians but what does that mean?

People: We are a welcoming community of disciples of Jesus Christ continually demonstrating God's reign.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP *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.

SPECIAL MUSIC *The Tree of Life* K. Lee Scott

PRAYER

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

Mark 11:1-11

*BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Let us pray.

People: O God, who in Jesus Christ triumphantly entered Jerusalem, heralding a week of pain and sorrow, be with us now as we follow the way of the cross. In these events of defeat and victory, you have sealed the closeness of death and resurrection, of humiliation and exaltation. We thank you for these branches that promise to become for us symbols of martyrdom and majesty. Bless them and us that their use this day may announce in our time that Christ has come and that Christ will come again. Amen! Come, Christ Jesus!

*HYMN NO. 88 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Glory, when things are going well, we can easily sing loud hosannas. But when our hearts 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 fears. We eagerly feast on your blessings but are reluctant to offer even crumbs to those in need. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to sing praises for the promise of salvation offered by the one who sacrificed his life for us. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: At his birth, Jesus comes bringing us hope.
Entering Jerusalem, he brings us assurance.
Walking to the cross, he leads us to new life.

People: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who died
so that we might know God's kingdom.

*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, whose word silences the shouts of the mighty:
Quiet within us every voice but your own.
Speak to us through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ
that by the power of your Holy Spirit
we may receive grace to show Christ's love
in lives given to your service. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 15:16-39

A Week of Holy Terror: Forsaken

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* Erik Meyer

*Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.*

*As thou with Satan didst contend and didst the vict'ry win,
O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.*

*As Thou didst hunger bear and thirst, So teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.*

*And through these days of penitence, and through thy Passiontide,
yea, evermore, in life and death, Jesus! with us abide.*

*Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over past,
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!*

SERMON *A Week of Holy Terror: Forsaken*
Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN NO. 91** *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!* ST. DROSTANE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be
exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Dale Wood

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

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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

April 16, 6:00 p.m.

Potato Bar with fixings, Dessert

To make a reservation, please call the church office at
(615) 444-1360 by Tuesday.

The organizers of STATIONS THROUGH THE SQUARE have informed us that this year's event has been cancelled.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING offering will be received next Sunday. 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.

LADIES BINGO NIGHT – All ladies of the church are invited to attend Bingo Night on Monday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m. Bring a \$10 gift and a friend and join the fun.

THE NEXT MEN'S BREAKFAST will be Saturday, April 19, at 8:00 a.m. To make a reservation, please contact Kristy in the church office.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday	
8:45 a.m.	Worship	5:00 p.m.	
9:45 a.m.	Church School		Outreach/Cong. Care Mtg
11:00 a.m.	Worship	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
12:15 p.m.	Session Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Monday		6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
6:00 p.m.	New Day Group	Thursday	
Tuesday		9:00 a.m.	Preschool
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
		Friday	
		Saturday	
		8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast

SESSION

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

Class of 2026
Carol Hill
Margaret Ann Trail
Allen Vance

Class of 2027
Marilyn Peyton

DIACONATE

Class of 2025
Rachel Low
Jim Stueck
Kim Wall

Class of 2026
Melissa Cassetty
Karen Hunter-Lowery
Jim Murff
Mickey Stueck

Class of 2027

CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell

Treasurer – Jim Stueck

Budget & Finance – Jim Stueck

Buildings and Grounds – Allen Vance

Congregational Care & Outreach – Margaret Ann Trail

Personnel – Jack Emmert

Worship & Christian Education – 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

Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children

Elementary Class and
Middle - High School Class

Adult

Crossroads Class
Faith Builders Class

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