



## *Palm Sunday*



*Worshiping, serving, and living with a fresh vision of  
God's vibrant energy and grace for all.*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 24, 2024 // 10am

**CENTERING WORDS:** ... So let us spread before his feet, not garments or soulless olive branches, which delight the eye for a few hours and then wither, but ourselves, clothed in his grace, or rather, clothed completely in him. We who have been baptized into Christ must ourselves be the garments that we spread before him.... Let our souls take the place of the welcoming branches as we join today in the children's holy song: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the king of Israel." ~ *Andrew of Crete (c.650-712, 726, or 740)*

## ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

### RINGING THE BELL & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

**GATHERING PROCESSIONAL** #196 *All Glory, Laud & Honor*  
(Stanzas 1 – 2)

Colleen Ball, cantor

**PRELUDE** *Allemande from French Suite II*

J. S. Bach

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lauren Stouffer

One: We gather in this place,

**All: Raising our branches in joy,**

One: Joining all who wish to see Jesus,

**All: eager for a healing touch, a blessing received.**

One: We gather in this place,

**All: Raising our branches in hope,**

One: Joining all who wish to hear Jesus,

**All: longing for a message of welcome  
and acceptance on our journey.**

One: We gather in this place,

**All: Laying down our branches in fear,**

One: Wondering if we are able to walk with Jesus

**All: through the week ahead,  
through anguish, accusations, despair.**

One: We gather in this place,

**All: Waving branches of prayer,  
Walking toward the cross, and the empty tomb.**

## **\*OPENING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN** #196 *All Glory, Laud & Honor* (stanzas 3 – 4)

## **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: For the times we have mocked rather than blessed,

**All: forgive us.**

One: For the moments we deny you and others,

**All: reclaim us.**

One: For the times we have forsaken bonds of friendship,

**All: renew us.**

One: When we are the ones being mistreated,

**All: bless us.**

One: When we are the ones being denied and betrayed,

**All: love us.**

**Strengthen us to face the time of trial, God,  
that we may remain faithful to you,  
faithful to one another,  
and faithful to your gospel of love.  
In hope and humility, we pray. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

### **\*PASSING THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### TIME WITH CHILDREN

*God is Love*



### ANTHEM

*Good Trouble*

Tom Keesecker

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29, Mark 11: 1 - 11

One: The Word of God for the people of God;

All: **thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

### BLESSING OF THE PALMS

One: Bless these parade palms, God of Celebration.  
May they remind us of the simple joys of living.  
May we remember the excitement that comes with following Christ.

All: **Bless these protest palms, God of Justice.**  
**May they remind us that Empire is not a thing of the past.**  
**May they make us bold and brave to stand up against injustice.**

One: Bless these funeral palms, God of Comfort.  
May they remind us of the road that lies ahead.  
May they encourage us in times of grief and pain.

All: **We give you thanks for the parade, the protest, the processional.**  
**Guide our steps through this holiest of weeks**  
**as we cry out together "Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna!" Amen.**

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE**

### **LIFE AT FIRST**

*Please take this time to sign the red Friendship Pad found on the pew near you.*

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

One: Lord our God,  
We bring You the needs of our world,

**All: broken by division and suspicion,  
by hatred and war.**

One: We bring You the needs of our land,

**All: the hungry and homeless,  
the wounded and despairing.**

One: We bring you the needs of ourselves and our loved ones,

**All: seeking Your peace and healing,  
Your wisdom and protection.  
Hear us, God, and come to us,  
In compassion and love, rescue and restore us,  
And make us a people in whom Your gentle reign is seen. Amen.**

*Some choose to begin this prayer, "Our Creator," "Our Mother," or "Our Parent."*

**All: 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.**

### **THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND LIVES**

### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

*Offering plates are located at the sanctuary entrances and on line giving is available through the website. Thank you for supporting the ministries of our congregation.*

**\*DOXOLOGY #606**

**All: Praise God whose image we all bear.  
Praise Christ whose mercy we all share.  
Praise Spirit making justice grow.  
One God from whom all blessings flow. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**All: Loving God, as Hosannas fade to cries of despair,  
may these gifts be used for peacemaking that settles strife  
and justice-seeking that creates all good hope. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #373 *O Day of Peace***

**CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Op. 139 No. 19*

Carl Czerny

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**Worship Leaders:** Rev. Cathy Hoop, Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Lauren Stouffer, Chuck Norris, Beth Magennis, Rose Gifford, Colleen Ball, FPC Choir

**Thanks to:** Sound and Video Tim Richardson, Greeter and Ushers, Bus Drivers, M&M Café Providers, Kate Overbeek and Nursery Care Providers

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*A Note about today's anthem, "Good Trouble:" Civil rights activist and congress person, John Lewis, wrote, "Ordinary people with extraordinary vision can redeem the soul of America by getting in what I call good trouble, necessary trouble." As we honor Jesus' ride into Jerusalem, we remember the ways that he engaged in "good trouble" that the world might be redeemed.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### A Note of Thanks

We are so grateful for all the support from FPC throughout Steve's surgery and recovery the past 2 months. We have enjoyed every card, call, visit, and meal. You all are a wonderful example of Christ's gifts of care and comfort. He is doing well and will begin immunotherapy soon. ~ Janet & Steve Magennis

**We Choose Eco-Palms!** // Did you know that our purchase of Eco-Palms for today's celebration supports harvesting communities and helps us care for our environment by protecting the rainforest in which the palms grow? Eco-Palms gatherers receive a higher price for their fair-trade palms, improving their income. Eco-Palms are sustainably harvested and managed, protecting the palms and the forests they need for shade.

**Holy Week Prayer Stations and Labyrinth Walk** // March 28 and 29, 9-3. On Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, you are invited to come to participate in five prayer stations with scripture, reflection, and a prayerful response and to walk the prayer labyrinth as we prepare for Easter Sunday. The prayer stations will be self-guided and should take about an hour to participate in each station and to walk the labyrinth. Questions? Reach out to Pastor Paul [paul@fpcholland.org](mailto:paul@fpcholland.org).

**Easter Sunday** // Due to Spring Break, Worship Centers and Youth will not meet March 31.

**One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** // Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable through three life-saving programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. Look for more information in the pew racks. Make a donation through the church, give online at [pcusa.org/give-oghs](http://pcusa.org/give-oghs), or text OGHS to 91999.

**FPC Preschool Could Use Our Help!!!** Our Preschool is in need of a treasurer for their board, someone who could attend the monthly daytime meetings, and cover the 4 –5 hours of work that is required each month. Also, they would like to develop a list of volunteers who could substitute as a teacher's aide when one of their teachers has a sick child, etc. Just a few hours out of your day, and you would get plenty of hugs and smiles to carry you through the rest of your day! Please contact the church office if you are interested or would like more information

**Deacons Seeking a Knee Scooter** // The deacons care team is in need of a knee scooter for temporary use by the end of March for a member of the church. If you have such a scooter for loan please contact deacon Paul Van Kolken at [pvankolken@hotmail.com](mailto:pvankolken@hotmail.com) to make arrangements. Thank you.

## Holy Week and Easter Sunday Service Times

**March 24** - Palm Sunday

**March 28** - Maundy Thursday service at 6pm

This is a family friendly event that will take place in the Fellowship Hall. This service will include a simple meal of soup and bread.

Please watch for a sign up sheet

**March 29** - Ecumenical Good Friday Service at 12 noon at Third Reformed Church

**March 31** - Easter Sunday

7am Sunrise Communion service in the FPC Memorial Garden

9-10am Easter breakfast

9:30am Easter egg hunt

10am Worship with Communion

**We are looking for volunteers to help with Easter Breakfast.** Sign up is in the Narthex.

- **Saturday from 10am - noon** // Drop off nut-free (including nut oils, nut extracts or flavors) pastries, sweet breads and/or fruits
- **Saturday 10am - noon** // Set up the dining room
- **Sunday 8am** // Final set up / help serve breakfast
- **Sunday 11am** // Clean up



# STAFF

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## DEACONS:

**Class of 2025:** Nancy Staal, Lauren Stouffer, Paul Van Kolken.

**Class of 2026:** Tom Glover, Terri Schamper.

**Class of 2027:** Lloyd Helder, Michele Richardson, Leah Wallar.

## ELDERS:

**Class of 2025:** Gail Hering, Beth Magennis, Jon Mc Fadyen, Danielle Peterson, Ben Rund-Scott

**Class of 2026:** Carleen Bauer, Bill Evenson, Cassie Kregger, Bruce Rosensteel.

**Class of 2027:** Jen Laux Ludwig, Tom Salley, Dave Zessin

Children of all ages are encouraged and welcome to be with us during worship.  
If you prefer an alternative:

- Nursery: Newborn - 3 years of age (main level)
- Celebration Time: 4 years of age through 1st grade are invited to attend following Children's Time within the Service; attached to the Nursery.
- Education Time: 11:15am - noon.
- Adult Class - Michigan Room (typically) - main level.
- Youth - Youth Room - lower level.
- Worship Center - PreK - 5th grade - lower level.
- Nursery - Newborn through 3 years - main level.

All children and youth options are supervised with two adults who have been background checked and adhere to the Child & Youth Protection Policy.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

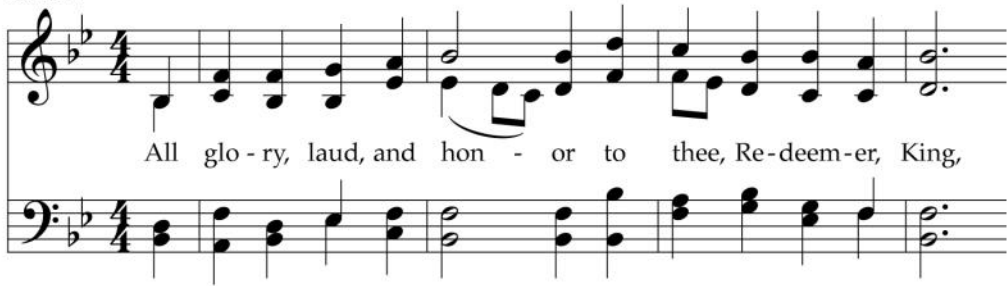
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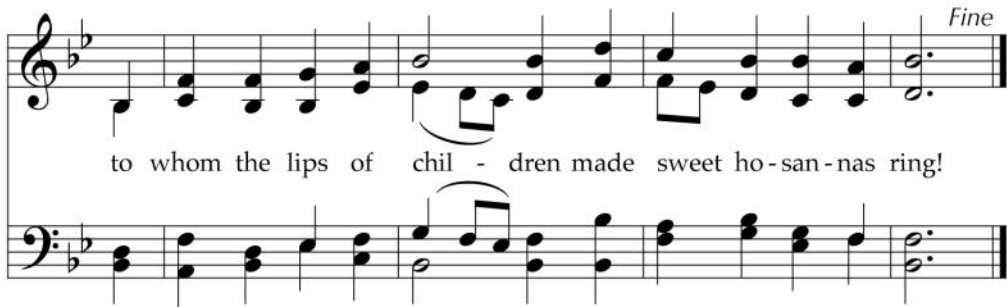
FPC is a More Light congregation, celebrating the full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ individuals in life, ministry and witness of the PC (USA) and in society. You are welcome here, and you are loved. Learn more at [MLP.org](http://MLP.org)

# All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

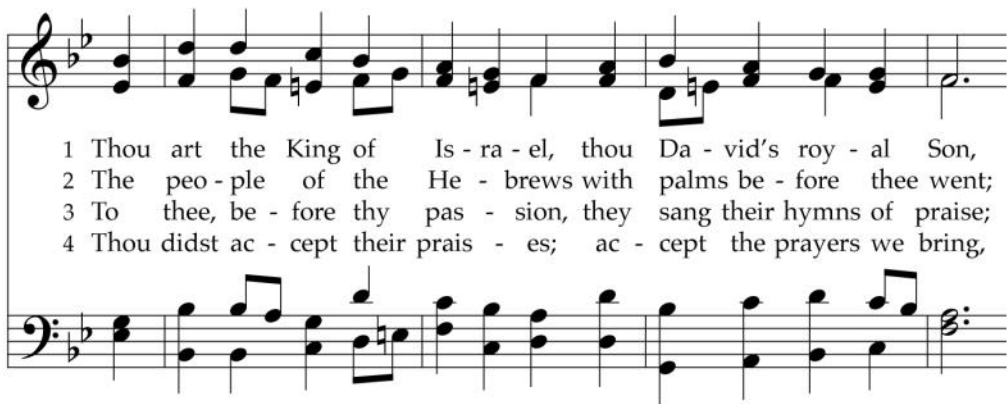
*Refrain*



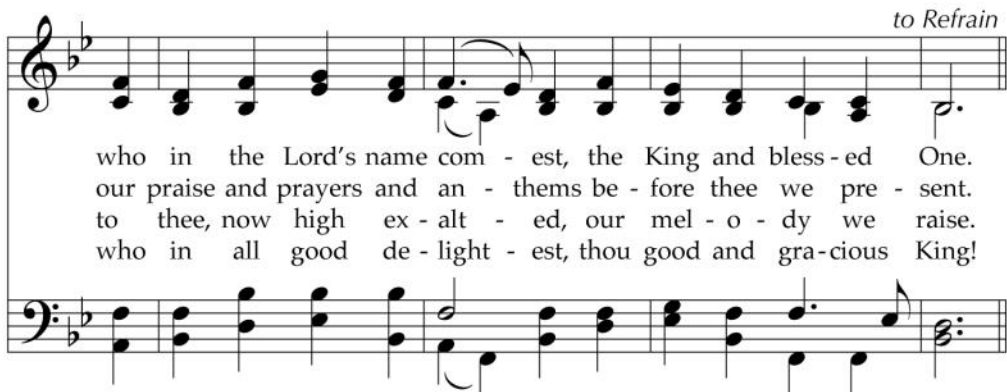
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,



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



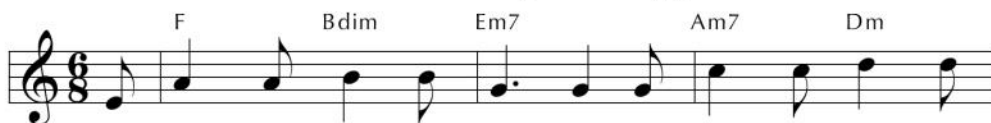
1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



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!

*to Refrain*

# A Stable Lamp Is Lighted 160



1 A sta - ble lamp is light - ed whose glow shall wake the  
 2 This child through Da - vid's cit - y shall ride in tri - umph  
 3 Yet he shall be for - sak - en, and yield - ed up to  
 4 But now, as at the end - ing, the low is lift - ed



sky; the stars shall bend their voic - es, and ev - ery stone shall  
 by; the palm shall strew its branch - es, and ev - ery stone shall  
 die; the sky shall groan and dark - en, and ev - ery stone shall  
 high; the stars shall bend their voic - es, and ev - ery stone shall



cry. And ev - ery stone shall cry, and  
 cry. And ev - ery stone shall cry, though  
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straw like gold shall shine; a barn shall har - bor  
 heav - y, dull, and dumb, and lie with - in the  
 hearts made hard by sin: God's blood up - on the  
 prais - es of the child by whose de - scent a -



heav - en, a stall be - come a shrine.  
 road - way to pave his king - dom come.  
 spear - head, God's love re - fused a - gain.  
 mong us the worlds are rec - on - ciled.

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## O Day of Peace



1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our  
 2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the



hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and  
 fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly



love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of hate  
 graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e - mies



fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re - lease, till by God's  
 shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac - cord; the hope of



grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's prom - ised reign of peace.  
 peace shall be ful - filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.