

The image features four palm fronds, two on the left and two on the right, framing a central square. The fronds are green with yellow highlights and are positioned as if they are part of a larger arrangement. The central square has a thin border with a color gradient from light green at the top to dark purple at the bottom. Inside this square, the words "PALM SUNDAY" are written in a large, bold, grey, sans-serif font. Below this, the phrase "HOSANNA TO THE KING" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.

PALM SUNDAY

HOSANNA TO THE KING

Sharing the Life of the Church

WELCOME TO WORSHIP THIS PALM SUNDAY. AS WE FOLLOW JESUS INTO JERUSALEM, THE CITY OF HIS DEATH BUT ALSO HIS RESURRECTION, MAY WE EXPERIENCE THE WONDER OF HIS LOVE.

Coffee Hour - Join us at 10 a.m. in the Harris Room for light snacks and fellowship. Today's Coffee Hour is hosted by **Joyce Boso**. If you would like to host a Coffee Hour, sign up on the roster outside the Harris Room.

Community Meal - Today at 2 p.m. in Stevenson Hall, the Mission Committee is hosting a Community Meal. Please come and help if you are able.

PW Easter Open House Coffee Hour
Plan to stop by the Harris Room next Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for a special Easter Coffee Hour hosted by the Presbyterian Women. They would greatly appreciate donations of home-baked goodies - if you can help, bring them to the church on Saturday, March 30, from 1:00 - 3:00.

Easter Egg Hunt - Next Sunday, Easter Sunday, ALL kids are invited to join us for an egg hunt following 10:30 Worship. You may bring your own baskets or use bags provided by the church.

Schedule Change for Wednesday - Due to this being Holy Week, there will be NO Gathering this Wednesday, the 27th.

Music Rehearsals will be as follows:

♪ *Festival Choir* - 6 p.m.

♪ *Bells* - 6:30 p.m.

♪ *Maundy Thursday soloists* - 7 p.m.

Volunteer Recognition - To nominate a church volunteer for "Volunteer of the Quarter" ending March 31, pick up a Nomination Form from the foyer and return it to the offering plate or the Office mailbox no later than **April 7**.

OGHS Offering - On Easter Sunday we will receive one of four annual Special PCUSA Offerings, *One Great Hour of Sharing*. Offering envelopes will be included in next week's bulletins for your convenience.

Ushers Needed - If you would like to serve as an usher for Sunday Worship, sign up in the foyer or see Greg Boso.

HOLY WEEK



March 24 PALM SUNDAY

Worship - 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Adult Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.

Coffee Hour - 10 a.m.

Community Meal - 2 p.m.

March 28 MAUNDY THURSDAY

Worship / Communion - 7 p.m.

Stations of the Cross following

March 31 EASTER SUNDAY

Sunrise Worship - 6:30 a.m.

Adult Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.

PW Easter Open House - 9:30 a.m.

Worship - 10:30 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt - 11:30 a.m.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Preparation for Worship

Attempting to follow Jesus today becomes almost incoherent without a lively, rich set of practices of prayer in many forms and formats of community. So this Lenten season, we have been focusing on prayer during worship. We have watched and prayed as we dove into the Lord's Prayer and other practices, grounding our Lenten journey in prayer.

Welcome

Entry into the Church

Prelude

Palm Branches

J. Williams / arr. D. Nolan

Women's Group, with Children

*Call to Worship

Hosanna! We claim God's salvation in Christ our Savior.

God's steadfast love endures forever. Hosanna!

An unlikely king, Jesus rides into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey
and still we recognize him.

God's love never quits. Hosanna!

We find God's majesty in this humble man
who leads a bunch of ragtag followers!

God's faithful love lasts forever. Hosanna!

Hosanna to Christ, the blessed child of God.

Blessed is the one who comes in God's name.

Let us worship Christ our king. Hosanna!

*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

***We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world
through Jesus Christ.***

***He entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph
and was proclaimed Messiah and King***

by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

Let these branches be signs of his victory.

***In this holiest of weeks, help us to follow him in the way of the cross,
that we may be raised in a resurrection like his,
and enter into your kingdom.***

In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

*Those who are able, please stand.

***Hymn 197**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

Children's Time**Confession and Pardon**Call to ConfessionPrayer of Confession*Here we are, Jesus.**We find ourselves alongside you,**singing Hosanna and praise as we wave palms.**Yet we acknowledge that while our lips have praised you,
our steps have often led us away from you.**We have been stressed, pulled, pushed, tossed.**We have betrayed your love for us through our lack of love
for you, for others, and for ourselves.**Forgive us, O God, for living to satisfy our own desires,
rather than walking in the way of Jesus.**We cry from the depth of our hearts and the very pit of our souls:
Hosanna, save us.**Fix your mind in us and remake us in your likeness.**Empower us with the Holy Spirit**so that our lives continually glorify you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**SILENCE for personal confession ...*Words of Assurance and Pardon

Listen to the sound of the waters and remember

you have been marked as a beloved child of God.

In Christ, God hears; God answers; God sets us free.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

*In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.**Response

Hymn 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

***Ritual of Friendship**

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

*And also with you.**Exchange words of peace and greetings with those around you.*

Sharing the Life of the Church

Special Music

Prelude in A Minor, BWV 543

J.S. Bach

GROWING

Prayer for Illumination

God of extravagant grace,
open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit
that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed
we may grow in our faith and more closely follow our Lord Jesus. Amen.

Scripture

Psalm 118:19-29 *p. 436*
The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Scripture

Mark 11:1-19 *p. 717*
The gospel of the Lord
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon

“PRAYER OF ACTION”

Rev. Annie McMillan

Confession 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.*

CARING

The Offering

Holy, Holy, Holy

John B. Dykes
arr. F.J. Garlock, S. Hamilton

*The Doxology

Hymn 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

The 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.

GOING

***Hymn 198**

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

ST. DROSTANE

***Benediction and Sending Forth**

The Postlude

Procession for a King

Lani Smith

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Beadles - *Connor Buchanan, Ellie Buchanan,
Audrey Hickman, Avalyn Meckley*

Liturgist - *Justin Bosley*

Sound Technician - *Matt Buchanan*



*Scripture Readings for next week - Sunday, March 31
Easter Sunday/Resurrection of the Lord*

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Mark 16:1-8

THIS WEEK AT FPC

HOLY WEEK



Sunday, March 24 **Palm/Passion Sunday**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School - Room 204
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour - Harris Room
- 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary
- 2:00 p.m. Community Meal - Stevenson Hall



Monday, March 25 *Wood Co. Schools spring break - thru April 1*

- 7:00 p.m. Parkersburg Pride - Room 204

Tuesday, March 26

- 6:00 p.m. Worship / Discipleship Committees - Harris Room

Wednesday, March 27

- 6:00 p.m. Festival Choir - Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Juliana Ringers - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday soloists - Sanctuary

Thursday, March 28 **Maundy Thursday**

- 7:00 p.m. Worship (Communion) - Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Interactive Stations of the Cross - Harris Room

Saturday, March 29

- 8:30 a.m. Saturday Stewards
- 12:00 p.m. HA Meeting - Stevenson Hall

Sunday, March 31 **Easter/Resurrection Sunday**

- 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship - Prayer Garden
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School - Room 204
- 9:30 a.m. P W Easter Open House Coffee Hour - Harris Room
- 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Egg Hunt for children

MARK 11:1-11

¹ As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ² saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’”

⁴ They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵ some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” ⁶ They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go.

⁷ When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it.

⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

¹⁰ “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹ Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.



Prayer List – Please remember the following in your prayers:

Jean Singer
Bill Nolen
Pat Douglass
Peace in Israel
Kathy Schlarb
Harriet Litteral
Fleming Family
Karen Vanoster
Wayne Sanders
Marianne Mason

Jackson Middle School
Jennifer Crow & family
Pat & Ann Patterson
Melanie Thompson
Trevor & Jayda Hinojosa
Cunningham Family
Ruth Ann Huddle
Becky Holdren & Family
Homebound Members
Troops – World Peace

Dennis Bolten
Mary Withum
Juli Springer
Lynn Linville
Susan Miller
Butch Shepherd
Peter Headlee
Vince Eades
Dan Ellis
Brad Carter