

GOOD MORNING! We welcome each of you to this service of worship and we are glad you are here. We invite you to fill out the Welcome card found in the pew rack and place the card in the offering plate, so we can welcome you further and start to get to know you better.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

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| Today (03/29) | 9:30a 10:30a | Sunday School Worship Service— <i>Palm Sunday</i> |
| Mon (03/30) | 9:00a 9:00a 6:30p | Bulletin Information Due Website Information Due TACC Rehearsal |
| Wed (04/01) | 9:00a 7:00p | Weight Watchers Choir Rehearsal |
| Thu (04/02) | 6:00p 7:00p | The Gathering Maundy Thursday Service |
| Sun (04/05) | 9:30a 10:30a | Sunday School Worship Service — Easter Sunday |

Financial Update can be found on the bulletin board.

Maundy Thursday Service & The Gathering: On Thursday, April 2, at 6:00 p.m. we will enjoy a meal of various sandwiches, chips, desserts and beverages. If you plan to attend, please register on the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Deadline for registering is today, March 29 by 11:30a. Following the meal we will proceed to the sanctuary for the Maundy Thursday Service which will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Pennies for Hunger: Don't forget to drop your pennies in the "Hunger" pail located in the Narthex.

Dollars for Missions: All loose dollar bills placed in the collection plates will be earmarked for mission work—divided between FPC Mission Team and a Salem Presbytery mission.



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March 29, 2026—*Palm Sunday*

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is a day of joyous welcome. Yet joy is tempered by impending doom.

All: We welcome Christ with waving branches. We wait with Christ through hours of agony.

One: Our leader comes humbly, riding a donkey. Blessed is the one who comes in God's name.

All: Jesus rides into the tumult of our times. People still oppose the way of love.

One: Yet love prevails in spite of opposition. Give thanks that God's steadfast love endures forever.

All: Open to us the gates of righteousness. Let us enter in the light God offers. Let us worship God!

***HYMN NO. 196**

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we have blamed you when the hosannas die and the parade turns into a mob scene. We heap our doubts on you even though our inaction adds power to those who shout. “Crucify.” We rebel against the risks of discipleship. Why raise our voices against the evil we see? One voice simply becomes one more victim. O God, we protest, but we know down deep that the victim of our silence is the way of love, the way of life. Forgive our cowardice, and help us to stand with Christ in a world that has forgotten humility and obedience to you. O God, we want to be faithful. Why does it cost so much? *(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession.)*

Amen.

RESPONSE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God does not forsake us. In times of terror and suffering we are not alone. In Christ, we are strengthened as we watch and pray. We receive courage to love in the face of ridicule and to act for truth amid the oppressive forces of deceit. Love is at the heart of creation, bringing us to new beginnings, to resurrection life in all its fullness. Friends, believe the good news...

All: *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.*

*RESPONSE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

(Please share a sign of peace with others.)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings from Mark & Isaiah

Rev. John Pruitt

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

SENDING

ANTHEM

*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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN NO. 223

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

HAMBURG

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Mar 29) — Palm Sunday

Greeters/Ushers: Skip & Pam Smith

Serving Maundy Thursday (Apr 02)

Greeters/Ushers: Skip & Pam Smith

Serving Next Sunday (Apr 05) — Easter Sunday

Greeters/Ushers: Mary Maddrey, Priscilla Henderson

Element Prep: Linda Volcek, Joanne Dramstad

Assisting Elders: Lynda Self, Ellen Watts
Skip Smith, Rich Tincher

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