

First Presbyterian Church
OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

Grounding Ourselves in the Good News this Lent

The good news is... inspiring us to act

A special welcome to those visiting with us today!

We are grateful for your presence with us and hope you find this time of worship to be meaningful.

When you see an asterisk *, please rise in body or spirit, however you are comfortable.

Children are welcome in worship! A nursery is also available for infants and toddlers in Room 119.

We Gather to Worship

PRELUDE

Improvisation on ST. THEODULPH (hymn 196)

David H. Hegarty

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Suzanne Baxter

SPARK

Mickie Smith and Evelyn Haworth

CHIME

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM - *John 12:12-16*

¹² The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—
the King of Israel!”

¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

¹⁵ “Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!”

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: People of God, be gathered together!

People: Like a hen with her brood beneath her wings, God has brought us together!

Leader: People of God, await Christ's coming!

All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord of heaven!

HYMN 197Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

ELLACOMBE

***PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)**

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that united with Christ and all the faithful we may one day enter in triumph the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever. Amen.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem and then later pronounced "crucify him," we are fickle people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds.

Remembering the events of Jesus' last week helps us see ourselves for what we are: sinners in need of a Savior, a Savior—praise God—we have in Christ. In honesty and hope, we confess now our sins to God.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Everlasting God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son to take our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection. We confess that we want to be accepted and take the easy way. We do not stay true to your will. Forgive us, and help us to follow in the way of obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. (silent confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON - based on Psalm 118**

Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

In Christ, God answers us and sets us free! In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang,
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.
To this peace we are called as members of a single body.
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 581** *Gloria Patri* H. W. Greatorex
***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.***

We Proclaim God's Word

DISCOVERY TIME Children are invited forward for a special message. Cyndi Lockwood
Children seated on the Chancel steps will be in view of the livestream image;
those on the floor facing the steps will not.

Children—5 years old to 4th grade—are invited to attend Children's Church in Room 215.
Parents may pick up children after worship in Room 215.

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.**

ANTHEM *Crown Him Lord of All* CORONATION; MILES LANE; & DIADEM
Sanctuary Singers arr. Joseph M. Martin
*All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall. Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all. Ye chosen seed
of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall; hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all. Let every kindred, every
tribe on this terrestrial ball to Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all! O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet
may fall! We'll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all! Amen!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 11:1-11 (pg. 47)
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SOLO *We Fall Down* Chris Tomlin
Puffer Jones, baritone
*We fall down; we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus: the greatness of mercy and love, at the feet of Jesus.
And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb!*

SERMON *Inspiring Us to Act* Rev. John C. McKinnon

We Respond to God's Word

*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.**

*HYMN 199

Filled with Excitement

HOSANNA

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE

We Pray to You, Eternal God

Hal Hopson

Sanctuary Singers

We pray to you, Eternal God, who gives us life and light and love!

We lift our prayers up to you and sing your praises evermore!

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Improvisation on CHRISTIAN LOVE (hymn 200)

John L. Edwards

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go in God's Name

*HYMN 198

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

ST. DROSTANE

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

March (WINCHESTER NEW)

A. D. Miller

**Give to
FPC today!**



SCAN ME

199 Filled with Excitement

Mantos y palmas



1 Filled with ex-cite-ment, all the hap-py throng spread cloaks and
 2 As in that en-trance to Je-ru-sa-lem, ho-san-nas
 1 *Man-tos y pal-mas es-par-cien-do va el pue-blo a-*
 2 *Co-mo en la en-tra-da de Je-ru-sa-lén, to-dos can-*



branch-es on the cit-y streets. There in the dis-tance they be-
 we will sing to Je-sus Christ, to our Re-deem-er who still
le-gre de Je-ru-sa-lén. A-llá a lo le-jos se vis-
ta-mos a Je-sús el rey, al Cris-to vi-vo que nos



gin to see, there on a don-key comes the Sav-ior Christ.
 calls to-day, asks us to fol-low with our love and faith.
lum-bra ya en un po-lli-no al Sal-va-dor Je-sús.
lla-ma hoy pa-ra se-guir-le con a-mor y fe.

Refrain / Estribillo



From ev-ery cor-ner a thou-sand voic-es sing praise to the One who comes
Mien-tras mil vo-ces re-sue-nan por do-quier; ho-sa-na al que vie-ne en el



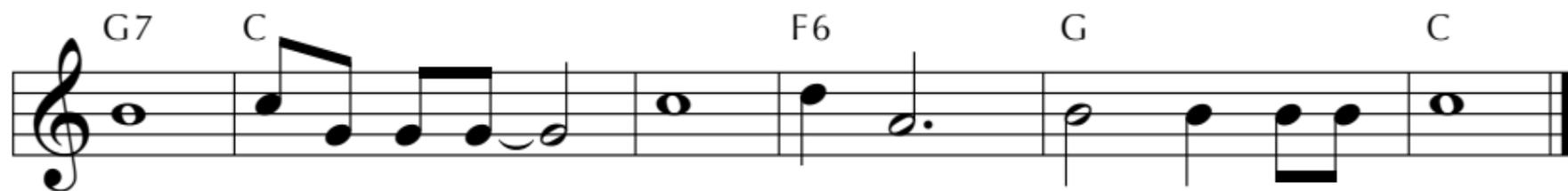
in the name of God. Our ac-cla-ma-tion breaks forth in shouts of
nom-bre de Dios. Con un a-lien-to de gran ex-cla-ma-

Though they have different perspectives, all four gospels give an account of Christ's entry to Jerusalem (Matthew 21:7-9/Mark 11:7-10/Luke 19:35-38/John 12:12-15). This Mexican hymn, appropriate for the beginning of worship on Passion/Palm Sunday, captures the crowd's enthusiasm.

JESUS CHRIST: PASSION AND DEATH



praise, our tri - um - phant song of joy: "Ho - san - na,
ción *¶ pro-rrum - pen con voz triun - fal:* "¡Ho - sa - na!



ho - san - na to Christ! Ho - san - na, ho - san - na to Christ!"
¡Ho - sa - na al rey!" "¡Ho - sa - na! *¡Ho - sa - na al rey!"*

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! 198

1 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the
 2 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
 3 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of
 4 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur -
 pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and
 pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to

sues its road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments stowed.
 now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 mor - tal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

This 19th-century Palm Sunday text is better understood as the reflections of someone standing outside the event rather than as coming from those participating in the actual procession. This poignant text is set to a tune written especially for it later in the same century.

Today

Sunday School Classes

- Evergreen | Room B-14 (9:30 a.m.)
- New Beginnings | Fireside Room (9:30 a.m.)
- Young Adult Class | Room 215 (9:30 a.m.)
- Builders | Room B-8 (9:45 a.m.)
- High School | Youth Lounge (9:45 a.m.)
- Middle School | Room B-10 (9:45 a.m.)
- Children | Room 213 (9:45 a.m.)

Coffee & Cookies Fellowship | 9:30-10:55 a.m.

Coffee, cookies, and fellowship are available in the Reception Center every Sunday before worship!

Palm Sunday Worship | 11:00 a.m.

The service for Palm Sunday holds the tension between the joyful entry of the palm procession and the somberness of the Passion to follow.

Youth Chorale Rehearsals | 12:00 p.m.

Middle and High School students (grades 5 through 12) are invited to stay after worship on Sundays (except for the 1st Sundays of the month)! We'll meet in Room B-32 and make music until 12:30 p.m.

Visio Divina Focus Group | 12:15 p.m. | Room 122

Palm Sunday Matinee | 1:00 p.m.

Celebrate Palm Sunday with a movie in Watchorn Hall at 1:00 p.m. We'll be showing the animated film *King of Kings*, a retelling of Jesus' life that reflects many of the stories explored during Lent. Popcorn and movie snacks will be provided. All are welcome!

Church Under the Bridge | 2:00 p.m.

For March's Reserve the Third event, we're serving at Church Under the Bridge during their weekly Sunday service. Church Under the Bridge's vision is to restore hope to the homeless and hurting. CUTB meets for service under the Crosstown Boulevard Bridge. We'll be serving food and helping with their worship service.

Please contact Holly Guadiana (405-202-5410) if you have any questions!

Upcoming Events

Bridge Group — Mondays | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Wednesdays | 9:00-11:30 a.m.

We meet in Room B-10 (basement) on Mondays from 6:00–8:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9:00–11:30 a.m. Whether you've never played, are returning after a break, or just want to join a friendly bridge group, we've got a spot for you! **Contact Barbara Charlet (barbara.charlet@outlook.com) or David Ligon (david.m.ligon@gmail.com) for more information.**

Evening Prayer Service — Wednesdays | 5:00 & 5:30 p.m.

The Sanctuary is open on Wednesdays for individual meditation and prayer at 5:00 p.m., followed by an Evening Prayer Service from 5:30–6:00 p.m. This is a short worship service featuring sung psalms, readings, and prayers, offering a period of respite and contemplation after the workday, to help transition into the restful night.

After the service, we'll have a time of fellowship in the Reception Center from 6:00-6:30 p.m.

Free Yoga Class — Wednesdays | 6:00 p.m.

Our free yoga class is available weekly on Wednesdays! Angela Rose leads the hour-long class in the Rec Room in the basement. All skill levels are welcome.

Choir Rehearsal — Wednesdays | 6:30-8:00 p.m.

The choir rehearses at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays! If you are interested in joining, please reach out to Puffer Jones (puffer@fpcokc.org).

Kemp Concert: Mostly Mancini — Sunday, April 19 | 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Enjoy an afternoon of delightful music with Oklahoma City *RONDEAU*, comprised of flutist John L. Edwards and pianist Rondal J. Wallace. The program includes arrangements by James Galway of beloved works by Henry Mancini, including some of his most recognizable film themes. As part of the Kemp Concert Series, this concert is free and open to all.

Saturday Worship (Marathon Weekend) — Saturday, April 25 | 5:00 p.m.

Due to the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon route surrounding the church, we will not have Sunday activities or worship on April 26. Instead, please join us on Saturday, April 25, at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for worship.

Holy Week & Easter at FPC-OKC

A Sacred Walk (Labyrinth) — April 2-3 | 8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

You are invited to engage in the ancient practice of walking the labyrinth. It will be prepared in Watchorn Hall and available for use from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Resources will be provided for a self-guided experience, or Pastor John is available to offer an introduction to the labyrinth.

Maundy Thursday — Thursday, April 2 | 7:00 p.m. | Chapel

The service for Maundy Thursday remembers Jesus washing the disciples' feet and the institution of the Lord's Supper. The service concludes with the stripping of the worship space, representing Jesus' abandonment in the garden of Gethsemane.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service — Friday, April 3 | 7:00 p.m. | Chapel

On Good Friday, we stand at the foot of the cross, pondering the wondrous love of God revealed in the death of Jesus. During this service, we will remember the events of the week through readings from the Gospel of Luke and the extinguishing of candles.

Easter Vigil — Friday, April 3–Sunday, April 5

Following the Good Friday service, members will take turns keeping a vigil of prayer and devotion as we await the sunrise that celebrates the empty tomb on Easter morning

All volunteer slots are now taken. Thank you to everyone who volunteered!

Easter Breakfast — Sunday, April 5 | 9:30 a.m.

The Deacons will host an Easter Breakfast in Watchorn Hall. Please plan to attend and bring your family as we gather in fellowship with the whole church family!

Menu: Baked eggs, roasted potatoes, assorted pastries and fruits, donut holes, and breakfast casserole

Easter Sunday Worship — Sunday, April 5 | 11:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday is the brightest jewel of Christian worship. It proclaims the universal significance of God's saving acts in history. Join us for this special service as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord!

Easter Egg Hunt — Sunday, April 5 | 12:00 p.m.

In celebration of the Resurrection, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt following worship! Children are encouraged to bring their own basket to collect eggs.

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