



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – April 13, 2025 Palm Sunday

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

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

J. S. Bach

Blackwelder Brass

arr. T. J. Phillips

Karl Huber & Seth Seneca, trumpets; Jacob Fleury, horn

Benjamin Rihner, trombone; Dalton Williams, tuba

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Suzanne Baxter

CHIME

INTROIT

Hosanna!

W. P. Jones

Sanctuary Singers, Blackwelder Brass

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good,

People: whose steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Blessed is the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Kay Brown

God Most High, gracious and glorious, blessed is the one who comes in your name.

Lead us now on the road to the cross. May we follow with faithfulness and joy,

shouting hosanna in the highest heaven; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. We join the parade and shout hosanna, then deny our Lord in his hour of need. We wave the palms and sing praise, then hand our Savior over to die. Forgive us, God of grace. Our lives are in your hand—deliver us from evil. Save us, by your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(silent confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***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 from those locations.

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, Blackwelder Brass

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

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (pg. 565)

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!

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:28-40 (pg. 83)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Shouting & Silence

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

(Collection plates are located by the doors as you exit the Sanctuary.)

OFFERTORY

Early One Morning

Traditional English

Blackwelder Brass

arr. Jeremy Jackson

*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

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!"*

We Go in God's Name

*HYMN 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Galliard Battaglia
Blackwelder Brass

Samuel Scheidt

Today

Sunday School Classes

- Evergreen | Room B-14 (9:30 a.m.)
- New Beginnings | Fireside Room (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.

Upcoming Events

Abigail Circle — Tuesday, April 15 | 6:00 p.m.

Location TBD.

Saturday Worship (Marathon Weekend) — Saturday, April 26 | 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 27. Instead, please join us on Saturday, April 26, at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for worship!

Give to
FPC today!



SCAN ME

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!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

HOLY WEEK EVENTS

1 Palm Sunday Worship

April 13 | 11:00 a.m.

The Palm Sunday service maintains an inherent tension between the joyful celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and the somber reflection on the passion that follows.

3 Maundy Thursday

April 17 | 7:00 p.m. | Chapel

Maundy Thursday commemorates Jesus washing the disciples' feet and instituting of the Lord's Supper.

The service concludes with the stripping of the worship space, representing Jesus' abandonment in the Garden of Gethsemane.

2 Individual Prayer & Evensong Worship

April 16 | 5:30 p.m.

The Sanctuary is open on Wednesdays for individual meditation and prayer at 5:00 p.m., followed by an Evensong service from 5:30–6:00 p.m.

Evensong is a brief worship service, featuring sung psalms, readings, and prayers. It offers a period of respite and contemplation after the workday, helping us transition into a restful night.

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

4 Audio & Visio Divina Experience

April 17-19 | 8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Visio Divina and Audio Divina are invitations to wonder. They are practices where images and music come alive with personal meaning for your spiritual journey.

Visit the church from April 17-19, between 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., to experience one of six magnificent windows and a major work of music, featuring the Austin Organ's 15 ranks of 987 pipes and the talent of Mr. John Edwards, through a self-guided experience.

Bring your cell phone and headphones, or stop by the office to borrow an audio device. Scan the QR code to the right to learn more, listen to the audio tracks, and preview the guidebook.



SCAN ME

5 A Sacred Walk (Labyrinth)

April 17-19 | 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 available for a self-guided experience, or Pastor John is happy to meet you for an introduction to the labyrinth.

6 Good Friday Tenebrae Service

April 18 | 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 Tenebrae service, we will remember the events of the week that the world fell into darkness through readings from the Gospel of Matthew and the extinguishing of candles.

7 Easter Vigil

Friday, April 18-
Sunday, April 20

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

You can sign up on Sunday mornings or online at tinyurl.com/FPCVigil25.

EASTER SUNDAY

Breakfast

Sunday, April 20
9:30 a.m.

The Deacons will host an Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 20, in Watchorn Hall. Join us for good food and fellowship!

Menu: Casseroles, Yogurt, Fruit, and Assorted Pastries.

Worship

Sunday, April 20
11:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday is the brightest jewel of Christian worship, proclaiming the universal significance of God's saving acts in history.

Join us for this very special service as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 20
12:00 p.m.

In celebration of the Resurrection, we'll have an Easter Egg Hunt after the worship service on Easter Sunday!

Kids are encouraged to bring their own basket to collect eggs.