Palm/Passion Sunday

March 29th, 2026 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *based on* Psalm 118; Matthew 21

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
All: Hosanna in the highest heaven!
One: Give thanks to the Lord,
All: for the Lord has answered us and become our salvation.
One: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
All: His steadfast love endures forever.

✞HYMN OF PRAISE *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* **#196**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Saving God, we are quick to join the shouts of triumphal praise, but we confess that our praise is often empty. Our faith is more show than substance. We celebrate with those lining the streets in Jerusalem, forgetting where the story goes from here. We take for granted your sacrificial love, refusing to give it as we have received it. Forgive us, Lord, and make us mindful of your love for us, even as we shout, 'Hosannah!' Lord, save us. Make us new, forgiving what is sinful, healing what is broken, and receiving us as your own. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE *from* Psalm 118

One: The Lord is our strength and our song;
All: He has become our salvation.
One: In Christ, God answers us and sets us free.
All: In Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

✞PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

✞RESPONSE *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* **#197, v. 3**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Registration Pad found at the end of the row and pass it along.

MOMENT FOR MISSION – GROWTH GROUPS **Jen Tucker**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward for the Time for Young Disciples. Following this time, children through 1st grade are invited to Children's Church.

✞HYMN OF PREPARATION *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* **#403**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION 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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

GOSPEL READING Matthew 21:1-11 p. 23 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *How Blest is He Who Comes* *John Purifoy*

HEBREW BIBLE READING Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 p. 565-566 OT

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Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory
✞Response *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* **#606**
✞Prayer of Dedication

✞AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* The Nicene Creed

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 26:14-19, 36-46 p. 29-30 NT

✞HYMN OF SENDING *Go to Dark Gethsemane* **#220, vv. 1-3**

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE

✞PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT, AS YOU ARE ABLE

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Sarah Morgan – Pastor
Tim Reynolds – Pastor
Andrew Butler – Liturgist
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Doug Barbour, Kim Hudgens, Barb and Glenn Lamping
Technicians: Neal Henley (video); Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are currently following the Revised Common Lectionary.

Mar 29	Matthew 21:1-11	Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem
Apr 5	John 20:1-18	He Is Risen!
Apr 12	John 20:19-31	Thomas & The Wounds of Christ
Apr 19	Luke 24:13-35	The Road to Emmaus

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God.

PRAYER STATIONS are available in Room 50 (on the opposite end of the hall from the library) throughout Lent any time the church is open.

TODAY IS PALM SUNDAY: Everyone is invited to pick up a palm as they enter the sanctuary to wave during the first hymn. All children and their families are invited to come to the Narthex at the start of worship to receive palms and parade through the sanctuary during the first hymn.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE: On Maundy Thursday, April 2nd, we will celebrate Holy Thursday with a service of communion at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This will be a joint service with Church of the Savior.

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER SERVICE: We will gather with other PCUSA congregations at Graystone Presbyterian Church at 12 noon on Good Friday, April 3rd, for a reflective and contemplative prayer service.

THE FLOWERING OF THE CROSS: Everyone is invited to take part in our annual "Flowering of the Cross" on Easter Sunday morning! Bring flowers from your yard, garden, the store, or even the side of the road with you to worship. Then prior to the service, come and place your flowers on the cross as you enter the sanctuary before you take your seat. Following the service (weather permitting), the flowered cross will be placed in the courtyard for all to see.

EASTER EGG HUNT: There will be an Easter Egg Hunt NEXT Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the preschool playground area for our youngest disciples. All families with young children are invited to participate.

VISITATION FOR JOE BEALS: The family of Joe Beals will receive friends at McCammon Ammons funeral home in Maryville on Saturday, April 11th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are excited to have you with us today and hope you feel at home! We are honored you are here and pray you will feel God's presence in this place. If you do not have a church home, we would love for you to be a part of the 2nd Pres. Please let us know a bit about you by completing a Visitor's Card or by filling out your information in the Friendship Register. Children are welcome in worship. There is a **family worship area** down front. There is also a "crying room" next door in the Library where the service is live streamed. **Children's Worship Bags** are available in the Narthex. Children ages 2 through 1st grade are invited to **Children's Church** following the children's time in worship. A **nursery is available** beginning at 9:15 for infants and children through age 2. **Hearing Devices** are available if needed.

CONNECT

FELLOWSHIP TIME: Join us after worship each week for coffee, lemonade, cookies, and a time of fellowship.

FOOD & FRIENDS is a ministry to college students and young adults. On the 2nd Sunday of each month, all college students and young adults are invited to have lunch together at a local restaurant paid for by the church. If you are interested in hosting Food & Friends, scan the QR code to sign up or let Pastor Tim know. **The next Food and Friends is April 12th! Hosts are Jimmy & Ileen Cheek.**

GROW

THE FAITH, SCIENCE & THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS meets in the Barbour Room at 9:30 a.m. weekly. This class studies current events through the lens of faith using a weekly curriculum called *The Wired Word.* All are invited – join us!

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: The Pastor's Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Barbour Room. We are studying the books of Ezra and Nehemiah.

GROWTH GROUP REGISTRATION: Registration for Spring Quarter of Growth Groups is this week. You can sign up through Realm, on the church's website, by calling the church office, filling out the insert and dropping it in the offering plate, or using the QR code. Groups begin meeting the week of April 12th and will meet for 7 weeks, concluding the week of May 24th.

EGGS NEEDED! We are still collecting candy-filled plastic Easter eggs for our egg hunt on Easter Sunday (*nut-free candy only, please!*). There is a collection box for eggs located in the atrium. Thank you in advance for your donations!

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UKIRK EXTRA GIVING OPPORTUNITY: If you are interested in supporting a special project that will increase awareness of UKirk's ministry on campus through a one-time gift of $250, please contact Pastor Tim for details.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING will be received THIS WEEK and NEXT. Join with Presbyterians worldwide in supporting ministries of compassion through causes addressing hunger, disaster, poverty, climate change, immigration issues and refugees.

NEHEMIAH ASSEMBLY: We have been invited to join Westminster Presbyterian at the Justice Knox Nehemiah Action Assembly on Monday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Knoxville Civic Auditorium. The Nehemiah Action Assembly is a gathering at which city leaders are asked to commit to specific actions resulting from a year-long study. There will be a pre-meeting to explain guidelines at 6:40 p.m., with the meeting to follow from 7:00-8:30 p.m. If you would like tickets or more information, contact Leonard Bailey (865-207-4947 or lbailey@chartertn.net).

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, March 29th – Palm Sunday

9:15 a.m.	Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m.	Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
10:30 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary)
11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Mary Chambers Room)
1:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Tuesday, March 31st

7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Gym/Scout Room)
8:45 p.m.	UKirk Basketball (Gym)

Thursday, April 2nd

10:30 a.m.	Pastor's Bible Study (Barbour Rm.)
1:00 p.m.	Go Team Meeting (Barbour Room)
7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)

Friday, April 3rd

12:00 p.m.	Good Friday Prayer Service (Graystone Presbyterian)

Sunday, April 5th - Easter Sunday

9:15 a.m.	Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m.	Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Rm.)
	Easter Egg Hunt (Preschool playground)
10:30 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary)
11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Mary Chambers Room)
1:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Practice (Choir Room)

PRAYER CONCERNS

The Matthews Family, The family of Geoff Duggan, Mary Kay Sullivan,
The family of Joe Beals, Mark Jenkins, Fran McLean, Bill Roach, Jr., and Arlys Milligan

*Please notify the office if you are sick, in the hospital, or have a prayer request.
Names remain on the prayer list 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer.

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SUPPORT

WI-FI NETWORK: Our Wi-fi network is for use by anyone who visits the building. The network is "Second Presbyterian Church", and the password is *Psalm100*.

GIVE ONLINE: Visit us at www.2ndpres.org/give, text *2ndPresKnox* to 73256, or scan the QR code to the right.



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*Responding in gratitude to God's love and grace,
we are a welcoming, faithful, and hopeful community,
following Jesus and serving him in the world.*

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