



balmoral presbyterian church

service of worship



March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

11:00am

Chiming of the Hour

Bells of Balmoral

Welcome & Announcements

Rev Mark Howland

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Noel Wilkins, pianist

***Call to Worship**

Jan Kaplan, Liturgist

Leader: Give thanks to God, for God is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Holy God.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

***Gathering Song 199**

"Filled with Excitement"

HOSANNA

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we join in the festal processions with branches in hand. We rejoice at the coming of our king. We bless you and praise you, Lord, from the safety of this place. But we confess; we will not go where you are going. We admire you, but hesitate to follow you. We stand at the roadside, with hearts like stones. Even they must cry out, but they are heavy with what they know; that when your adversaries gather, we will flee from you. When accusations mount, and insults shame you, our shame will be our turning back. Oh the ways that we betray you. Our times are in your hand, O God. Have mercy on us, Lord. Deliver us.

(Time of silence to lift personal confessions)

Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response Hymn**

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

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.

***Share the Peace of Christ**

Song of Peace

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be

With God our creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other

In perfect harmony.

Musical Offering

“Lord, Whose Passion Didst Reveal”

BPC Choir

Johann Franck,

arr. L.B. Sateren

HEARING THE WORD

Children’s Message

Invitation to Centering Silence

Be still. Prepare yourself to hear the Word of God.

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

Hebrew Scripture Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Sermon

The Innocent Arrival

Rev. Mark Howland

Silent Reflection

In the silence, attend to what the Spirit has given you.

***Song of Response 215**

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

WONDROUS LOVE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith**

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

(As we pray aloud together, we use the ecumenical version printed here.

You are invited to pray your preferred version.)

Moment for Mission

Offering

Please place tithes and offerings in the brass plates. Children will collect quarters to provide funds to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund. Place Coins for a Cause in the glass jar near the sanctuary doors for our Food Pantry. Pass the Friendship Pads along the row, then pass it back down the row and greet those in your row after worship.

Offertory

“Medley”

Noel Wilkins, pianist

*Hymn 710

“We Lift Our Voices”

OFFERING

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord use our voices; Lord use our hands; Lord use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering; we are an offering.

*Prayer to Dedicate the Gifts

*Sending Song 200

“A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd ”

CHRISTIAN LOVE

Charge and Blessing

*Benediction Response

“Lord Let Us Leave Now”

OLD ENGLISH TUNE

Lord, let us leave now, filled with You anew, and pledged to Your service in all that we do.
Though we have some questions, our faith in You is sure.
We know You are with us, Your way will endure.
Lord, let us leave now, filled with You anew, and pledged to Your service in all that we do.

Postlude

“Medley”

Noel Wilkins, pianist

REMEMBER to WEAR YOUR NAMETAGS!

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- * indicates those who are able, please stand

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Susie Knight (3); Sean Orians (27)

ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH: Bill and Eleanor Thomas (30)

APRIL: Bill & Beverly Hooker (2); Fran & Pete Addicott (28); Scott & Janice Hill (30)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **WE THANK OUR WORSHIP LEADERS** for enhancing our worship this morning! Thank you to the choir, directed by Ken Croft, Noel Wilkins, pianist, and Jan Kaplan Liturgist.
- **LARGE PRINT HYMNS:** If you would like a copy of the songs we are singing in worship today in large print, there are copies available on the table near the sanctuary entrance.
- **EARTH CARE TIPS**
 - for MARCH:** During spring cleaning, use t-shirts with stains or holes that would otherwise be thrown away as rags to help with cleaning.
 - for APRIL:** It can be difficult to eat all your leftovers before they go bad. Try freezing your meals in reusable molds and storing leftovers in the freezer to help limit food waste.
- **CREATION STATION:** BPC loves the children to be a part of our worship service. We invite families to allow children to join at our Creation Station which is located in the back of the sanctuary. We ask that a responsible adult sit in the back row in case a need arises.
- **SUNDAY STUDIES:** Our next class will begin on Sunday, April 12. We will be exploring the book, "Knowing God" by J I Packer. Class participants will lead the discussions each week. Come join us in this spiritual journey together.
- **JOIN PASTOR MARK FOR AN IN-DEPTH BIBLE STUDY** on the Book of Revelation. Our next class will be April 6 in the Fellowship Hall. We will meet every other Monday evening as we explore the meaning, message, and hope found in this powerful and often misunderstood book of Scripture. Whether you are new to Revelation or have studied it before, this study will offer meaningful discussion, historical context, and practical insights for living faithfully today. All are welcome—come grow in faith and understanding together!
- **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:**
 - Palm/Passion Sunday worship at 11:00am on March 29
 - Daily prayer service - Monday-Friday - 12pm in Library Area
 - Maundy Thursday worship service with a drama and Holy Communion at 6:00pm on April 2
 - Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 6:00pm on April 3
 - Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil 8:00am - 5pm on April 4
 - Easter Sunday Celebration worship service at 11:00am on April 5

- **HOLY SATURDAY PRAYER VIGIL:** You are invited to sign up to come to the church for one hour on Holy Saturday to be in prayer and contemplation as we keep watch remembering Jesus's time in the tomb. Pastor Mark will start each hour with a focusing liturgy. You are welcome to bring your Bible or other devotional to help you focus. There will be focus aids also available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.
- **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING:** We will collect this year's "...to do justice" One Great Hour of Sharing offering during Holy Week. You may make your donation anytime from Palm Sunday (March 29) through Easter Sunday (April 5). There are four ways to make your donation this year:
 - Use one of the envelopes included with the bulletin on either Sunday
 - Go to our church's online giving option and choose "One Great Hour"
 - Write a check to Balmoral Presbyterian Church and place in the memo line "OGHS"
 - Scan the QR code on the bulletin OGHS insert to make the contribution directly to the PCUSA
- **BOOK CLUB for APRIL:** The next meeting of the book club will be Tuesday, April 14 at 1:30 p.m. Fran Addicott will be our host, 2800 Halle Parkway. We will be discussing Kristin Hannah's *The Women*, a compelling story of young women nurses in the Vietnam War. Thanks to Heather Booth, who will be leading our discussion, and Fran Addicott who will host us at her home, 2800 Halle Parkway in Collierville. You won't want to miss this, but please let Janice Hill know if you cannot make it.
- **GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:** We are collecting much needed items for our community; Please don't forget to bring your donations for:
 - The Covenant Presbyterian Church of Germantown's Food Pantry. needs staples from our Food Cart!
 - Supplies for the Hospitality bags
 - Place used toothbrushes & empty toothpaste in the box in the Food Cart for recycling

CALENDAR

- **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES ON THE CALENDAR: (NOTE: ** indicates Presbytery event; ## indicates a community event; @@ indicates Private event)**
 - **TUESDAYS with TED** meets every Tuesday, 8:00am. at Cracker Barrel on Hacks Cross Rd.
 - **CHAIR YOGA** meets every Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30pm in Classroom B
 - **## AL-ANON** meets every Wednesday, 7:00pm in Classroom A
 - **BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL** meets every Wednesday at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary
 - **CHOIR REHEARSAL** meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Choir Room
 - **HOLY WEEK PRAYER SERVICE, Monday, March 30**, 12:00pm in Library Area
 - **HOLY WEEK PRAYER SERVICE, Tuesday, March 31**, 12:00pm in Library Area
 - **PW BIBLE STUDY, Wednesday, April 1**, 10:30am in Classroom A
 - **HOLY WEEK PRAYER SERVICE, Wednesday, April 1**, 12:00pm in Library Area
 - **OPERATIONS TEAM MEETING, Wednesday, April 1**, 4:00pm in Classroom A
 - **THURSDAY SMALL GROUP, Thursday, April 2**, 10:15am in Classroom A
 - **HOLY WEEK PRAYER SERVICE, Thursday, April 2**, 12:00pm in Library Area
 - **MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE, Thursday, April 2**, 6:00pm
 - **OFFICE CLOSED, GOOD FRIDAY, Friday, April 3**
 - **HOLY WEEK PRAYER SERVICE, Wednesday, April 3**, 12:00pm in Library Area
 - **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, Friday, April 3**, 6:00pm
 - **HOLY SATURDAY PRAYER VIGIL, Saturday, April 4**, 8:00am – 5:00pm in the sanctuary
 - **EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP, Sunday, April 5**, 11:00am
 - **OFFICE CLOSED, Monday, April 6**, all day
 - **WRITERS CIRCLE, Monday, April 6**, 1:00 in Classroom A
 - **BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR MARK, Monday, April 6**, 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
 - **## BALMORAL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, , Wednesday, April 8**, 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
 - **SUNDAY STUDIES, Sunday, April 12**, 9:30am in Classroom A
 - **SUNDAY WORSHIP, Sunday, April 12**, 11:00am
 - **LUNCH with MARK, Sunday, April 12**, 12:30pm in Classroom A
 - **BOOK CLUB, Tuesday, April 14**, 1:30pm at the home of Fran Addicott, 2800 Halle Parkway in Collierville
 - **THURSDAY SMALL GROUP, Thursday, April 16**, 10:15am in Classroom A
 - **BPC SISTERS TEA PARTY, Friday, April 17**, 5:00pm (*location TBD*)
 - **SUNDAY STUDIES, Sunday, April 19**, 9:30am in Classroom A
 - **SUNDAY WORSHIP, Sunday, April 19**, 11:00am

OUR MISSION:

***We are an open community who believes God is love
and who lives our belief through praise and service.***



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