

Order of Worship
March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday

Prelude *Lead On, O King Eternal*, arr. Smith

Call to Worship (Responsive)
One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good
All: God's steadfast love endures forever!
One: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
All: that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.
One: This is the gate of the Lord;
All: let the faithful come and worship God.

Hymn No. 197 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Confession (Unison)
Holy Christ, we confess that amidst all the Palm Sunday crowds,
we find ourselves in more turmoil than triumph.
Our faith is unsteady.
Our wisdom is eroding.
Our resolve is shaken.
Our mercy is hardening.
Our hope is weakening.
Come again and save us from these sins.
Give us strength to follow you,
our humble Savior,
our wise fool,
our all in all.
Amen.

Moment for Silent Confession

Kyrie No. 555
O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria No. 166 v. 3
And through these days of penitence, and through this Passion-tide, yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading *Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29*

Word to Grow By

Anthem *Ain't No Rock Gonna Shout for Me*, arr. Larson (11:00)

Second Reading *Matthew 21:1-11*

Sermon *Great Expectations*, Rev. Dr. Kathy Wolf Reed

Affirmation of Faith (Unison) *The Apostles' Creed*, Hymnal p. 35

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 Hymnal p. 35

Offertory *Footsteps of Jesus*, Broughton (11:00)

Doxology No. 606

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

Communion (9:00)

Hymn No. 196 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Benediction

Postlude *Sing Hosanna to the King!*, Smith

Liturgist: Susan Fillippeli

Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian Church, Auburn

New to the Presbyterian Church USA? We would love to share with you more about our Reformed tradition of theology and worship.

New to Auburn, or simply new to this congregation? We'd love to share with you more about the rich history of this church and its valuable contributions to the Auburn community.

Searching for a church home? We would love to join you in that search and help discern whether First Presbyterian may be where God is calling you to be nurtured, inspired, and empowered.

Please take a moment to fill out our online Friendship Register or you may contact either of us directly.

Revs. Nick and Kathy Reed, Co-Pastors