



HOSANNA!

Morning Worship Service

Palm Sunday

MARCH 24, 2024

9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

<i>Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" - Mark 11:9b</i>

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

Palm Sunday Processional

Phil Lehenbauer

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

O Lord, open to us the gates of righteousness
so that we may enter them, and give you praise.
We will give thanks to you, for you hear our prayer,
and you have become our salvation.
Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name.
We bless your name from the sanctuary.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Holy One, we raise our palm branches
and lift our voices to cry "Hosanna!"
As we enter this Holy Week,
turn our hearts toward you,
that we may follow you past the parades
and into the shadows of betrayal, trial and death.
As we enter this Holy Week,
let us worship you with our whole selves.
We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who taught us to pray, saying,

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.

***HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 89**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us now confess before God our tendency, like the Jerusalem crowds, to profess our faith in moments of enthusiasm and deny our faith in moments of fear and stress.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, as we enter this Holy Week of Lent, solemnly gathered at your house of prayer, we turn our hearts toward Jerusalem. We want to walk the way with Jesus, to be present each step from the Mount of Olives to the cross to the empty tomb. And yet we fall away. Forgive our stubborn resistance to Christ's work and witness. Inspire us by your Spirit to follow in his way, until we enter with him into the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

(Time of Silent Confession)

KYRIE NO. 565

*Lord, Have Mercy
Congregation please sing:*

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The one who rode into Jerusalem to cheering crowds knew that the cross awaited. In this way, we might know the great love of God for us. Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, has defeated sin forever. Proclaim the good news with me:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*RESPONSE – NO. 579

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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

[Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29](#)

Pew Bible pg. 565

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

James Biery

At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,
who has washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side.
Praise we him, whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread;
with sincerity and love eat we manna from above.

Mighty victim from the sky, hell's fierce powers beneath you lie;
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light.
Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened Paradise, and in you your saints shall rise.

Easter triumph, Easter joy, this alone can sin destroy.
from sin's power, Lord, set us free. New-born souls in you to be.
Father who the crown shall give, Savior by whose death we live.
Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia, amen!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

[Mark 11:1-11](#)

Pew Bible pg. 47

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Can We See?"

Rev. John Brock

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS OF THE 2024 CONFIRMATION CLASS

*UNISON PROFESSION 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 OF AFFIRMATION NO. 85

WONDROUS LOVE

What Wondrous Love Is This

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

The Palms

Jean-Baptiste Faure

*DOXOLOGY NO. 592

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

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

As the crowds cried, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord,” we are truly grateful for the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ our Lord. Receive these gifts as a symbol of the dedication of our very selves to you, O God. Use our gifts and use us as a part of the inbreaking of your kingdom, which comes and is still coming into our world today. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 88

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

POSTLUDE

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

*BENEDICTION

*Congregation standing as able.

Bold is spoken by the congregation.

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Are you looking for a church home? If so, please speak to our minister following worship.

We would like to thank Keely Kelso and Tabitha Chandler-Farrar for the beautiful duet this morning.

Today is Confirmation Sunday, when welcome these confirmands as official members of First Presbyterian Church, Tupelo: Alice Fagan, Hudson Fisher, Gracie Wallace, and Kelsey Whitten.

Ritual of friendship—Members and Visitors: Please sign the black attendance register every Sunday and pass it down your pew. Please read the names, greet one another, and meet new members and visitors.

The Palms are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in remembrance of the triumphal entry of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem by the family of Susan Newton McDonald.

Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

Nursery care is available for newborns through four-year-olds. Please ask an usher for directions to the nursery if you are visiting for the first time.

After the 11:00 Children's Sermon, preschoolers and kindergarteners are invited to attend "Wee Kirk." This is a time of fun childcare with age appropriate songs and games. However, all children are welcome in worship! If you excuse yourself and your child, the service can be heard over speakers in McFadden Hall, which is located directly behind the Sanctuary.

We care about you as we care about each other. If you would like to submit a prayer request, you may use the blue cards in the pews or in McFadden Hall, and our pastoral staff and prayer partners will pray for you.

The service is live streamed and available for viewing on [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) by those unable to be with us this morning. Search firstprestupelo. We also invite you to visit our website at www.firstprestupelo.org.

Leading the worship service today: Rev. John Brock, Dr. Bob Taylor, Dr. Ray Harris

Liturgist: 9:00: Lori Dickerson 11:00: Rud Robison

Greeters: 9:00: Lucy & Steve Nash 11:00: Roxie & Claude Clayton, Daintry Thomas, Judy Thomas, and Bonnie Williford

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Cancer Treatment: Mollie Gratz

Homebound: Carolyn & John Gaston, Joy & Charlie Hyatt, Maureen Miller

College Students: Mazzie Cooper, Emma Counce, Leland Counce

Service Members: Patrick Hastings, Andrew Ray

Confirmants: Alice Fagan, Hudson Fisher, Gracie Wallace, and Kelsey Whitten, along with their teachers and elder mentors.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Easter Brunch is Sunday, March 31 at 10:00 A.M. in Stuart Garden. If you would like to help with food, please bring a breakfast pickup item on a disposable tray. If you choose to bring a non-disposable tray, you may get it in Stuart Garden following the brunch.

On Easter Sunday during both worship services, we will take up your donations for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. This offering supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%), promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People (32%), and assist in areas of disaster through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32%).

The season of Lent concludes on Easter Sunday, March 31, as we celebrate the good news of Christ's resurrection with worship services in our Sanctuary at 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. Join us!

The Congregational Care Committee has scheduled a tour of Toyota Mississippi for April 25 at 11:00 A.M. Because Toyota limits group tour numbers, there are a limited number of spots available. If you would like to go with us, you may sign up by calling the church office by April 11.

In observance of Holy Week, there will be no Wednesday evening fellowship meal nor Wednesday programming on March 27. Wednesday programs for all ages resume on Wednesday, April 3, with our fellowship supper at 5:30 P.M.

To God be the glory for the gift of spring and the beautiful colors that it brings. If you would like to make a gift to the spring bulb and landscape fund with an honorarium or memorial, the deadline is tomorrow, and all names will be listed in the March 31 bulletin. You may leave your gift in the offering plate. Be sure to include the name and designation on the check or envelope. We suggest a minimum of \$20 for each name.

Registration for Vacation Bible School 2024 is underway!

VBS is June 3-5, 9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M., for three-year-olds – fifth grade, with nursery available for younger children. Sign up by using this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/first-presbyterian-church-vbs-2024-tickets-866621065937?aff=oddtcreator> or the QR Code.



ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

9:00 A.M.: 45 11:00 A.M.: 112

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Weekly Budget: \$18,475	Amount Received 3/17/24: \$7,246
YTD Budgeted Income: \$240,173	YTD Income Received: \$361,693

THE SESSION

Rev. John Brock, Moderator
Lisa Nichols, Clerk of the Session

Class of 2024

Kim Burleson
Cindy Faucette
Leslie Geoghegan
Michael Gratz Jr.
Chauncey Godwin
Charles Reece
Alice Rogers

Class of 2025

Richard Hastings
Trey Leeke
Lucy Nash
Chris Rogers
Mary Stubbs
Glenn Thomas
Presly Wallace

Class of 2026

Glen Davidson, Sr.
Jim Fisher
Ben Hunter
Bob Lence
Corey Littrell
Helen Monts
Aubre Wells

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Rev. John Brock, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Ron Richardson, Parish Associate for Pastoral Care
Melissa McDuffie, Director of Youth and Christian Education
Dr. Robert Taylor, Director of Music
Dr. Ray Harris, Organist
Kathy McMurry, Treasurer
Seth Shelnut, Audio/Visual Technician
Claire Leeke, Director of Elementary and Youth Choirs
Cindy Faucette, Church Librarian
Margaret Anne Murphey, Music Librarian
Helen Curtis, Church Secretary
Kay Stanford, Financial Secretary
Jen Baylor, Receptionist
Eddie Baker, Maintenance Superintendent
Rev. M. McCoy Franklin, Pastor Emeritus

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND WORK

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

9:00 A.M. Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:00 A.M. Sunday school
11:00 A.M. Worship Service, Sanctuary
4:30 P.M. Boy Scouts, Room B205
5:30 P.M. Youth

MONDAY, MARCH 25

2:45 P.M. CASA, Gym

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
11:00 A.M. Bible Study, Bolton/Sistahood Room
2:45 P.M. CASA, Gym
7:00 P.M. A.A. Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

3:00 P.M. Mah Jongg, Stewart Clayton Room

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

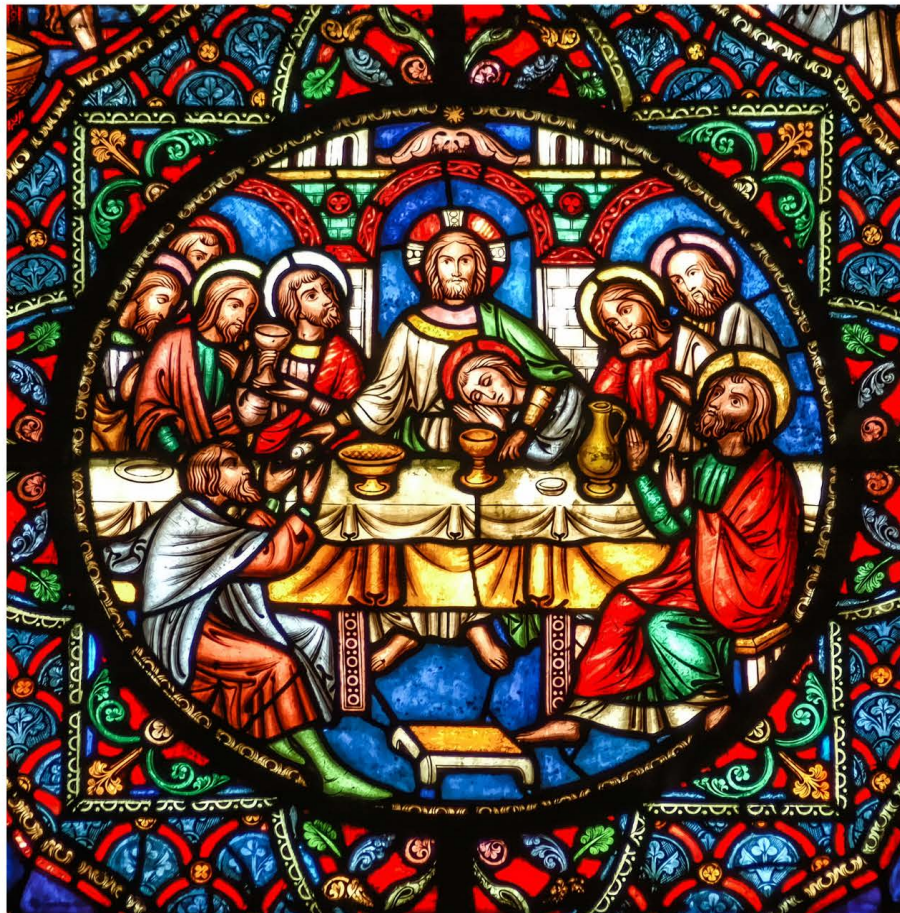
8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast, Hilton Garden Inn
2:45 P.M. CASA, Gym
7:00 P.M. Maundy Thursday service, Sanctuary

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

12:00 P.M. A.A. Meeting
2:45 P.M. CASA, Gym
7:00 P.M. Good Friday service, Sanctuary

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

MARCH 28 - 7:00 P.M.



SANCTUARY

First Presbyterian Church 400 W. Jefferson Street Tupelo, MS

GOOD FRIDAY

MARCH 29

7:00 P.M.

SANCTUARY



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Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 31 - Stuart Garden

Brunch
10:00 A.M.



Egg Hunt
10:15 A.M.

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