

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**PASSION/PALM SUNDAY/HOLY COMMUNION**  
**March 24, 2024 11:00 am**

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Outside the Sanctuary)

Minister: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

**People: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

Minister: Lo, your king comes to you;

**People: Triumphant and victorious is he,**

Minister: Humble, and riding on a donkey,

**People: On a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

PRAYER

PROCESSION INTO THE CHURCH

Minister: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**All: Hosanna in the highest.**

HYMN "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (see insert)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life: Lord, have mercy.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Minister: Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins: Christ, have mercy.

**People: Christ, have mercy.**

Minister: Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood: Lord, have mercy.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Minister: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**All: Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI No. 623 (Red Hymnal)

**"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."**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

ANTHEM "Medley of the Cross"  
Arranged by Anna Laura Page and Jean Anne Shafferman

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 11:1-11

\*HYMN "All Glory, Laud and Honor" No. 173  
(Red Hymnal)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 15:21-39

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Dr. Don McGarity  
The Cross We Do Not Want to See

THE APOSTLES' CREED (see insert)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" D. Cherwien

\*DOXOLOGY No. 624 (Red Hymnal)  
**"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."**

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

**Everything in heaven and earth comes from you, Lord Jesus. We give you only what is yours. May you be praised forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

COMMUNION PRAYER

Minister: Father, it is our duty and our salvation..... And so we join the angels and the saints in proclaiming your glory as we say:

**All:** *Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**All:** *Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.*

Minister: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**All:** *AMEN.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

No. 426 (Red Hymnal)

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

Minister: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**All:** *Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

\*HYMN "At The Cross" No. 188 (Red Hymnal)

\*BENEDICTION

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

Minister: May Almighty God bless you the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**People:** *Amen.*

Minister: Go in peace.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 628 (Red Hymnal)

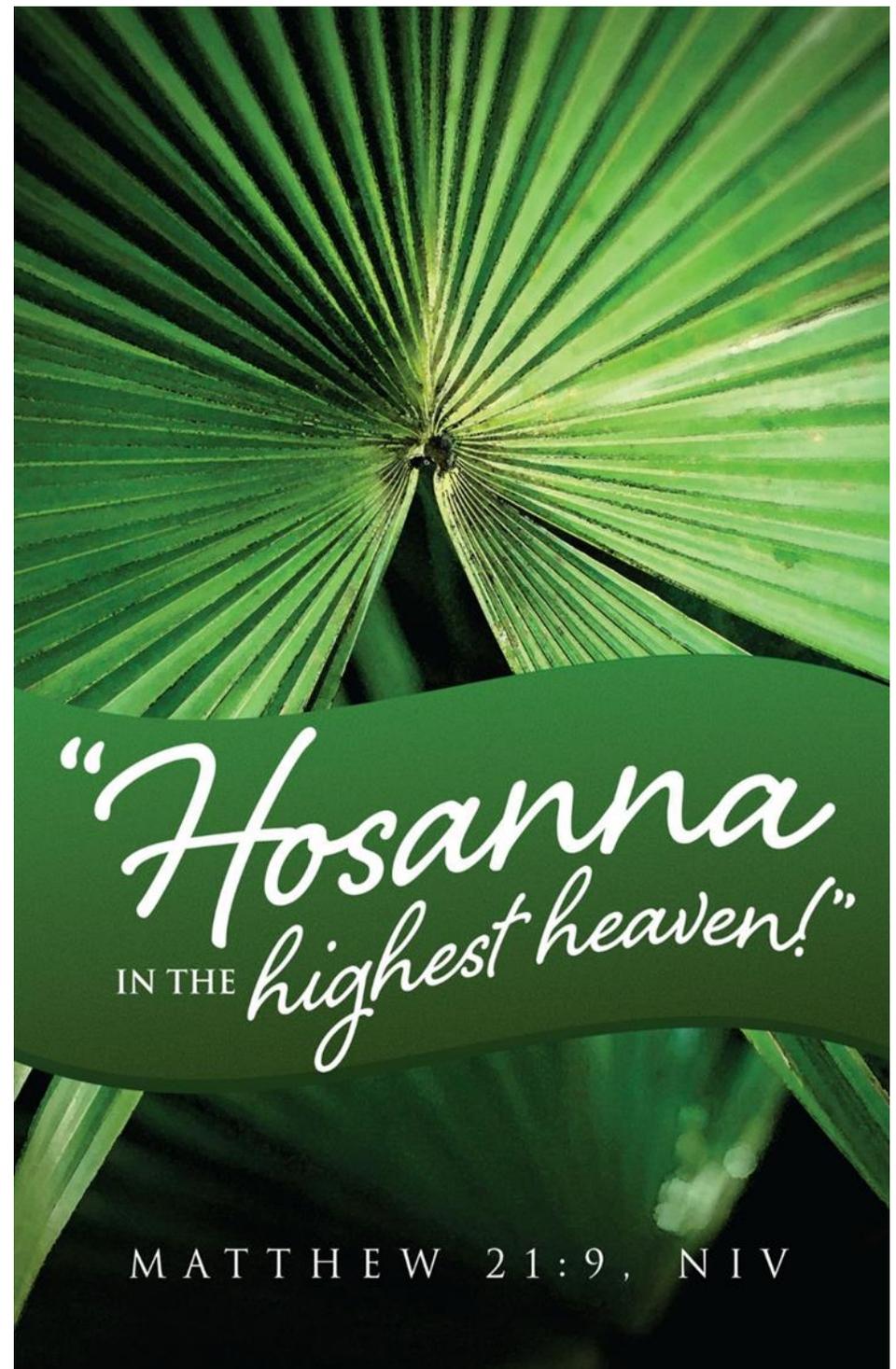
*"Threefold Amen"*

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

\*POSTLUDE "Hail to Thee, Kind Jesus" J.S. Bach

**Leading Worship:** Dr. Don McGarity, Minister;  
Jeanne Hilgendorf, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist &  
Director; Dr. Mark Coffey, Guest Organist

**\*Those who are able, please stand.**





Dianna Sandonato has been asked by the Mission Committee to serve as the liaison to the FUMC Food Pantry Outreach. Help is needed.

#### Ways to help:

- Weekly “Grab and Go” - assist children over summer break.
- Help keep the blessing box full at FUMC (please see item list below)
- Help with large food distribution at Loughridge park on March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Please sign up if you are available for any or all of these. Contact Dianna Sandonato for more information.

#### List of Items for the Blessing Box

##### Food:

- Protein/Energy/Cereal bars (out of the box)
- SELF opening cans or Pouches of Meats/Tuna Fish/Chicken/Fruit/Vegetables Etc...
- Dry Milk or shelf safe milk
- Individual boxes or Packages of Cereal/Nuts/Trail mix/Crackers/Bread sticks (with or without cheese)
- Peanut butter in plastic jars/Jelly/Nutella etc.
- Any shelf safe food items that do not require refrigeration/can openers/or heat source to be able to be eaten.

##### Personal Items:

- Toothbrushes/Toothpaste(small)
- Bath Wipes (that do not need rinsing)
- Comb or Brush
- Wrapped plastic silverware
- Small Kleenex Pouches
- Travel size Mouth wash/Deodorant
- Any item that can be used to help a homeless person who may not have the resources to clean themselves properly.



We warmly greet all who have come to worship God. Your presence will enhance our worship experience and our fellowship together. Sincere thanks to each of you for your participation in the service. Glory be to God!

Presbyterians celebrate an “open communion.” All professing Christians who have been baptized “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” are encouraged to partake of this Holy Sacrament.

*“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”* No 174 (Red Hymnal)

***Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.***

***From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd, the victory palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud. The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.***

***“Hosanna in the highest!”***

***That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.***

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**

## Notes & Announcements

- **Congregational Care** committee meeting Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm
- **No Fellowship Supper** March 27<sup>th</sup>
- **Maundy Thursday** service Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
- **Easter Worship** Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 am, No Sunday School
- **Ushers** for March 31<sup>st</sup>: David Culpepper, Jeanne Hilgendorf, Warren Hilgendorf, Marilyn Culpepper
- **Liturgist** for March 31<sup>st</sup>: Bob Bell
- FPC website [www.firstpresperry.org](http://www.firstpresperry.org)



### **Holy Week**

First Methodist Church

March 25<sup>th</sup> -March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 am

Dianna Sandonato will share the message on Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup>.



### **Lent**

**February 14, 2024 through March 30, 2024**

For us, Lent is a season of reflection on our own deep needs for God's redemption, as well as contemplation of the mystery of God's salvation in Jesus Christ. Lent is not just a time to give up something, but principally to give ourselves up to God anew as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Sundays are not counted in the forty days before Easter that comprise the season of Lent. The reason is that Sunday is always the Lord's Day, the day of Resurrection, a "little Easter", and therefore a day of rejoicing, quite in contrast with the penitential mood of Lent. So while we reckon the Sundays in Lent, they are not of Lent. **Adult and Children devotionals are available.**

## **Prayers Of and For The People First Presbyterian Church**

*Peggy Eckel's brother*

*Eddings family grief*

*Rawls family*

*Margaret Poppell*

*Bob Helberg*

*JoAnne Knowles, surgery and Grandson Colton*

*Bobby Harper, heart*

*Michael*

*Juanita's friend*

*Betty Jeans sister*

*Rita's friends Anita & Helen*

*Sandi, test for new meds*

*Eric, continue healing*

*Mary Wallace, cancer*

*Cathy Wiggins, I'll*

*Randy Heathcote*

*Cheryl Everett, hand pain*

*Marne eye surgery*

Pastor Nominating Committee members: Emaley Gentry, Jamie Poppell, Juanita Ratliff, Randy Speas, and Shona Whiddon

### **Session Committee leaders**

Administration-Joey Ratliff, Michael McMillan, Chuck Eckel

Christian Education-Martha Davis  
Clerk-Cindy Brown

Congregation Care-Nancy Bell

Fellowship-Sandi Hilgendorf

Finance-Chuck Eckel, Jim Culbreath

Mission/Outreach-Cindy Brown

Worship/Music-Marilyn Culpepper, Zachary Wiggins