



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Palm Sunday

Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison, Pastor

Suzanne Galle, liturgist

March 29, 2026

Andrew Morris, organist

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Friendship Pads: Please help us maintain good communication with all our members and guests by completing the Friendship Register as it is passed from the end of each pew. Please let us know the best way to communicate with you. Be sure to greet folks new to you at the end of worship!

Cards of Encouragement: Blue cards found in the pew rack ~ please put in offering plate and we will send them out in the mail.

Processional

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!

JOHNSON, arr.

Chancel Choir

Dr. Adrian Hartsough, director

Call to Worship

One: Will you follow? Will you lay down your coat? Will you lay down something important? Will you shout "Hosanna"? Will you join the parade? Will you sing, even if your throat is hoarse? Will you cut down a palm branch? Will you wave it in the air? Will you follow the one riding on a donkey? Will you let this good news inspire you to act?

All: We will. We will sing. We will pay close attention. We will worship. We will follow. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest.

* Hymn of Praise

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
ELLACOMBE

Glory to God #197

* Call To Confession

Suzanne Galle, liturgist

One: The very first Palm Sunday was a day of action. It was a day of movement, of crowded city streets, and cries of "Hosanna!" It was a day of peaceful protest and dreams for a better world. The first Palm Sunday was a day of peaceful, hopeful action. So friends, on this Palm Sunday, let us join the saints before us in an act of faith. Let us begin with an act of prayer, an act of honesty, an act of transformation. Let us begin by drawing close to God and sharing the truth of our lives. Let us begin with confession. Join me in prayer

* Prayer of Confession

Suzanne Galle, liturgist

Jesus of Nazareth, we know that you spent your days teaching and healing. You marched through the streets and walked on water. You laid hands on the sick and broke bread at crowded dinner tables. Your good news was not confined to conversation. It was not confined to the Temple. Your good news was an act of love, alive in the world. Holy God, we long for a faith like that. Forgive us for the times when we confine our faith to something we think about, as opposed to something we act upon. Inspire us to love as you loved. Inspire us to act. With hope for tomorrow we pray, amen.

* Silent Prayers of Confession

* Pouring the Water

* Words of Forgiveness

Suzanne Galle, liturgist

One: Church family, whether or not you wave your palm branch, whether or not you live out your faith, whether or not you allow this good news to inspire your actions, God will never stop loving you. Jesus will never stop marching for you. The Spirit will never stop listening to you.

All: We are claimed, loved, and held in grace. What good, good news. Amen!

- * **Passing the Peace** Suzanne Galle, liturgist
 One: Knowing the grace and mercy of the Lord, we share it with one another.
 The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.
(Please greet one another and exchange signs of peace and reconciliation.)
- * **Hymn** GLORIA PATRI
Glory Be to the Father
Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.
- Prayer of Illumination** Suzanne Galle, liturgist
Holy One, if we've heard this story before, the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem riding on a donkey, then help us to hear it again. And if we've never heard this story before, if we've never heard the story of Palm Sunday or the cries of "Hosanna," then give us the wisdom to follow along. Give us the wisdom to hear these words. Give us the wisdom to take them into our hearts. Give us the wisdom to act on their truth. We are listening. Amen.
- First Gospel Reading** Suzanne Galle, liturgist
 Mark 11:1-11
- Psalter Reading** Suzanne Galle, liturgist
 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
- Sermon** Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison
*"The Good News Is:
 Inspiring Us to Act"*
- Hymn** Glory to God #199
Filled with Excitement
 HOSANNA
- Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer** (as translated by the Maori people)
**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
 Source of all that is and that shall be,
 Father and Mother of us all,
 Loving God, in whom is heaven:**
**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
 The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;
 Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
 Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
 sustain our hope and come on earth.
 With the bread we need for today, feed us.
 In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
 In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
 From trial too great to endure, spare us.
 From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.
- Call to Offertory**
- Offering** Colin Bradt, soloist
 Andrew Morris, organ
Beautiful City from Godspell
 STEPHEN SCHWARTZ
- * **Doxology** Glory to God #606
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heav'nly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
- * **Prayer of Dedication**
- * **Affirmation of Faith**

I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. It sounds like welcome and feels like home. It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy. It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table, so I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.

I have seen it alive in the world. And even when my heart aches, even when wars rage, even when mercy feels out of reach, I remember the one who welcomed the children and led with nonviolence. I remember the one who cared for the vulnerable and inspired those around him. I remember that the good news really is good news, for I have seen it alive in the world. Thanks be to God! Amen.

* **Closing Hymn**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor
VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Glory to God #196
Andrew Morris, organist

* **Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Andrew Morris, organist

* Stand as you are able – in spirit or in body

Welcome!

We encourage everyone to come as you are, be who you are, and be in community with us! Whether you are joining us virtually or in person; we are happy to have you with us anytime! If you are new to First Presbyterian Church, please let us know you are here by signing the **Friendship Pad**. If you are worshipping with us online either live or recorded, please **email us at linda@firstpreslawrence.org** letting us know you joined us in worship. We look forward to getting to know you. If you are interested in membership, please talk to Pastor Helen.

Prayer List

Cares, Concerns and Celebrations

- **Myron Shipley** died March 19th, in Piggott, Arkansas. Services will be held at FPC on May 2nd at 10:00 am
- **Ann McMillian, mother of Annette Camlin**, is receiving palliative care at her home in Bellevue, NE. Prayers for her and Annette's sister, Kerri Campbell who is their Mom's primary caregiver with health issues of her own.
- **Grace Nganga's** sister died in Africa. Prayers for the family as they mourn this unexpected loss.
- **Kristi McAlister** has been admitted to KU Med with a spread of cancer and other issues. Prayers for both Kristi and her mother Pat McAlister.
- **Kathryn Roblee** is receiving rehab for a hip replacement at Presbyterian Manor. Prayers for healing and strength.
- **Betty Thomas, Joy Laird's mother**, is receiving hospice care at Presbyterian Manor. Prayers please.
- **Diana Schoneweis' great nephew, Luke (12)**, is dealing with brain cancer and all the treatments that brings.
- **George Crump** asks for our prayers as he navigates life issues.
- **Joan Snodgrass** is in rehab in Overland Park after a fall at her home.

- **Sammie Locke** is receiving hospice care at Bridge Haven where she lives.
- Please keep **Ruthanne Stucky, Mother of Alisa Stucky**, in your prayers as she undergoes treatment for cancer.
- **Angela Randall's sister has a cancer diagnosis**. Angela teaches for First 5 Years.
- Please keep **Cyndy Glogau and her family** (of First 5 Years) in your prayers as they work on health issues.
- **Susan and Pat** - dealing with health concerns.
- **Nancy Brink**, a friend of Lois and Dave Dutcher, asks for prayers as she copes with brain and lung cancer.
- **Allison Clunn-McPlin and family**, friends of Dave and Lois Dutcher. Allison was diagnosed with an aggressive form of ALS.
- **Prayers for our pastor and church leaders**, for those leading our community, our state, and our nation.

Sunday Helpers

Ushers: Vic and Dianne Sisk, Jan Poulsen, and Cherie Elo

Greeters: Kelly Grube and family

South Door Greeter: Judy Wilson

Offering: Marilyn Heikes and Jim Rumsey

Friendship Pad Collector: Petra Peterson

Bag Brigade Volunteer: Margie Dyck

Deacon Family Groups - 2026

A-B	Dorothy Devlin	Lf-Me	Deborah Norwood
C-Di	Lois Dutcher	Mf-N	Becky May
Dj-F	Sandy Groene	O-R	Diana Schoneweis
G-Ha	Melinda Fischer	S-Si	Charles Tuttle
Hb-J	Lucille Eggenberger	Sj-To	Mary Parkinson
K-Le	Linda Longino	Tj-Z	Nikki Barcomb

Birthdays in the Congregation

March 30

Mike Soper

March 31

Brilla Scott

April 1

Larry Maxey

April 4

Laurel Krider

Calendar

March 29

9:15 am	Children's Sunday School
9:15 am	The Grace of Les Misérables
9:30 am	Chancel Choir Practice
10:30 am	Worship
11:30 am	Statement of Witness Discussion
2:00 pm	Sierra Club Speaker

March 30

9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes
1:15 pm	FPC Staff Meeting
2:00 pm	Pastor Helen Class
6:00 pm	First 5 Years Board Meeting
6:00 pm	Westminster Ringers Rehearsal

March 31

9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes
1:00 pm	Small World Classes

April 1

9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes
10:30 am	Grieving Together
12:30 pm	First 5 Years Staff Meeting
6:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 59 Meeting
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

April 2

9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes
1:00 pm	Small World Classes
5:30 pm	Maundy Thursday and Seder Meal
7:30 pm	Property Committee Meeting

April 3

9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes
10:00 am	Men's Group

April 5

9:15 am	Children's Sunday School
9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
9:30 am	Youth Easter Breakfast
10:30 am	Worship

Children Sunday School

- **Sunday School Classes for Children**

- Our Children gather for fun and adventure in Room 14 at 9:15 am. Everyone is welcome to be a part of the fun!

Adult and Youth Sunday School

- **Lenten Study** - Pastor Helen is offering a Lenten Study on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am in the Fireside Room. The class is called *The Grace of Les Misérables*. We will focus on the story of Victor Hugo's book and subsequent movies and musicals which challenge us to wrestle with the nature of grace, the fault of unwavering justice, the tragedy of poverty, the victory of love, the struggle for justice and ultimately hope.

Youth Sponsored Activities

- **Easter Breakfast** - FPC Youth will host breakfast on Easter Sunday beginning at 9:30 am. This is a biscuits and gravy fundraiser for the Youth. Your donation will help fund Youth Group activities. Come have a great breakfast before the Easter Worship. If you can volunteer supplies or help, please contact Kelly at 785-979-2713. See you there!

Pastor Helen's Monday Class is meeting on Mondays at 2 pm in the Fireside Room. We are currently studying the history of religion in the US. This is a class Helen taught at Northeastern Oklahoma A & M college. We will survey the history of religion in America and its impact on social reform, politics and intellectual life. It will offer an opportunity to study the religions of the world and the influence faith and religion have exercised in American history. Everyone is welcome!

Maundy Thursday Seder Meal and Communion – On Thursday, April 2nd, at 5:30 pm, we will gather in Fellowship Hall to learn about the Jewish Seder Meal that was served to the Disciples at the Last Supper. How does this beautiful Jewish celebration of liberation connect with our Christian beliefs? At the end of the (mostly) symbolic meal, we will share a pot-luck dinner, so please bring a dish to serve 8 to 10 people. Bring a friend because everyone is welcome to join us at FPC!



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