



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Palm Sunday

Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison, pastor
Jim Rumsey, liturgist

April 13, 2025

Prelude

Antiphonal Hosanna
JOHN LEAVITT

Chancel Choir
Adrian Hartsough, director
Andrew Morris, organist

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.

Introit

I've Got the Joy and This Little Light of Mine Children's Sunday School

Many thanks to Audrey Nolte and Andrew Morris for their extra help preparing the children to sing this morning.

Call To Worship

One: Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these?

All: The Lord, our God. He is the maker of heaven and earth.

One: He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.

All: We praise you, O Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

One: Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

All: We worship you, Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

* Hymn of Praise

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
ELLACOMBE

Glory to God #197

* Call To Confession

Jim Rumsey, liturgist

One: How reluctant we are to answer the call to confession. Quickly we turn our thoughts to something else instead of faithfully assessing where we have been and what we have done. As we speedily disconnect ourselves from advertising calls, so too do we want to disconnect from admitting our shortcomings to God. But our God is a loving God and listens with love. Let us therefore open our hearts and let God in. Let us pray:

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

Jim Rumsey, liturgist

God of all times and places, we confess that we would rather join the crowds than stand alone. We prefer the popular point of view to a solitary witness for justice and truth. We'll sing "hosanna" when everyone else is doing so - but not when the hostile "Good Friday" forces may hear us. We believe Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. We know that means us. We ask you to be patient with us, to help us understand our own guilt. Then pour out your forgiveness in such a way that we are forever transformed. In Jesus' name.

* Silent Prayers of Confession

* Pouring the Water

* Words of Forgiveness

Jim Rumsey, liturgist

One: You are God's Beloved; with you, God is well pleased. You are renewed and restored. You are forgiven and loved. Amen.

* Passing the Peace

Jim Rumsey, 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** *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI
*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.*
- Children's Moment** Paul Laird
- Prayer of Illumination** Jim Rumsey, liturgist
Interrupt us, O God, with your presence. Intrude upon our preoccupation, our restlessness, our discontent and our boredom that we might center our hearts and minds on your Word as it is read and proclaimed. Amen.
- Hebrew Bible Reading** Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Jim Rumsey, liturgist
- Gospel Reading** Luke 19:28-40
- Sermon** "Episode 6: God's Weltanschauung: The Universe" Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison
- Hymn** *What Wonderous Love Is This* **Glory to God #215**
WONDEROUS LOVE
- 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.**
- Minute for Mission** One Great Hour of Sharing Paul Romine
- Call To Offering**
- Offering** *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name* Chancel Choir
TOM FETTKE Adrian Hartsough, director
Andrew Morris, organist
- * **Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* **Glory to God #606**
*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**
We believe that God is continually at work in our lives and in our world: to heal strife and discord, to comfort the lonely and grieving, to encourage the disheartened, to offer hope to those who despair and to reconcile warring factions.

We believe that the same Jesus who rode into Jerusalem on a donkey: enters our hearts today, triumphs might with the power of love, shows the way of strength through weakness, calls us his friends and family and invites us to share his life.

We believe that the Spirit has been given: to remind us of our identity in Christ, to empower us to take up the cross, to enable us to abide in Christ's love, to explicate for us the Word of God, to enliven us as resurrection people in a fallen world.

This we believe so that we might joyfully share God's life and faithfully live as Christ's disciples. Amen.

* Hymn *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* *Glory to God* #196
VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

* 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 firstpreslawrence@gmail.com** 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

- Prayers for Myron Shipley as he receives treatment for cancer.
- First 5 Years teacher, Lisa Marie Benke, asks for prayers for her husband, Russell, who was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer.
- Susan and Pat - dealing with health concerns.
- Kelly Grube is traveling between Lawrence and the Mayo Clinic in preparation for surgery the end of April. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.
- Alisa Stucky is asking for prayers in support of her Mother's health. Her mother is Ruthanne Stucky.
- Jenny Skridulis Vellon, a former member of FPC, had breast cancer surgery recently. She will rest for a few weeks before starting radiation.
- Nancy Brink, a friend of Lois and Dave Dutcher, asks for prayers as she copes with brain and lung cancer diagnosis.
- George Crump is asking for prayers in support of his health and well-being.
- Prayer for our local community organizations struggling with loss of funding including LINK, Bert

Nash, and Haskell, and we expect to hear about more in the coming days. Lord, hear our prayer.

- Liz Cloutman is receiving treatment for breast cancer.
- Allison Clunn-McPlin and family, friends of Dave and Lois Dutcher. Allison was diagnosed with an aggressive form of ALS.
- Kristi McAlister, FPC member and daughter of Pat McAlister, is facing serious health challenges.
- Prayer for our pastor and church leaders, for those leading our community, our state, and our nation.
- Prayers for the Care Center, LINK, and Bert Nash who are experiencing a loss of funding.

April is National Parkinson's Awareness Month. The flowers this morning are a "Thank You" from the Lawrence Parkinson Support Group to the FPC congregation and staff in recognition of your continued generosity to our group. You have allowed us the opportunity to call First Presbyterian Church our meeting place for over 20 years. We truly cannot thank you enough. Blessings on this Palm Sunday.

Deacon Family Groups - 2025

A-Ca	Deborah Norwood	N-Q	Sandy Groene
Ce-Do	Joyce Carroll	Mc-Mz	Becky May
Dr-F	Diana Schoneweis	R-Si	Linda Longino
G-Ha	Lucille Eggenberger	Sl-T	Russ Heikes
He-Ko	Mary Warren	U-Z	Allen Macfarlane
Kr-Ma	Lois Dutcher		

Sunday Helpers

Ushers: Myron Shipley, Mark Shiflett, Larry Schlosser, Larry Maxey

Greeters: Eva Alley, Linda Watts

South Door Greeter: Jan Poulsen

Offering: Marilyn Heikes, Ed Manda

Friendship Pad Collector: Petra Peterson

Bag Brigade Volunteer: Margie Dyck

Birthdays in the Congregation

April 15	April 17
Michael Grose	Bill Seidel
April 17	Cooper Grube
Lois Leatherman	April 19
Ted Upstill	Debbie McDonald

April 15

9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes
12:30 pm	Perkins Lunch Group
1:00 pm	Small World Classes
6:00 pm	Deacon Meeting

April 16

9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes
7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 59 Meeting
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

April 17

9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes
1:00 pm	Small World Classes
5:30pm	Maundy Thursday Worship & Potluck

April 18

10:00 am	Men's Group
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April 20

	Easter
9:15 am	Easter Breakfast
9:30 am	Children's Sunday School Classes
10:30 am	Worship

Calendar

April 13

9:15 am	Children's Sunday School Classes
9:15 am	Youth Sunday School Class
9:15 am	Names of the Messiah Class
10:30 am	Worship
2:00 pm	Easter Egg Hunt

April 14

9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes
1:15 pm	Staff meeting
2:00 pm	Pastor Helen's Class
6:00 pm	Westminster Ringers Rehearsal
6:00 pm	Cub Scout Den Schwaller

Children and Youth

• Sunday School Classes for Children and Youth

- Pre-K and Kindergarten – Room 9 – Joan Golden and Nancy Hodges
- 1st and 2nd Grades – Room 12 – Anne Emert and Nikki Barcomb
- 3rd – 5th Grades – Room 14 - Chris Heider and Linda Longino
- The Youth will meet in Room 11 to learn about Justice Matters.

Youth Activities

• April

- FELLOWSHIP – The youth will be serving biscuits and gravy on Easter morning. We need volunteers to help set up, cook, and serve. If interested in helping contact Kelly Grube at 785-979-2713

• May

- CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: Youth interested in learning about church membership come and have dinner and discussion with Pastor Helen on May 4

Adult Sunday School Classes

- **Names for the Messiah** led by Pastor Helen will meet in the Fireside Room at 9:15 am. For this Lenten season we look at some of the names for Jesus and think about the ways Jesus lives into those names.

Adult Offerings during the week

- **The Men's Group** meets on Friday morning at 10:00 am in the Library.
- **Pastor Helen's Monday Class** – On April 14th in our class on the Kings and Prophets of ancient Israel and Judea, we will look at the prophet Amos, please read chapters 3-9. The class meets at 2 pm in the Fireside Room.

Youth Membership Opportunity – On Sunday, May 4th Pastor Helen is inviting youth interested in joining the church to a dinner from 5 to 7 pm. There is no requirement to join, just a desire to learn more. If you do choose to join the church you will then meet with members of Session at a dinner on Thursday, May 8th. The congregation will welcome you into membership on Sunday, May 18th. Please contact the church office for information or to reserve your space in the group! 785-843-4171

Finance

	Budget	Actual
Membership Gifts – March	\$ 43,204.00	\$ 63,387.00
Membership Gifts – 2025 – YTD	\$ 129,613.00	\$ 174,373.00