

First Presbyterian Church

Hackettstown, NJ



Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024

Vision Statement of First Presbyterian Church

Strengthening families;

Sowing friendships;

Serving community;

In the name of Jesus Christ

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PRELUDE

Christ is Coming!

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing songs of loudest praise!

Hosanna!

Sing songs that are unashamed.

Hosanna!

Sing songs without being afraid.

Hosanna!

Sing for the God of tomorrow and today.

Hosanna!

Let us worship the One worthy to be praised.



***HYMN**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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REFRAIN

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One.
(REFRAIN)

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.
(REFRAIN)

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. (REFRAIN)

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM:*Sing Hosanna!*

Senior Choir and selected chimes

Jan Courtright, Della Irby, Pam Venturini, chimes

Sing Hosanna, sing hosanna, shout the news King Jesus comes!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, worship Him with joyful song.
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, wave your palms and shout His praise.
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing with hearts and voices raised.
Now to our city, Christ comes to bring peace and love, sing hosanna,
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Sing hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, let your songs and praises ring
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, Jesus reigns as King of Kings.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Lift High the Cross* 826

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim. Till all the world adore
His sacred name.

CALL TO CONFSSION**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, we want to run into the streets and sing your praise!
We want to be bold and unashamed of this good-news Gospel.
However, too often we find ourselves standing against the wall.
Too often we stay quiet. Too often we let others carry the song.
Forgive us for the moments when we could lead the parade but
instead find ourselves standing on the sidelines. Show us which
songs are ours to sing. Show us which parades are ours to lead,
and then give us the courage and conviction to do both. With
hope and honesty we pray, amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**RESPONSE *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* vs. 3 475**

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

SCRIPTURE LESSON**John 12:12-16****SERMON**

Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook

HYMN *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* **197**

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the joyful 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 victor 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.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth, who rode through the streets of Jerusalem on a donkey. We believe in Jesus of Nazareth, who challenged Rome's oppressive power with peaceful protest. We believe in Jesus of Nazareth, who was surrounded by crowds of dreamers and believers. We believe in Jesus of Nazareth, so even today, we will sing songs of loudest praise. Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

OFFERING INVITATION**One Great Hour of Sharing****OFFERTORY *Why Does He Seem to Be so Sad?***

Sr. Choir

Isn't it Jesus, who rides on a donkey? Isn't it he who claims to be a King? See how the people are rushing beside him. Hear the praises as they sing!

Isn't it Jesus who taught on the hillside? Is it not he who could bring life to the dead? He doesn't smile nor wave to the people. Why does he seem to be so sad?

The palms lie before him; they honor his path. His donkey steps gently along. But something is missing; his head is held low; He pays little heed to the throng. Yes, it is Jesus, and this is the day.

"Hosanna" they sing to his name! The waiting is ended, Messiah has come; His kingdom, at last, he will claim! Isn't it Jesus who still bows his head? Why does he seem to be so sad?

DOXOLOGY

**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.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***CLOSING HYMN *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!* 198**

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry; thy humble beast pursues its road with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! The hosts of angels in the sky look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to mortal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

RESPONSE *Jesus, Remember Me* 227

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
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POSTLUDE

The King Rides In

Lani Smith

Serving Our Congregation Today

Preaching: Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook

Worship Leader: MaryAnn Simmons

Music Director: Lorinda Ravo

Video: Jan Courtright

Greeting: Ginny & Brielle Plumbo

The cards this week on the piano for you to sign are for our friends:

Otto & Lori Fleischman & Shirley Pennington

HOLY WEEK

Join us for Maundy Thursday worship at 7:30 pm this Thursday, **March 28**. Hear the story of Jesus' last supper and share in the table of the Lord. Easter worship will be at 10 am, celebrate the resurrection with us. Please note there is no Sunday School on that day. We will have activity bags for children.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The children will be enjoying an Easter Egg Hunt **today** during our Sunday School time.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Public Relations committee is looking for people who would like to help our church by being part of the annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, **May 27th**. We've been a presence in the parade for many years, and we want to continue our participation and representation of First Presbyterian in this annual event! Adults and children are invited to be part of the parade by walking, behind our church's banner, with a great group of people as we wave small, American flags, which will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet in the front of the sanctuary for this event, and we hope to have your support to let people see Presbyterians celebrating our historic church and country as part of the Memorial Day Parade! Thank you for your help, participation and support!

DID YOU KNOW...

....that our church predates the town of Hackettstown? This Presbyterian congregation began in 1763, and was incorporated in 1786. The town of Hackettstown was incorporated in 1853.

APRIL SECOND SUNDAY

On **April 14**, we invite kids and their friends from 11:30-1:30 to join us in the chapel for a “Music, Music, Music!” day. We’ll be decorating bolang gu drums and then using our creativity and imaginations to create our own instruments using random recyclable “stuff”. Please be sure to pre-register your children using the sign up sheet in front of the church.

FYI-INFORMATION

3/17/2024	In Person Attendance	91
	Virtual Attendance	81
	Weekly Offering	\$1,829.90

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at FPCH

Sunday	10:00 am
Sunday	11:05-11:15
Sunday	11:15-11:30
Monday-Friday	9 am-12 noon
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Thursday	7:30 pm

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Palm Sunday worship
Joyful Noise Bell Choir
Unity Chimes rehearsal
Church office open
Heaven Sent Nursery School
Maundy Thursday service with communion

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES in our Chapel

Sunday	4:00-9:00 pm
Monday	10:30-11:30 am
	7:00-9:00 pm
	7:00 pm
Tuesday	7:00 pm
Wednesday	7:30pm-9 pm
Thursday	7:30-9:00 pm
Friday	10:30-11:30 am
	Storage use only

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Venture Crew
AA Step by Step
Jazz Band
Boy Scout Troop 158
Girls Troop 143 BSA
NA Change or Die
Stone Soup Symphony
AA New Beginnings
Colonial Musketeers



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