

**First Presbyterian Church**  
Order of Worship  
Palm Sunday – March 29, 2026

Prelude I *Festival Toccata* – Percy Fletcher

Prelude II *How Good It Is* – Chris Tomlin  
HolyGrounds Praise Band

Video – Hosanna

Procession with Palms

\*Opening Hymn *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* #196

Welcome Rev. Christian Johnson

\*Responsive Call to Worship Dave Frederick

**One:** Hosanna! Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

**Many:** Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!

**One:** With palm branches we welcome the humble King who rides on a colt.

**Many:** Hosanna in the highest!

**One:** If we were silent, the very stones would cry out.

**Many:** Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Call to Confession Dave Frederick

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we greet your Son with branches and song, yet our lives so often tell another story. Like the crowds on that first Palm Sunday, we cheer when the road is easy and grow silent or distant when it leads toward sacrifice. We confess that we have not let the mind of Christ be in us. We cling to our own way, we turn from the cross, we fail to love you fully or our neighbors truly. Forgive us, we pray. Meet us here in this holy week with your gentle mercy. Draw us into a real encounter with Jesus—the One who rides toward

us still—so that we may follow him with honest, willing hearts. In his humble and holy name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

\*Doxology *Sing of the Lord's Goodness* – Sands/Walker  
HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation

Pass the Peace

Time with our Children Anita Ramsey

Prayer for Illumination Dave Frederick

Epistle Reading — Philippians 2:5-11 (NRSVUE)

Anthem *Hosanna! Blessed is He* – John F. Wilson  
Sanctuary Choir

Sermon Rev. Christian Johnson  
Why Does Our 'Hosanna!' Feel So Alive...  
Until the Road Turns Toward Sacrifice?

Scripture — Luke 19:28-40 (NRSVUE)

Hymn of Affirmation *Jesus Hold Me Now* – Mark Hall, arr. John Carlson  
One Voice, Soloist Anita Ramsey

Announcements Rev. Christian Johnson  
Video – How to Invite Your Neighbor to Easter Services

Call to Offering Dave Frederick

Offering *Fairest Lord Jesus* – ar. Ron Mallory  
First Ringers

Prayer of Dedication/Pastoral Prayer Rev. Christian Johnson  
The Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* #224

\*Benediction Rev. Christian Johnson

Postlude – J.S. Bach, arr. Van Denman Thompson  
*Festal Fanfare, from Brandenburg Concerto IV*

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

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