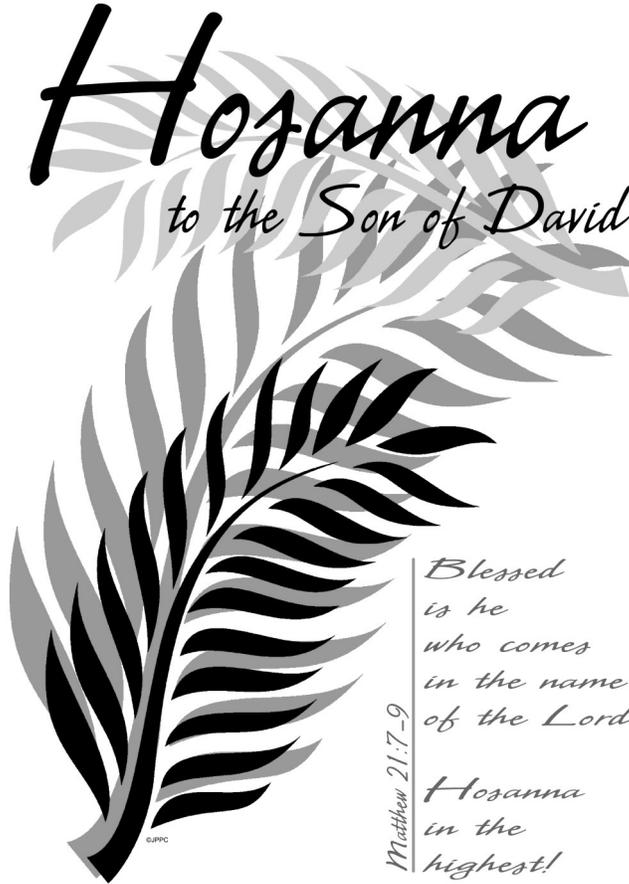


First Presbyterian Church  
of Martinsville

*Hozanna*  
to the Son of David



*Blessed  
is he  
who comes  
in the name  
of the Lord!*

*Hozanna  
in the  
highest!*

*Matthew 21:7-9*

March 29, 2026

Worship 10:00 am

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# The Worship of God

## Palm Sunday



### Gathering

#### The Call of the Carillon

Let the carillon bells invite us into the sanctuary, where we prepare our hearts in silence to worship the Living God.

#### Prelude

*Prelude on the 130th Psalm (De Profundis)*

Elijah Harrison Buerk

### Preparing to Hear the Word

#### Welcome

The Rev. John Erickson

#### Remembering Our Baptisms

#### Opening Prayer

#### Call to Worship

Lynn Hill

God is doing a new thing—

**even now it springs forth.**

In deserts and dry places,

**rivers of mercy begin to flow.**

Where grief has lingered,

**joy breaks in like morning.**

Where love is poured out without counting the cost,

**God is present among us.**

Come, let us worship the One who makes all things new.

**We come to worship God.**

#### ◆ Hymn

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

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#### Children's Message

Austin Hartman

#### Prayer of Confession

## Silent Prayer

### Kyrie

Musical score for Kyrie eleison. The score is in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: Lord\_ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy on us.

WORDS: Kyrie eleison  
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1982

DOMINE DEUS

## Assurance of Pardon

### Hear the good news:

God is not finished with us yet.  
The One who makes a way in the wilderness  
is even now making a way in us.

In Jesus Christ,  
our past does not define us,  
our failures do not bind us,  
and our future is held in grace.

We are forgiven.  
We are renewed.  
We are invited into new life.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## ♦ Gloria Patri

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*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. Amen.*

## Passing of the Peace

### The Word

#### Prayer for Illumination

Lynn Hill

#### First Scripture Reading

Psalm 118:19-29  
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Pew Bible: OT p.534

#### Special Music

*Nunc dimittis*

Amy Beach

#### Second Scripture Reading

John 12:1-8  
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Pew Bible: NT p.100

#### Sermon

The Rev. John Erickson



# Responding to the Word

◆ Hymn

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

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◆ The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
and in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried;  
He descended to the dead; On the third day he rose from the dead,  
He ascended into heaven, where he is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty,  
He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church,  
The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Gathering of Tithes and Offering

Offertory

◆ Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

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## Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

### Sending

◆ Hymn

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

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## Benediction

### Benediction Response

*Lead Me Lord*

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right-eous-ness, make Thy way plain be - fore my face.  
For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord, On - ly that mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

WORDS: Psalms 5:8, 4:8  
MUSIC: Samuel S. Wesley, 1861

LEAD ME, LORD

## Postlude

*From Organ Symphony No. 4: iii. Andante Cantabile*

Charles-Marie Widor

*(During the postlude, you are invited to remain seated.)*

◆ All who are able, please stand



The Rev. John Erickson, Pastor  
Elijah Buerk, Music Director / Organist  
Steve Ward, Media Director