

Service for the Lord's Day

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

10:30 a.m.



First Presbyterian Church

Asheboro, North Carolina

Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Mary McDonald

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

L: The Lord be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

The Gathering of God’s People

CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 21: 1-9

L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: Hosanna in the highest!

PROCESSION OF THE PALMS

“Sing! Sing Hosanna!”

*Handel, arr. Philip Kern
(Chancel Choir)*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

“Hosanna”

Psalms 150

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God: in Jesus Christ you entered Jerusalem to die for our sins. We confess we have not hailed you as king, or gone before you in the world with praise. For brief faith that fades in trouble, for enthusiasms that fizzle out, for hopes we parade but do not pursue, have mercy on us. Forgive us, God, and give us such trust in your power that, in every city, we may live for justice and tell your lovingkindness; for the sake of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

L: Lord, in your mercy.

P: **Hear our prayer.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE

RESPONSE OF PRAISE #197

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

vs. 1 & 3

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

“Jerusalem, Behold Your King”

Michael Barrett and David Angerman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Ride On, King Jesus”

arr. Larry Shackley

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 25:31- 26:2

L: The word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Rethinking Holy Week”

Rev. Brian K. Rummage

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Responding to the Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles Creed

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Being Sent Into the World

HYMN #186

“Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table”

Psalms 150

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

We welcome you to worship this morning. If you are visiting with us, we hope you find our congregation to be a place of welcome and spiritual nurture. Please take a Visitor Gift Bag with a devotional book and other gifts and information about FPC, as our way of thanking you for worshipping with us. Visitor Gift Bags can be found just outside the center Sanctuary door in the Narthex or in the Hospitality Center.

Children's Worship and Nursery Ministries: Our infant nursery is located in room #114 on our Children's Ministry hallway immediately behind the sanctuary. If you are unfamiliar with our facilities, an usher will happily guide you.

Worship is the heart of church life and it is important that our children feel welcomed and are strengthened for their own walk of faith. At the appropriate time in the service, children are invited to come to the front of the church for our children's message time with Pastor Brian. Afterwards children are dismissed to either return to sit with their parents or leave with our Children's Ministry Director Carla Lovell.

For those who choose to participate in in our children's worship experience, younger children (preschool-1st grade) stay with Ms. Carla in Room 110. Older elementary age children (2nd-4th grade) will go to room 103. Our teachers will use this time to explore the different aspects of worship in a fun and engaging way.

Again, children are always welcome to stay for the entire "big church" service. As they grow and mature, we encourage them to be part of the full worshipping community.

In consideration of others, please silence or turn off all cell phones and other electronic devices.

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