

Grace Community Presbyterian Church

March 29, 2026



Thought for Meditation

The very shouts which the crowd raised to Jesus showed how their thoughts were running. When they spread their garments on the ground before him, they did exactly what the crowd did when that man of blood Jehu was anointed king. (2 Kings 9:13.) They shouted, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" That is a quotation from Psalms 118:26, and should really read a little differently, "Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes!" William Barclay

—GATHERING —

Prelude

“Offertoire sur les Grands Jeux”

F. Couperin

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

***Call To Worship:** “Hosanna to The Son of David” #298¹

Stephanie Tutka

Leader: As the time approached for Him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. As He went along, people spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. When He came near the place where the road goes down to the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

All: “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!”

Leader: The crowds that went ahead of Him and those that followed shouted:

All: “Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!”

*** Hymn of Praise**

“We Will Glorify”

#301

Prayer of Confession *1 John 1:8-9*

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Let’s seek God's forgiveness.

Gracious God,

We come before You, in need of Your mercy. Like the crowds who welcomed Jesus, we celebrate His presence, yet we confess that we often overlook Him as our true King.

¹ From Luke 9:51; 19:36; Matthew 21:8; Luke 19:37-38; Matthew 21:9 (NIV)

We admit that we are distracted and have strayed from Your path. Forgive us for neglecting to serve others. Help us to embrace humility and create in us clean hearts and renew our spirits, O Lord. May we truly welcome Jesus into our lives today and allow Him to reign within us. Amen

Silent Prayer of Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness *Matthew 18:21-35*

Here is the good news! As Jesus healed the afflicted and restored those who have died, He also forgives our sins and gives us new life.

Friends, believe the Good News of the gospel

P: In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven, renewed and sent. Amen!

*** Passing of the Peace** *Philippians 4:6-7*

L: May God's peace, which goes beyond anything we can imagine, guard your thoughts and emotions through Christ Jesus. The peace of Christ be with you all.

P: And also, with you.

Please pass the peace of Christ to your neighbors in the pews and introduce yourself to those you do not know.

*** Gloria Patri**

#813

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.

Anthem

"Palm Sunday"

Chancel Choir

One Great Hour of Sharing Minute - Fish Banks

— THE WORD —

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Mark 11:1-11

Sermon "The Sound of the Crowd"

***Hymn of Response** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (v. 1&3) #300

Sharing Joys and Concerns and the Lord's Prayer

Tithes and Offerings *2 Corinthians 9:7*

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Offertory "Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux" F. Couperin

*** Doxology** #815

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

— SENDING —

*** Hymn of Dedication** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (v.1-2) #297

*** Charge and Benediction** *Psalm 118:26*

"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

As you depart this place on Palm Sunday, may we remember the words,
May you welcome Christ into our hearts and lives,
and may His peace surround you this week and beyond! **Amen.**

*** Congregational Response** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (v.3) #297

* Postlude

“Prelude in G Minor”

J.S. Bach

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church

Today's Music: We welcome Dane Skroupa to our service and thank him for serving our church during this difficult time.

We extend a warm welcome to all worshipping with us today and we hope that you will return. Please join us for coffee fellowship in Cana Hall (downstairs). Today's Deacon greeter after the service is Lisa Edwards.



Rev. Dr. Ojulu (Pastor Owar) is available anytime if you have any concerns, want to schedule a meeting, or if you need a prayer. You can contact him at the office @ 724-339-9661 or his cell 507-304-5958.



Help fill shoeboxes all year long! Samaritan's Purse recommends washcloths and toothbrushes for the month of March for Operation Christmas Child. Donations may be placed in the OCC box in the Narthex. Thank you.

MARCH/APRIL BIRTHDAYS

March 30- Wendy Aurednik

April 2- Jackie Chickerella

April 4- Rich Artman

April 5- BeenyJwok Ojulu

April 8- Grant Claypool

April 9- Joe Bieranoski

April 22- Michelle Claypool

April 25- Terri Ludwig

April 28- Pat Cochran

If your name does not appear, or if the listed information is incorrect, please contact the church office so that the records can be updated.

This Week's Calendar

March 29, 2026- April 4, 2026

Today	Deacons Meeting- Easter Baskets	9:00am
	Worship-Palm Sunday-Fish Banks Due	10:00am
	Coffee Fellowship (Cana Hall)	11:00am
	Adult Sunday School- (Library)	11:00am
Monday	The Chosen- Library	5:00pm
Tuesday	Rabbits Foot Association (Cana Hall)	6:00pm
	The Chosen- Library	5:00pm
Wednesday	The Chosen- Library	5:00pm
Thursday	Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service	7:30pm
Saturday	Children's Free Easter Event	11a-1pm

Looking Ahead

April 5, 2026- April 11, 2026

April 5	Sunrise Service-Cemetery	6:30am
	Worship Service- He Is Risen!!	10:00am
April 9	Meals for Kids Packing- (Puckety Church)	1:30pm
	Cub Scouts- Den Meeting	6:00pm
	Ladies Group	6:30pm

Sermon Notes:

For Sunday __/__/____

Scripture Reference _____

What spoke to my heart from today's sermon:

Prayer Concerns for this week:



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