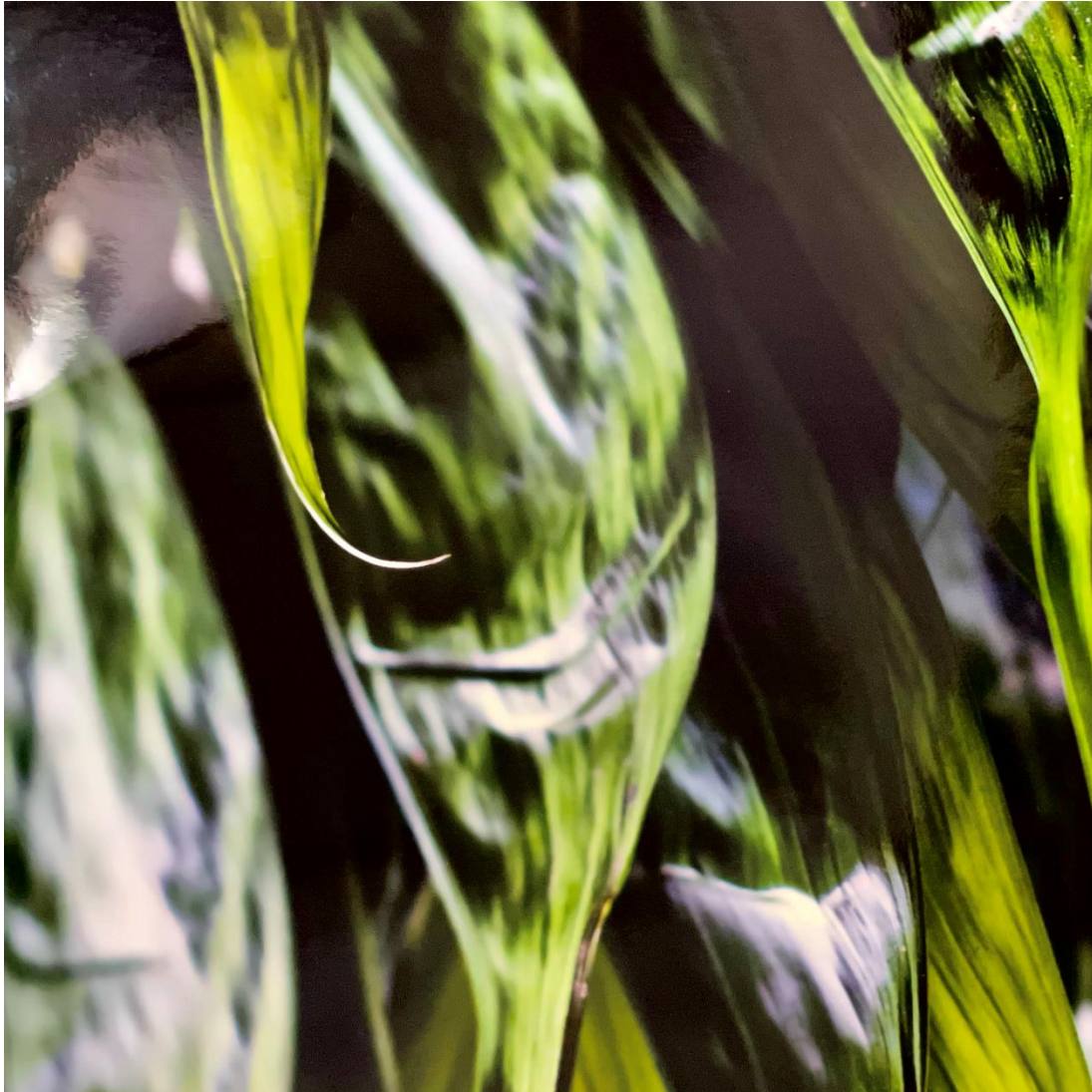


Palm / Passion Sunday



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Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

MARCH 29, 2026

PALM and PASSION SUNDAY

10:00 A.M.

Welcome to this Sacred Time and Holy Place of Worship.

Quote for Meditation: *“Once we realize that imperfect understanding is the human condition, there is no shame in being wrong, only in failing to correct our mistakes.”* - Unknown

GREETING and PASSING OF THE PEACE

Deacon Lisa Burns

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Chris Scrivens

MOMENT FOR MISSION

One Great Hour of Sharing

Elder John Pfaff

PRELUDE:

“Prepare the Way of the Lord”
Genesis Choir

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Deacon Lisa Burns

One: Merciful God,
as we enter Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer,
turn our hearts again to Jerusalem,
to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ,

**All: *that united with Christ and all the faithful
we may one day enter in triumph
the city not made by human hands,
the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens,
where with you and the Holy Spirit,
Christ lives in glory forever.***

Proclamation of the entrance into Jerusalem

Matthew 21:1-11 (NT pg. 21)

Rev. Chris Scrivens

*** Opening Hymn: #197**

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN’S TIME:

Rev. Chris Scrivens

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Psalms:

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29 (OT pg. 534)

Deacon Lisa Burns

Gospel:

Matthew 26:14-27:66 (NT pg. 28)

Rev. Chris Scrivens

Response:

One: This is the Word of God.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

*HYMN: #826

“Lift High the Cross”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Responsive Prayer on Christ’s Passion

One: Our Redeemer suffered death,
was buried and rose again for our sake.
With love let us adore him, aware of our needs.
Christ our teacher, for us you were obedient, even to death:

All: Teach us to obey God’s will in all things.

One: Christ our life, by dying on the cross
you destroyed the power of evil and death:

All: Enable us to die with you, and to rise with you in glory.

One: Christ our strength, you were despised,
and humiliated as a condemned criminal:

All: Teach us the humility by which you saved the world.

One: Christ our salvation,
you gave your life out of love for us:

All: Help us to love one another.

One: Christ our Savior,
on the cross you embraced all time
with your outstretched arms:

All: Gather all the scattered children of God into your realm.

One: Jesus, Lamb of God,

All: have mercy on us.

One: Jesus, bearer of our sins,

All: have mercy on us.

One: Jesus, redeemer of the world,

All: grant us peace.

One: Eternal God, as we are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ,
so give us the grace of repentance
that we may pass through the grave with him
and be born again to eternal life.
For he is the One who was crucified, dead, and buried,
and rose again for us, Jesus our Savior. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING –

OFFERTORY:

“Blessed Be the One”
Genesis Singers, Jubilee Ringers, and Senior Choir

Deacon Lisa Burns
Williams/Stevens

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #708 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Deacon Lisa Burns

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Chris Scrivens

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER (*debts*) Rev. Chris Scrivens

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.

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN: #196 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”**

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Chris Scrivens

CHORAL RESPONSE

**Please rise in body or in Spirit.*

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Participating in today’s Worship and Fellowship are . . .

Minister:	Reverend Christopher W. Scrivens
Lay Assistant:	Deacon Lisa Burns:
Director of Family Ministries:	Elder Christy Hemmes
Music Director:	Matt Petrozelli
Guest Organist:	Vicki Kopacka
Ushers:	Peggy and Drew Gibbon, Mauricette Moffitt
Fellowship & Refreshments:	Dawn and Matt Siegrist

Welcome to our Worship Service! Our regular congregants are asked to introduce themselves to any visitors they don’t know and then introduce them to the congregation. Everyone is invited to join us in fellowship and refreshments in Fellowship Center following the worship service this morning.

This morning’s flowers are given by Judy Treutlein to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones.

Scripture readings for Easter: Acts 10:34-43 *or* Jeremiah 31:1-6 and *Psalms* 118:1-2, 14-24;
Colossians 3:1-4 *or* Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 28:1-10 *or* John 20:1-18
Easter Evening: Isaiah 25:6-9 and *Psalms* 114; 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49

Lay Assistant for Easter Sunday:	Deacon Darcy Taylor
Ushers:	Nancy and Norm Thaiss, Nancy Quam



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