

Dear All,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

This coming Sunday, April 2, is Palm Sunday, the sixth Sunday of Lent. This will be both a joyful celebration and a somber observation, as we welcome Jesus into Jerusalem and our hearts and as we prepare for the continuation of his journey along the Via Dolorosa. In preparation for Sunday, I invite you to imagine yourself standing there with the crowd as Jesus rides the donkey, marveling at his motivations and his courage. This week, make “Hosanna!” your mantra.



We will be celebrating the Lord’s Supper on Sunday! If you will be worshiping from home, I invite you to gather together bread, crackers, tortillas, or some other grain-based food along with wine, juice, or some other beverage. When you get to that part of the service, partake with the knowledge that we are all spiritually together in our communion.

We will continue our practice of hybrid worship. This means that you are welcome to join us in person and that you are welcome to join us from home, whatever works best for you. If you are able to access technology for online worship, we will be live streaming the service via Youtube and Facebook. For Youtube Live, please go to our channel: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPh2zjtSFxk2uo9\\_YWEusCQ/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPh2zjtSFxk2uo9_YWEusCQ/), subscribe to it, and enable notifications. The live video should be up and running just before 10:30 AM Central. If you watch later, click on our channel and then select “Live” videos. You can also watch afterward on our website at: <https://fpchighland.org/sermons>.

For Facebook Live, please go to our page here: <https://www.facebook.com/firstpchighland/> around 10:30 AM Central. We will also post a recording of the service later in the day.

As always, I have included all of Sunday’s worship materials, including the bulletin, readings, hymns, a sermon, and creative activities for disciples of all ages.

This year’s weekly Lenten Devotional comes from the Presbyterian Outlook and is entitled, “Examen: Inward Work for Outward Living.” It explores the connection between internal contemplation and outward action through the ancient spiritual practice of *examen*, which

focuses on honest assessment and reflection. The devotions will be sent out weekly via email, and a small number of printed copies will be available in the narthex for those who do not have email or access to a printer.

I leave you with these words from *John*:

*Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."*

In Christ and with Love,

Rev. Tyler Orem