

**March 24, 2024
First Presbyterian Church
Palm Sunday**

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* Burkhardt

Welcome Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship** David Brabham

With crowds from ancient times we cry,

Hosanna! Save us!

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

We bless you in the house of the Lord!

Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,

Humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Let us worship the living God!

***Hymn** 196 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* VALET ICH WILL DIR GEBEN
(Lainey Baker, Timpani; Jessie Baker, cymbals)

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)

Let us now confess before God our tendency, like the Jerusalem crowds, to profess our faith in moments of enthusiasm and deny our faith in moments of fear and stress.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, as we enter this Holy Week of Lent, solemnly gathered at your house of prayer, we turn our hearts toward Jerusalem. We want to walk the way with Jesus, to be present each step from the Mount of Olives to the cross to the empty tomb. And yet we fall away. Forgive our stubborn resistance to Christ's work and witness. Inspire us by your Spirit to follow in his way, until we enter with him into the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Assurance of Pardon

The one who rode into Jerusalem to cheering crowds knew that the cross awaited. In this way, we might know the great love of God for us. Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, has defeated sin forever.

Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us now greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

***Holy Interruption** *We greet our neighbors in Christ's love*

***Gloria Patri**

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 *Hosanna* Gregor

Chancel Choir Eva Goddard, Flute

Children's Message

We Receive God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 50:4-9

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading Mark 11:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Message "I Won't Back Down" Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Affirmation of Faith *(from The Confession of 1967)*

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

***Hymn** 197 *Hosanna Loud Hosanna* ELLACOMBE

Announcements

Pastoral Prayers and 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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Schmücke dich, o Liebe Seele* Walther

***Doxology Hymn** *All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night* TALLIS' CANON

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.

Prayer of Dedication

As the crowds cried, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord," we are truly grateful for the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ our Lord. Receive these gifts as a symbol of the dedication of our very selves to you, O God. Use our gifts and use us as a part of the inbreaking of your kingdom, which comes and is still coming into our world today. Amen.

Reception of New Members

Presentation

Profession of Faith

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.

Welcome

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn** 634 *To God Be the Glory* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** 202 *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare* Green
Chancel Choir

No end there is! We depart in peace. He loves beyond our uttermost: in every room in our Father's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host. Amen.

***Postlude** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Wood

Please wait until the end of the benediction response by the choir before exiting.

*Those who are able, please stand as directed at the items marked with an asterisk

The Church This Week (3/24/2024)

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	6:00 p.m.	Youth
Mon.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	Women's Community Bible Study
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	9:00 a.m.	Women's Community Bible Study
	3:15 p.m.	Fun Program
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.	5:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
Sat.	9:30 a.m.	Breakfast/Egg Hunt
Sun.	7:00 a.m.	Sunrise Service
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Prayer List as of March 24, 2024

Gerry & Bobby Rogers
 Ina Coggeshall
 Gray & Bea Sloop
 Bennie and Benny Lou Moore
 Bobbie Jones
 Dr. Sue Arledge and her husband, Bob
 Shenell Malloy (Susan & Bill's daughter-in-law)
 Edward Tinsley
 Kathie Cook
 Penny Angle
 Barbara Dickson

Mary Gullledge and Eve Nobles will have activities and a Bible story in the nursery during the Maundy Thursday service on 3/28/24.

Listed below are links to sign up to volunteer in the nursery, put flowers in the church, and monitor students at Pathfinders. Please prayerfully consider these opportunities. If you are interested, please just click on the proper link. If you need help in signing up, please contact Cathy Chapman.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0545AF22AB9-nursery#/>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0545AF22AB9-flowers1#/>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0545AF22AB9-45315196-pathfinders#/>

The sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop. For individuals with hearing aids, please activate your T-coil to utilize this feature. Spare headsets are also available.

March 30- Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt
 Breakfast will start at 9:30am and go on until 10:00am. Egg Hunt will start at 10:00am.
 All ages are invited to come have breakfast with the Easter Bunny. Bring your camera and make some memories!

Montreat Youth Announcement:
 To all the parents of youth from the 9th grade through recently graduated, the Montreat Commitment Form has been sent out to you! This includes the cost breakdown and information your teen needs for the trip. Please complete this form and return it to either Pastor Max or Elder Kelli Beck before the April 1st deadline. This will secure your child's spot in Montreat! Additional copies of the Montreat Commitment Form can be found in the Youth Newsletter box outside the Church Office. We are looking forward to Montreat this year!

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be taken on Sunday, March 31st.

Session of First Presbyterian Church

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Marietta Melton Burch	Kelli Beck	Mary Anderson
Cathy Chapman	Avery Dickson	Andrew McLeod
Dan Tillman, III	Mary Jane Evans	Kristen Miller
Charlene Tillman	Jean Page Watson	Richard Pierce

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Our Vision
Rooted by God's Grace,
Growing in the Spirit,
Reaching Out with Christ's Love

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