

# The First Presbyterian Church

300 South Main Street  
Greensburg, Pennsylvania  
Palm Sunday – April 13, 2024 – 10 a.m.  
Simulcast Service

**PRELUDE** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna *Michael Burkhardt*

**PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM** Luke 19:28-40

✠**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 196** All Glory, Laud, and Honor VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*responsive*)

The parade today is just the beginning of our hope.

**We wave our branches and shout "Hosanna!"**

But there will come a time of silence and of mourning.

**Help us to be ready for that time, O Lord.**

Blessed is Jesus, who came into Jerusalem on that day.

**Blessed is Jesus who comes into our hearts always. AMEN.**

✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**(*unison*)

Loving God, you rode a donkey and came in peace, humbled yourself and gave yourself for us. We confess our lack of humility. As you entered Jerusalem, the crowds shouted “Hosanna: ‘Save us now!’” On Good Friday they shouted “Crucify!” We confess our praise is often empty. We sing “Hosanna,” but cry “Crucify.” As the crowd laid their palms in front of you, you took no glory for yourself. We confess that we want to be accepted and take the easy way. We do not stay true to your will. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to follow in the way of obedience. Amen.

✠**ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**Peace be with you.**

✠**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (Hymn 197) Stanza 3

**Hosanna in the highest! That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.**

## THE WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**PSALTER READING** Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

**ANTHEM** Shout Hosanna! *Vicki Hancock Wright*  
*Can it be? Is it he? Riding on the donkey? Can it be? Is it he/ Jesus of Galilee? Shout hosanna! Shout hosanna! Shout and sing, it's Jesus, of Galilee, shout and sing hosanna he is King! Shout and sing, it's Jesus of Galilee; King of kings, Lord of lords! Shout and sing hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

*Children are invited to the chancel steps for the children's sermon and then be dismissed to Sunday School.*

**EPISTLE READING**

Philippians 2:5-11

**SERMON**

Rev. Dr. Martin R. Ankrum

## **THE RESPONSE**

✠**HYMN 266**

Joy to the World

RICHMOND

✠**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED** (*unison*)

**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.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*unison*)

**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.**

**OUR JOYFUL RESPONSE - TITHES & OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

Ride On, King Jesus

*L. L. Fleming*

✠**RESPONSE**

Doxology (*hymnal p. 606*)

**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**

✠**HYMN 198**

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

ST. DROSTANE

✠**BENEDICTION**

✠**POSTLUDE**

Toccata

*Leon Boellman*

✠ *Those who are able to stand comfortably may do so*

### **WORSHIP LEADERSHIP THIS MORNING:**

The Rev. Dr. Martin R. Ankrum, Pastor / Head of Staff; Dr. William Jeffrey Jones, Minister of Music / Organist; Mrs. Missy Dalansky, Lector; Chancel Choir; Youth and Children Choir; Mr. Mike Pascarella, Video Technician.

*Music for this morning's service has been made possible, in part, by Edgar and Joanne Highberger and by gifts to the Dr. Edgar S. Highberger Music Fund.*

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## FIRST NEWS: The News of FPC

**PRAYER LIST:** Bob Bark, Tonna Bogac, Trudy Brunot, Lisa Bulger, Bob Burdette, Gloria Christofano, Roy Clemens, Sandy Cole, Bob Colflesh, Dan & Ginger Collier, Beverly & William Courtney, Edna Mary Cox, Mark Cuneo, Bob Dittman, Karen Dubosky, Michael Felice, Duffy Greba, Edgar and Joanne Highberger, Gretchen Highberger, Isla, Lucas James, Lee Jamison, Brett Johnson, Weston Johnson, Heather Jones, Don Kemerer, Jim L., Joanne McIlhattan, Jim & Gail Miller, Melanie Murphy, Gary Nicewonger, Bob Noel, John Noel, Nancy Pallitta, Victoria Piekut, Gerry Pricer, Marnie Abraham Russell, Wilson Saul, Jenny Schuchman, Sharyn Sekora, Nancy Skrot, Mary Smith, Jerry Sohick, Nancy Stahl, Dorothy Steele, Crystal Stryker, Brooke Stutzman, Sonny & Jo Thomas, Gale Pearson Truman, Lynda Turin, Linda & Tom Turin, Matt Washil, Ron Watkoski, Doug Wessling, Lisa Wessling, Don Whipkey.

**VISITING IN WORSHIP TODAY?** If you are visiting in worship today or have been for a while, please sign the Visitor Card found in the pew racks and place in the offering plate or hand to an usher. We would love to be able to contact you and answer any questions you may have about FPC. Please take a moment to greet Dr. Ankrum at the end of the service; he would love to get to know you and welcome you to our faith community.

**NURSERY HOURS 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.** – Drop off care is available in the FPC nursery each Sunday morning for children Birth through Pre/K. Gali Clark is excited to welcome FPC's youngest members and friends for a time of play, music, fun, or a nap! For safety reasons, caregivers are asked to provide their own drinks and snacks for their child. Registration forms can be found in the nursery. See you there!

**CHILDREN'S RESOURCE TOTES** - First Presbyterian Church also provides a comfort room and age-appropriate worship resource totes for families with young children to use during the service. They are in the narthex, or by asking an usher for assistance. *Children's bulletins are available at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street entrance.*

**HAVE YOU CONSIDERED SPONSORING A FELLOWSHIP HOUR?** Provide 6 dozen baked goods **or** \$35 donation to cover the cost. Use the sign-up sheet on the Dining Room bulletin board. Hours are held on the first and third Sundays of every month in the Dining Room. Coffee is provided by the Millers of 19 Coffee.

**FIRST FRIDAYS: NEWS & UPDATES:** If you haven't been receiving our First Fridays: News & Updates, please call Kim at the church office (724-832-0150) to verify and/or update your correct email address.

**FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS: A DAILY DEVOTIONAL** – By ten o'clock in the morning each day, Monday through Friday, Martin posts a new devotion for the day. Please join in the practice of daily devotion for such a time as this. You can also subscribe to this daily devotional so that it will be sent to your email box by calling the church office or designating such at the church website.

### FINANCIAL REPORT: (as of April 10)

<b>Year to Date Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 220,516</b>
<b>Year to Date Receipts:</b>	<b>\$ 173,704</b>
<b>Year to Date Deficit:</b>	<b>(\$ 46,812)</b>

### DO YOU WISH TO GIVE ONLINE?



To set up your own recurring donations, either visit the church website or scan the QR code with your smart phone, or contact the church office for help. *Starting August 31, 2024, the church will accrue a monthly fee for those who give by credit or debit card. The church currently also incurs a 2.84% fee plus 45 cents on every credit or debit card donation. These fees are not incurred for the church for donations routed through Vanco from a checking account.* Your support of Christ's church in this place is greatly appreciated!



## **Palm Sunday – April 13**

10 a.m. Worship Service

## **Maundy Thursday – April 17**

7 p.m. – Communion Service

“A Service of Shadow & Light”

## **Good Friday – April 18**

9:30 a.m. – Egg Hunt and Breakfast

11:30 a.m. - The Way of the Cross Procession

12:00 Noon – Good Friday Service

First United Methodist Church, Greensburg

## **Easter Sunday – April 20**

**10:00 a.m. – Festival Worship Service**

**Holy Communion Celebrated**

# **Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!**

**WAY OF THE CROSS** – Good Friday, April 18 at 11:30 a.m.; Beginning at the steps of the Westmoreland County Courthouse on Main St. Follow the procession through the streets of Greensburg, ending at the steps of the First United Methodist Church at 15 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. At noon, come and worship inside First United Methodist Church.

**GOOD FRIDAY EGG HUNT AND BREAKFAST: APRIL 18 – 9:30-11:30 AM:** Come enjoy a hearty cooked breakfast, participate in an egg hunt, and complete an Easter focused craft. **All children of the congregation, preschool, community, and friends are welcome to attend.** Register now through April 4 to ensure we have enough supplies for all attendees. Registration forms can be dropped off to Sunday school or preschool teachers, emailed to Wendy McCann at [tjmwam@netzero.com](mailto:tjmwam@netzero.com) or by calling the church office at 724-832-0150.

**DONATIONS NEEDED** - On Friday, April 18 we will be hosting the Children's Good Friday breakfast. The CE committee would be appreciative of donations of pancake mix, maple syrup and/or grocery store gift cards. Gift cards can be turned in to the church office and food donations can be placed in the church kitchen. All donations are needed by Sunday, April 6th. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**MEN’S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY - EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING AT 7:30 A.M.:** This Bible study has many wonderful ingredients: warm fellowship, good friendships, open discussions, great breakfasts AND the opportunity to grow in faith together. We gather every Wednesday morning at 7:30 a.m. at Eat n’ Park across from Westmoreland Mall. We are currently studying the Gospel of Mark.

**ADULT FORUM ON SUNDAY MORNING.** We meet **Sundays at 9 a.m.** in the PW Lounge on the first floor of the CE Wing. We are reading and discussing a wonderful book written by the late Rev. Peter Gomes: ***The Good Book: Reading the Bible with Mind and Heart.*** Gomes unpacks the scriptures for his reader, covering how the Bible is often misunderstood by Christians and others alike. The book helps to open up our hearts and minds to the profound words of scripture that give us comfort and challenges our faith as well.

**SAVE THE DATE:** We are planning another field trip to The Star Theater in Sugar Creek, Ohio on July 12, 2025. The play is ***The Road to Damascus.*** We will leave from the church lot at 8:00 a.m. and return by 8:00 p.m. There will be a buffet lunch at the Dutch Valley Restaurant at 11:30. The play will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. The cost for the play, lunch, van transportation and gratuities is \$76. You may sign up during fellowship hour.

**WE’RE HAVING A PARTY!!** On May 18, the Membership & Evangelism Committee is inviting the congregation to celebrate their birthdays! We are repeating a popular event from the past. Tables will be set-up for each month of the year and participants will sit at the table corresponding to their birthday month. This is a chance to share conversation and memories of past birthdays with others that share your special month. We will be asking members to sign-up during fellowship hour to donate a favorite cake for this fun-filled event.

**SAVE THE DATE – VBS 2025** - Mark your calendar for a nature focused VBS! June 9 – 13, 2025; 9 a.m. – Noon. Good soil doesn’t make itself good; it is lovingly prepared by its gardener. One of God’s favorite gardening techniques is telling parables – simple stories with a twist. Explore in depth the Parable of the Sower and see how God is at work in us, our communities, and the world.

**EASTER LILIES 2025 - Prepaid Orders Due by Sunday, April 13** The Worship Committee is making lilies available for \$15.00 each. If you wish to place one or more flowers in the sanctuary for Easter, please return this form to the church office with \$15.00 for each plant desired. If you wish, you may place your lilies "In Memory Of" and/or "In Honor Of" loved ones. The deadline for orders is Sunday, April 13. Lilies may be picked up following the Easter Sunday Service.

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My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Place my flower(s) "In Memory Of":

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Place my flower(s) "In Honor Of":

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\_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ (quantity) flowers

# All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.  
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra-cious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

# Joy to the World

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1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and

earth re - ceive her king; let ev - ery heart pre -  
 all their songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks,  
 thorns in - fest the ground; he comes to make his  
 makes the na - tions prove the glo - ries of his

pare him room, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 hills, and plains re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 bless - ings flow far as the curse is found.  
 righ - teous - ness and won - ders of his love.

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

# Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! 198

1 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the  
 2 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
 3 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of  
 4 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur -  
 pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs  
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and  
 pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to

sues its road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
 now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
 won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 mor - tal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

This 19th-century Palm Sunday text is better understood as the reflections of someone standing outside the event rather than as coming from those participating in the actual procession. This poignant text is set to a tune written especially for it later in the same century.