

PALM SUNDAY

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"The Way of
Blessing Shall
Become Our
Own Way"
From *Beloved:*
*An Online
Journey into
Lent & Easter*

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* Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol,
and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY arr. Kevin McChesney
If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee
Sanctus Ringers

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus is coming,
Choir: *SHOUT HOSANNA!*

One: He's riding on a donkey,
Pulpit side: *SHOUT HOSANNA!*

One: Open the gates,
Lectern side: *SHOUT HOSANNA!*

One: Don't be afraid,
Balcony: *SHOUT HOSANNA!*

One: Wave the branches,
Children: *SHOUT HOSANNA!*

One: Spread out your coats,
Adults: *SHOUT HOSANNA!*

One: Peace in heaven,
All: **SHOUT HOSANNA!**

One: Glory in highest heaven,
All: **SHOUT HOSANNA!**

* HYMN 196 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN
After the congregation sings the refrain, the Lemon Chapel Singers will sing:

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna, Hosanna to the King!
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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Loving God, at this time, we remember that going up to Jerusalem cost Jesus his very life. So we come before you, conscious of the way religious words and holy phrases can slip so easily from our lazy lips and our hardened hearts. What do we really know of your mountainous truth, your rock-hard integrity, the depth of your suffering for love of us all? Forgive us for the shallowness of our faith, and the timidity of our following. Forgive us for the ready excuses we make for going our own way and claiming it as yours.

Turn us round again, we pray, by your Holy Spirit, active within us and among us. Show us how to be open again to your

faithfulness and to your freedom, that we may live new lives and be again bearers of the seeds of the Kingdom of Jesus....

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE



Have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. Have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

Sean Hoskins and Jillian Hopper, Liturgical Dancers
Andrew Smith, Cantor

Where are those who thirst for justice?
Where are those who yearn for peace?
Why must fear and hatred bind us?
When will captives find release?
Make us ones who thirst for justice.
Make us ones who work for peace.
Help untie the fears that bind us.
Grant our captive hearts release.


ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE


You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as God’s people. Greet one another saying, “The peace of Christ be with you,” and respond, “And also with you.”

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

DETROIT



Lord, cleanse the depths with - in _ our souls and bid re - sent-ment cease.



Then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Please join in singing as the children come forward.

**We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.**

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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 11:1-11

The grass withers, the flower fades;
The word of the Lord endures forever.

SERMON

RESPONDING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Ride On, King Jesus* arr. Moses Hogan
Chancel Choir; David Magumba, Soloist

Ride on, King Jesus, the conquering king.
Ride on, King Jesus, ride on. No one can a-hinder thee.
I was but young when I begun. No one can a-hinder thee.
But now my race is almost done. No one can a-hinder thee.
King Jesus rides a milk white horse. No one can a-hinder thee.
The river of Jordan he did cross. No one can a-hinder thee.
He's the King and the Lord of all. No one can a-hinder thee.
He's the first and the last. He's the Lord of Lords.
Jesus is the Prince of peace. No one can a-hinder thee.
Oh, ride on, King Jesus, ride on, just ride on. Ride on, Jesus!

* DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.

SENDING

* HYMN 198 *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!* ST. DROSTANE

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY arr. Fred Gramann
Prelude on Herzliebster Jesu
Sanctus Ringers



WELCOME

Welcome to First. We Are Glad You Are Here!

We are so thankful that you have joined us today for worship. We would love to get to know you and help you get to know us.

While you are with us today, we would love for you to do two things:

1. **Sign the Friendship Pad.** The pads are located at the end of each pew. Sign it then pass it down to others.
2. **Join us following worship for Social Hour.** There will be cookies and coffee and lots of friendly faces.

Prayer

If you would like someone to pray with you, stop by Hillegonds Chapel after the service. Elders, Deacons, and Stephen Ministers are always there to assist those seeking prayer. Today's prayer partner is Jeanette Kibler.

Children in Worship

Childcare is available for ages 5 and younger on the First Level. Faith Formation classes will not meet this morning. Children are always welcome to stay with their families during worship.

Parking

Additional parking is located at the Forest Avenue parking structure located on South Forest Avenue between South University and Willard.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

LEADING IN WORSHIP

David Prentice-Hyres
Nathaniel Fryer
Tommy Langejans
Hannah Lundberg
Melissa Anne Rogers
Lilly Rego, *Lay Reader*

USHERS

Keith Bilby
Sheila Bilby
Jim Cameron
Carol Carter
Spaulding Clark
Angela Yang

MUSICIANS

Chancel Choir
Lemon Chapel Singers
Sanctus Ringers
Brent Ivey, *Accompanist*
David Hufford, *Organist*
Shayla Powell, *Lemon Chapel Singers Director*
David VanderMeer, *Minister of Music & Fine Arts*

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TODAY AT FIRST

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

8:30 AM	Contemplative Communion Service Monteith Hall
9:30 AM	Worship Sanctuary & Livestream
10:30 AM	Social Hour Social Hall
11:00 AM	Adult Faith Formation Classrooms
11:15 AM	Worship Monteith Hall
12:30 PM	College Lunch Youth Room
6:00 PM	Young Adults Boardgame Night Vance Room
7:00 PM	Small Group Bible Study offsite

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

9:30 & 11:15 AM Worship

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God’s love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. Please give generously on March 24 and 31. Specially marked envelopes are in the pew racks, or you may give online at firstpresbyterian.org/contribute.

EXPLORING THE FAITH

How Do We Talk About. . . A Big Questions Series

11:00 AM | Lewis Room

In the final session of the series, we will consider the meaning of the work of mission and its history. Can the concept of mission work be disentangled from the history of Western oppression of peoples around the world? How do you define the work of mission for the 21st century? How do you think about the benefactors and the beneficiaries of mission work?

BIBLE AT 11 O’CLOCK

New Testament: Epistles of Peter

11:00 AM | French Room & Zoom

Host: Ed Koster

FIRST FRIENDS

Karl Barth and the Future of American Evangelicalism

11:00 AM | Curtis Room & Zoom

Host: Carole Pawloski

Young Adults Boardgame Night

6-7:30 PM | Vance Room

Young adults are invited to the kickoff boardgame night for an evening of fun, pizza, and snacks. Future boardgame nights will be every 4th Sunday of the month, same time and same place.

Small Group Bible Study

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Open to all. Come join us as we ask the big questions about religion, how the Bible stories impact life now, and if Moses should have been locked up for a murder cover up. Contact Chris Wahl, cgwahl@umich.edu, for more information.

THIS WEEK

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 28
7:00 PM | Sanctuary

Join us for worship with communion as we reflect on Jesus' Last Supper and the mandate he gave his disciples to love one another.

Good Friday

Friday, March 29
7:00 PM | Sanctuary

A meditation on the Passion of Christ with scripture readings, music offered by the Chancel Choir, and the movement from light to darkness.

Peeps & Pizza

Saturday, March 30
10 AM - 12 PM

Join us for a fun-filled Easter celebration on Saturday, March 30. Everyone can create their own artistic masterpiece of a Bible story using Peeps, a shoe box and craft supplies. Afterward we'll have an egg hunt on the lawn for kids and then enjoy pizza together. A \$5 per person/\$20 per family donation is suggested to help with pizza costs. Please help us know how much pizza to plan for by registering at firstpresbyterian.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUNG ADULTS

Pub Theology

2nd Tuesday of the month
starting on Tuesday, April 9
5:30-6:30 PM | Location TBD

Young adults are invited to share thoughts on life and faith, over a pint. For more information, contact Tommy Langejans, tlangejans@fpca2.org

Coffee & Conversation

3rd Sunday of the month
starting on Sunday, April 21
11 AM | Panera Bread (Washtenaw Ave.)

Young adults are invited to meet at the Panera Bread on Washtenaw from 11 AM-12 PM for coffee and conversation.

MISSION

Food Collection in March

Throughout the month of March we are collecting food pantry items for SOS Community Services of Washtenaw County. Financial gifts may be made by check or online.

Habitat for Humanity Build

April 6, 13, & 27
9 AM to 3 PM

Join us in renovating a Habitat for Humanity house in Ypsilanti this spring! First Presbyterian and the House of Faith partner churches are looking for volunteers on the following Saturdays: April 6, 13, and 27 from 9 AM to 3 PM. There are also opportunities to provide lunch on two of those days. Sign up online, firstpresbyterian.org.

MUSIC & FINE ARTS

Summer Camp

July 29 - August 2
9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Hey, kids! Join us for a week of non-stop fun this summer. The cost is \$75 per camper. Register online at firstpresbyterian.org.

CELEBRATE Easter

CELEBRATING THE RESURRECTION

03.31.2024

7 AM SUNRISE SERVICE
Circle Terrace

9:30 & 11:15 AM SERVICE
Sanctuary
livestream at 9:30 AM

Pre-service music will begin 15 minutes before the 9:30 and 11:15 AM services.

Overflow seating available in Monteith Hall
Additional parking available at the Forest Avenue parking structure

You are invited to bring fresh flowers to place on the Easter cross
that will be located outside the front Sanctuary doors.