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ORDER OF WORSHIP

*March 24, AD 2024 10 am*



## GATHERING TO PRAISE

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This is the day our Lord Jesus rode into the Holy City as King. Yet he came to us humbly, riding on a donkey. He came to fulfill his mission: to be obedient to his Father. Even unto death, to death on a cross. For a brief moment, as Jesus entered Jerusalem, God’s people recognized their King. They spread their cloaks before him. They waved the palm branches of victory. They cried out praise and they cried out for salvation. On this Palm Sunday, we join the festival. We bless our King and welcome him. Even as Jesus prepares to journey to Golgotha, we call out our encouragement. We cheer him on, for he carries our lives, our fate, on his shoulders.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Whitney Alexander

Hosanna to the King of kings!

**Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Behold, our King comes to us, humbly and riding on a donkey.

**Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Our King rides to be enthroned on the rough wood of the cross.

**Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Our King rides to destroy sin by taking it as his own. He rides to conquer death by dying.

**Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

We go with him! Raising the palms of victory, joining all creation to acclaim our King.

**Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

## PROCESSION OF THE PALMS

*Please join the children as we process around North Boulevard.*

## PRELUDE

“All Glory, Laud and Honor” arranged by Michael Burkhardt

## \*SCRIPTURAL WELCOME

Psalm 118:1–7, 14–15 ..... Darin Travis

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

**For his steadfast love endures forever!**

Let Israel say,

**“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

Let the house of Aaron say,

**“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

Let those who fear the LORD say,

**“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

Out of my distress I called on the LORD;

**The LORD answered me and set me free. The LORD is on my side; I will not fear.**

The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

**Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous.**

\*CONGREGATIONAL SONG OF PRAISE

No. 173 "All Glory, Laud and Honor" ..... ST. THEODULPH

\*PRAYER OF PRAISE ..... Colton Underwood

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CHORAL OFFERTORY

"Coronation" by Craig Courtney

PASTORAL PRAYER ..... Scott Graham



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

\*SONG OF PREPARATION

"Psalm 118" ..... AZMON

*Children Kindergarten and younger may go to Children's Church.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

*Psalm 118:19-29*

Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we pray, O LORD!  
O LORD, we pray, give us success!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God,  
and he has made his light to shine upon us.  
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,  
up to the horns of the altar!

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God; I will extol you.  
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction,  
**That through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures  
we might have hope.**

SERMON

“Counting on the Corner” ..... Gerrit Dawson



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

TIME OF REFLECTION

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

No. 404 “The Solid Rock” ..... SOLID ROCK

*Parents of children 3 years and younger may leave now to collect children for the egg hunt.*



BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

**Blessed be the LORD I AM, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, amen!**

POSTLUDE

“Jerusalem” arranged by Homer Whitford

MUSICIANS:

*Blake Hanna, trumpet  
Jenna Vangjel, trumpet  
Lauren Braud, French horn  
Corey Knoll, trombone  
Raphel Galvan Herrera, violin  
Kristina Graham, violin  
Luis Bernardo Castro, cello  
Steve Gustafson, organ*

SHOFAR:

*John Isaac Wood*

JESUS:

*Jamy Comeaux walking Amos, the donkey.*



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**Welcome.** We are glad you're here. If you are visiting, please use the New Here card in the pews, or fill out the Connect Card in our church app (FPCBR in the App Store) or online.

**Prayer Requests.** We'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be sent to [prayer@fpcbr.org](mailto:prayer@fpcbr.org), through the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

**Fish Fry Today!** Stay after worship for a fish fry and children's activities on the Boulevard. Use the QR code for quick registering. Cost is \$5 for children 12 years and younger and \$15 for adults. Those not eating are welcome to stay and fellowship with us. Childcare will **not** be available during lunch. In case of inclement weather, children's activities will take place in the basement.



**Meal Ticket Required for Fish Fry!** Please present your fish fry receipt (on your phone or printed) at the tent in front of Dunham Chapel on North Boulevard to get your required meal ticket.

**Get Ready to Hunt Eggs!** Children through 3rd grade are invited to today's egg hunt. Please see today's insert for hunt locations and details.

**Colombia Mission Trip Meeting at 5.30 pm.** Join the Missions Committee for a Colombia trip meeting at 5.30 pm at Lin and Oscar Shoenfelt's (232 Granville Ct.). Come hear how you can be a part of our partnership with Esther's House in Medellin.

**No Wednesday Worship This Week.** We encourage you to rest, pray and contemplate Christ's Passion this Holy Week. Join us for our Maundy Thursday Service of Shadows (details below).

**Service of Shadows: 7 pm Thursday, March 28.** The candles. The darkness. Communion. Original music. The mystery of the 4th cup. The path from cross to tomb. Don't miss this moving service on Holy Thursday.

**Easter Sunday Worship.** Gather around the empty tomb in the Terraced Garden for a brief sunrise service at 6.30 am followed by breakfast. Sanctuary services will be at 9 and 11 am with Sunday school at 10.10 am.

**Easter Flowers.** Don't forget to bring fresh flowers next Sunday to decorate our Easter cross on North Boulevard.

**Church Office Closed Easter Monday.** Would you like to reach a pastor after hours? Please call the church office (387.0617) and press 5 to be connected to the pastor on call.

**DVDs Being Collected.** The mission team traveling to Uganda is collecting youth appropriate DVDs to share with Bethany Centre boarding students. Please contact Claire Wilson for details (225.892.1364).

**GriefShare®.** A new GriefShare® group is forming on Monday evenings, 6.30–8.30, beginning April 15. Chris Phillips will lead the group which will meet at Phillip Juban's home near the State Archives building. Space is limited. Email Scott Graham ([scott@fpcbr.org](mailto:scott@fpcbr.org)) or Laura Shaw ([laura@fpcbr.org](mailto:laura@fpcbr.org)) if interested.

**Women's Spring Picnic, April 13.** All ladies are invited to the annual Spring Picnic where we will enjoy fellowship with women of all ages, as well as feast on a delicious spread of salads and snacks. Join us Saturday, April 13 from 11 am to 1 pm at the home of Kelli Bankston. \$10 per person. RSVP at [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org).



**International Friendship Partners Game Night, April 19.** IFP is hosting a Game Night Friday, April 19 from 6 to 8 pm in the Gym. There will be many games with food and fellowship. It's fun for the whole family!

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**Attention Parents of Seniors.** Please send your senior's baby and graduation photos to Jessica ([jessica@fpabr.org](mailto:jessica@fpabr.org)) by April 19.

**See "The Chosen" Apostles in Our Reception Room!** The session has accepted a generous donation from an art collector: stunning 19th century portraits of the apostles. These disciples were chosen by Christ to carry his message to the world. Spend some time with these renditions.

**Gardere Spring Luncheon.** Gardere Community Christian School is hosting a spring luncheon, Share Your Heart 2024, at the school on Friday, April 19 from 12 to 1. Food is provided by Baton Rouge's own Chef Tre. Get a set of tickets for you and a friend now at [gardereschool.com](http://gardereschool.com).

**Take a Selfie!** Update your photo in the church database. Log into your membership portal account and click the pencil in the upper right corner. Contact Laura Shaw (225.620.1222) if you need assistance.

**Volunteer for VBS!** Jerusalem Marketplace VBS is back again and we need your help. VBS dates are June 10–13. Visit [fpabr.org](http://fpabr.org) for volunteer and camper details.

**Meal Ministry Needs Volunteers.** First Presbyterian's Meal Ministry provides meals and welcoming hospitality to those in need. A focus is placed on developing a sense of community among our members, guests and partner ministries as we live out our mission to go deeper in Christ and further into the world. Please contact Emily Viguerie to volunteer to prepare and deliver a meal ([emily@fpabr.org](mailto:emily@fpabr.org)).

**Assistance for the Hard of Hearing.** We are pleased to offer headphones to assist the hard of hearing during our Sanctuary services. Headsets and packs are available to check out at the Connection Center.

**Give Online.** Visit [fpabr.org](http://fpabr.org) or go to the church app to make your gift online. You may also give through the U.S. mail.

**Calling All Greeters!** If you feel led to be a greeter at 9 or 11 am worship, please contact Emily Viguerie ([emily@fpabr.org](mailto:emily@fpabr.org))!

**First Presbyterian Church and Social Media (Instagram, YouTube and Facebook).** Sanctuary services are livestreamed on the web and we frequently post photos of members engaged in fellowship at our small groups, worship services and events. If you have any questions, contact Katie Robinson ([katie@fpabr.org](mailto:katie@fpabr.org)) or Jay High ([jay@fpabr.org](mailto:jay@fpabr.org)).

**Staying in Touch with You.** If you've moved, changed your email address or have a new phone number, we'd like to know about it. Help us keep our membership database updated. Please call us with your changes, 225.387.0617.

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*Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Kathryn Leake Graving, James W. Leake and Dr. and Mrs. Julius H. Mullins Sr. by Kathy and Julius Mullins.*

*Scripture for Next Week: Psalm 30*

*Services are video recorded and livestreamed.*

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