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PALM SUNDAY
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 29, AD 2026 | 10 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

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 Colton Underwood

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

After the shofar is blown, please join the children as we process around North Boulevard.

PRELUDE

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“Hosanna!” by Lynn Russell Joyful Noise Children’s Choir

*SCRIPTURAL WELCOME

Daniel 7:13–14. Darin Travis

Behold, one like a son of man coming on the clouds of heaven.

He has come from the throne of the Ancient of Days.

To him belongs the dominion, the glory and the kingdom.

All peoples, nations and languages should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion,

His kingdom shall not be destroyed.

*Standing

*CONGREGATIONAL SONG OF PRAISE

No. 234 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" DIADEMATA

*PRAYER OF PRAISE Darin Travis

CHORAL OFFERTORY

"Who Is This That Comes from Far" arranged by Christopher Phillips

PASTORAL PRAYER Scott Graham



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*SONG OF PREPARATION

"Is He Worthy?"

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

SCRIPTURE Colton Underwood

Prayer of Illumination

Colossians 2:13-15

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Revelation 1:17-18

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades."

I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God. *(from 1 Corinthians)*

SERMON

"Victory!" Gerrit Dawson



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

TIME OF REFLECTION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

No. 26 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" EIN' FESTE BURG

Parents of children 2 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" by Hubert H. Parry

MUSICIANS:

*Borislava Ilcheva, violin
Aaron Farrell, violin
Grant Bedillion, viola
Ismeni Vasileiadou, cello
Blake Hanna, trumpet
Michael Hull, trumpet
Lauren Bravo, horn
Elijah Swan, trombone
Warren Griffin, trombone
Kevin Young, tuba
Eli Williams, percussion
Virginia Phillips, piano
Steve Gustafson, organ/piano*

SHOFAR:

John Isaac Wood

JESUS:

Neal McMillin will walk the donkey.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! We're so glad you could join us today. Each week we seek to press deeper into Christ and then follow his lead to go further into the world with his love. As part of that mission, we'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be sent to prayer@fpcbr.org or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

We're Having a Gala! Join us for "From Generation to Generation: A Night of Celebration & Vision" on April 17 at Boudreaux's. This special evening will joyfully honor Gerrit Dawson's 22 year ministry at First Presbyterian and celebrate his faithful leadership while also sharing our new Master Campus Plan. The night will feature a festive atmosphere, dinner, live music, and dancing! Scan the code to register by Friday, April 10. \$75 per person with special offers available.



Combined Worship and Farewell Reception on April 26. Sunday, April 26 is Gerrit's last sermon with us before he retires. Come celebrate his 22 years with us at a combined 10.30 am service and special reception following. Let's express our gratitude for his leadership, preaching, and care for our church family. There will be no adult or children's Sunday school.

Today's Crawfish and Hot Dog Lunch Tickets. We have lots of hotdog plates (\$10 each) and a limited number of crawfish plates (\$20 each) available for purchase for those who have not pre-registered for lunch. Visit the Parlor after worship to purchase lunch. Those who already made a reservation may pick up a physical ticket in the Parlor.

Today's Egg Hunt Details. Children through 3rd grade are invited to participate in today's egg hunt immediately following worship. Those in pre-k and younger will hunt eggs in the playground next to the Gym. Those in kindergarten through 3rd grade will hunt eggs in the Courtyard.

Tour Our New Property Today. As part of our Palm Sunday festivities, tours will be offered of our new property across 8th Street recently purchased by the church under Tamarisk LLC.

Today Is the Last Chance to Win! Stop by the Connection Center and snap a quick, updated picture of you and your family for our online directory! Bonus: Everyone who uploads a new photo in March will be entered into a drawing for a First Presbyterian Church tumbler filled with goodies! Last Sunday's winners: Stacey and Tom Moore.

This Thursday, "Cursed Tree, Wondrous Cross" Service of Shadows. A multi-sensory, multi-media service of worship inviting all to consider the shimmering facets of the finished work of Christ Jesus on Calvary's cross. Join us in the Sanctuary at 7 pm on Thursday, April 2.

Festive Easter Sunday Worship. Join us April 5 at 6.30 am in the Terraced Garden (breakfast to follow), or in the Sanctuary at 9 or 11 am. Feel free to bring flowers to adorn the cross on North Blvd. There will be no adult Sunday school.

Prime Time Club Trip to Jefferson Island. The Prime Time Club (60+) is going to Prejean's Seafood, Jefferson Island and the Rip Van Winkle Gardens on Wednesday, April 15. Registration ends Tuesday, April 7 at 11.45 pm. Scan the code for details and to register.



April 3 Father/Son Hike This Friday. Join Colton and Daniel for a middle and high school Father/Son Hike on Friday, April 3! Meet at church at 9 am and caravan together to Clark Creek for a day of fresh air and fellowship. Please bring \$10/person and plenty of water. We plan to return to Baton Rouge around 3 pm.

Church Office Closed Good Friday and 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.



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Attention Parents of Seniors. Please send your senior's baby and graduation photos to Jessica (jessica@fpabr.org) by April 17. Senior Sunday is May 3.

VBS! Register As a Volunteer or Camper. Jerusalem Marketplace VBS is back! Dates are Monday, June 8 through Thursday, June 11. Visit fpabr.org for volunteer and camper details.

Nehemiah Now. Women's Ministry continues its journey through Nehemiah with a four-week study exploring how God still builds his Church today through unity, holiness, and Christ-centered leadership. The study meets on Wednesday and Thursday beginning the week of April 15. Visit fpabr.org for further details.

Volunteer for the Returning Hearts Celebration, May 16. Returning Hearts is a fun and Spirit-filled annual event where children and their Angola inmate fathers can begin to allow God's healing and reconciliation in their lives. Volunteers are needed! Visit 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.

Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in grateful appreciation of Rhonda and Gerrit Dawson's 22 year ministry at First Presbyterian Church, by Dadie and Princeton Bardwell.

Scripture for Next Week: Isaiah 25:6-9

Services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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