



April 2, 2023

Palm/Passion Sunday

10:30 a.m.

## Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, service, and program life of First Pres!

Please visit the church website: [www.firstpreesevansville.com](http://www.firstpreesevansville.com) to stay up-to-date on our ministry and service opportunities.

Please visit our Facebook page - [First Presbyterian Church - Evansville, Indiana](https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchEvansvilleIndiana). We hope you'll "like" us!

Please note that this service is being livestreamed on our website and Facebook page, and the recording will be posted to our [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/) channel.

### THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*\*You may rise in Body or Spirit.*

*Our service begins outdoors (weather permitting).*

#### **\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

One Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!

**All Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!**

One Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!

**All Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

#### **\*THE STORY OF PALM SUNDAY**

Matthew 21:1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you,  
gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

#### **THE SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE**

One Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**All Hosanna in the highest!**

**\*THE HYMN . . . no. 196**

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

*Valet Will Ich Dir Geben; Melchior Teschner  
Theodulph of Orleans*

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David’s royal Son,  
who in the Lord’s name comest, the King and blessed One.  
All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.  
All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.  
All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!  
All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

**\*THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(in unison)*

Holy God, sure of your faithfulness even in your dying, comforted by your compassion toward your people in every age, we beg your mercy for our imperfect gratitude. We have looked to you for paltry favors, when you have given everything. We have withheld from your people, our neighbors, and from your creation, our Earth, the care and tending they deserve. We have rejected the cornerstone you sent to build a people of righteousness even here, today.

Forgive our failings. Heal what we have broken, nurture what we have neglected, and lead us to your vision, so that we may know the peace of wholeness in you; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**\*THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**\*THE DELCARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*THE RESPONSE . . . no. 197**

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

*Ellacombe; Gesangbuch der Herzogl  
Jennette Threlfall*

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed ‘mid an exultant crowd,  
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;  
the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,  
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

“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 WORDS OF WELCOME

The Greetings Among the People of God  
The Announcements

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF LIFE

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE PSALTER LESSON

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

One Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.  
**All Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."**  
One Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.  
**All This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.**  
One I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.  
**All The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;**  
One the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.  
**All The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.**  
One Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success!  
**All Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**From the house of the Lord we bless you.**  
One The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine on us.  
**All With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.**  
One You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.  
**All Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.**

### THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9

The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue,  
to know the word that sustains the weary.  
He wakens me morning by morning,  
wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.  
The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears;  
I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away.  
I offered my back to those who beat me,  
my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard;  
I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.  
Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced.  
Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame.  
He who vindicates me is near.  
Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other!  
Who is my accuser? Let him confront me!  
It is the Sovereign Lord who helps me. Who will condemn me?  
They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.  
One The Word of the Lord.  
**All Thanks be to God.**

### THE ANTHEM

"Hosanna to the Son of David"

Tomás Luis de Victoria

*Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. O King of Israel: Hosanna in the Highest.*

### THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*Following the Children's Moment, those in PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> grades may go to Sunday School. Parents may pick up their children after worship from Room 104 in the education wing.*

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:  
 Who, being in very nature God,  
 did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;  
 rather, he made himself nothing  
 by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.  
 and being found in appearance as a man,  
 he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
 and gave him the name that is above every name,  
 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
 to the glory of God the Father.

One The Word of the Lord.  
 All Thanks be to God.

## THE SERMON

Rev. Anna von Winckler

"Hosanna, God Save Us"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

## A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

## \*THE HYMN . . . no. 215

*Wondrous Love; Walker's Southern Harmony*  
 American Folk Hymn

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!**  
**What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss**  
**to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**

**When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down,**  
**when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,**  
**Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!**

**To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;**  
**to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,**  
**while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing; while millions join the theme, I will sing!**

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;**  
**and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,**  
**and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and through eternity I'll sing on.**

\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,**  
**did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,**  
**but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.**  
**And being found in human form he humbled himself**  
**and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,**  
**so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,**  
**and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:**  
**Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

- *Philippians 2:5-11*

## THE MORNING OFFERING

The Invitation to the Offering

The Offertory

*Envelopes are available in the pew rack, or you may give online at [firstpresevoansville.com/giving](http://firstpresevoansville.com/giving)*

"Ave Verum Corpus" (K 618)

W.A. Mozart; arr. Richard K. Thurston

\*The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings . . . no. 606

*Old Hundredth*

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Thomas Ken

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*The Prayer of Dedication

The Choral Response

"The Lord Now Bless"

English Folk Melody; arr. Robert Nicholls

*The Lord now bless from heaven above and shine on you with radiant face;  
The Lord who heaven and earth has made illumine you with peace and grace.*

## THE PRAYERS

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Prayers of the People

One God of mercy,  
All hear our prayer.

The Silent Prayers

The Lord's Prayer (*in 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.**

## WE DISPERSE TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

\*THE CLOSING HYMN . . . no. 221

*Passion Chorale; Hans Leo Hassler*

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Latin, 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>C

**O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;  
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;  
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.**

**What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain:  
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;  
look on me with thy favor, and grant to me thy grace.**

**What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,  
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?  
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.**

\*THE SENDING AND BENEDICTION

## THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“When Jesus Wept”

William Billings

*When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound;  
When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.*

- Perez Morton

## THE POSTLUDE

“O Lamb of God”

Johann Sebastian Bach

### Leading worship this morning:

Pastor                      Anna von Winckler  
Liturgist                 Tracy Shaw  
Director of Music     Robert Nicholls  
The Choir of First Presbyterian Church  
The Flute Choir of First Presbyterian Church, Dick Bernhardt, Director

The flowers today are given by Marcia Meeks to the glory of God and in memory of Shirley Weber.

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## Happening at First Presbyterian Church

The First Pres Session continues to monitor local pandemic conditions and modify our **COVID safety protocols** as conditions warrant. **The current CDC Level is Green/Low**; thank you for practicing good public health.

We are pleased to provide the opportunity to help decorate our worship spaces for the celebration of **Easter by donating lilies and hydrangeas**. You may dedicate them in memory or in honor of someone special. The order deadline is Sunday, **April 2**. You may order your flowers by clicking [HERE](#) for the online form or by contacting the [church office](#).

As this Holy week draws to a close, we will observe **Maundy Thursday on April 6**. The evening's service will begin at **6:00 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall and include a simple soup supper and the service of Communion before moving into the Sanctuary for the service of Tenebrae. Plan now to bring a guest to this meaningful evening of worship.

We will gather on **Easter morning** for two identical worship services in the Sanctuary at **8:30 and 10:30 a.m.** We look forward to celebrating the resurrection, including Communion, with all First Pres friends and neighbors.

# Weekly Calendar

Elder of the Week: Mark Fox

## Sunday, April 2

- 7:30 a.m. Band Rehearsal
- 8:30 a.m. Wide Awake Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 5:30 p.m. First Light

5:45 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal

## Monday, April 3

## Tuesday, April 4

- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:45 p.m. Choir Teens
- 4:45 p.m. Handbells and Chimes

## Wednesday, April 5

7:00 p.m. Education Committee (Zoom)

## Thursday, April 6

- 4:00 p.m. Choir Beginners
- 4:45 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship


## Friday, April 7

Church Office Closed


## Saturday, April 8


10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

Providing **RELIEF** from natural disasters,  
**FOOD** for the hungry, and **SUPPORT**  
for the poor and oppressed.



PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: TERESA BIDART/CHILIBE, KATHY MELVIN, ALLIANCE FOR FAIR FOOD

 **MATTHEW 25**

 **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

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### February 22-April 9, 2023

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.

This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.



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- + Text OGHS to 91999 to give

