

**March 24, 2024; 9:00 am**  
Palm Sunday

## **We Gather Together (In Fellowship Hall)**

*Welcome to today's Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom, watching on our YouTube channel, or listening on the radio we are glad you are here. For those in person, please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. We extend a special welcome to our visitors, and if you have not already received your welcome gift, please pick one up as you leave the sanctuary after worship.*

**Opening Scripture: Mark 11:1-10 (CEB)**  
(page 47 in the pew Bible)

*Choral Reading  
by Handbell Choir*

When Jesus and his followers approached Jerusalem, they came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives. Jesus gave two disciples a task, saying to them, "Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'Its master needs it, and he will send it back right away.'"

They went and found a colt tied to a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. Some people standing around said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them just what Jesus said, and they left them alone. They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes upon it, and he sat on it. Many people spread out their clothes on the road while others spread branches cut from the fields. Those in front of him and those following were shouting, "*Hosanna! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest!*" Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple.

*As we process in making noise and shouting, please use one of the phases below, or something similar, and repeat until you are in the sanctuary:*

Hosanna!

Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

## **Processional Hymn PH 88 “All Glory Laud and Honor”**

*Refrain:*

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. [Refrain]

The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayers and anthems  
before thee we present. [Refrain]

To thee, before thy passion,  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise. [Refrain]

Thou didst accept their praises;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest,  
thou good and gracious King! [Refrain]

### **Welcome & Announcements**

*Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin*

#### **\* Opening Prayer**

*Pastor Craig*

Hosanna! Blessed is Jesus who comes in God’s Name! We stand at the gates of our Jerusalem and wave our branches high. We get caught up in the excitement of the parade. Jesus sits astride a donkey, a beast of burden bearing a most precious gift. Joy fills our hearts this day as we shout our Hosannas. Praise God for the wondrous ways in which our lives have been touched. Let us worship and celebrate this day!

**\*Call to Worship**

*Mary Bacon*

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone. Hosanna!

**Hosanna in the highest!**

The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. Hosanna!

**Hosanna in the highest!**

This is the day the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it. Hosanna!

**Hosanna in the highest!**

O Lord, save us. Hosanna!

**Hosanna in the highest!**

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

**Hosanna in the highest!**

The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine upon us. Hosanna!

**Hosanna in the highest!**

You are my God, and I will give you thanks. Hosanna!

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. Hosanna!

**Hosanna in the highest!**

His love endures forever. Hosanna!

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**\*Sung Response: GTG 268 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"**

*Laurie Christie, Cantor*

**\*Call to Confession**

*Mary Bacon*

*When the parade is over, do we pick up our lives, brush them off, and live in the old way? Do we toss our palm branches aside, so we can grasp the charm and appeal of the world? As we begin the journey through the holiest of weeks, let us speak the truth, as we confess to our God, praying together,*

**\*Prayer of Confession**

*Mary Bacon*

**Today we celebrate the parade of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Although we wave our branches and shout "Hosanna!", we have not always behaved as disciples. Too often we have wandered from the path of Christ and stumbled along on our own. Yet, here we stand, in the parade route, waving our branches. Have mercy upon us, God of Holiness. Help**

us turn our lives around and truly serve you. Help us understand the deep meaning of "Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the Name of the Lord!" We empty ourselves of everything which keeps us from following you.

*Silent Confession*

*(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)*

Save us Lord Jesus, **we welcome you into our hearts to transform us into the people you want us to be. AMEN.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the good news: "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...and became obedient to the point of death --even death on a cross." (*Philippians 2:6,7a,8b*) Through his obedience we are freed from whatever sin enslaves us.

**Thanks be to God!**

**\*Sharing God's Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!**

*(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula 'The Peace of Christ.' 'And also, with you.' Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. **We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.**)*

**\*Sung Response: GTG 582** "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

**God's Word Is Proclaimed**

**Psalm Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (Common English Bible)**  
(page 565 in the pew Bible)

Give thanks to the Lord because he is good,  
because his faithful love lasts forever.

Let Israel say it:

**“God’s faithful love lasts forever!”**

Open the gates of righteousness for me  
so I can come in and give thanks to the Lord!

**This is the Lord’s gate;  
those who are righteous enter through it.**

I thank you because you answered me,  
because you were my saving help.

**The stone rejected by the builders  
is now the main foundation stone!**

This has happened because of the Lord;  
it is astounding in our sight!

This is the day the Lord acted;  
we will rejoice and celebrate in it!

**Lord, please save us!**

**Lord, please let us succeed!**

The one who enters in the Lord’s name is blessed;  
we bless all of you from the Lord’s house.

**The Lord is God!**

**He has shined a light on us!**

So lead the festival offering with ropes  
all the way to the horns of the altar.

**You are my God—I will give thanks to you!**

**You are my God—I will lift you up high!**

**Give thanks to the Lord because he is good,  
because his faithful love lasts forever.**

**Epistle Reading: Philippians 2:5-11 (Common English Bible)**  
(page 197 in the pew Bible)

Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus:

Though he was in the form of God,  
he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit.  
But he emptied himself  
by taking the form of a slave  
and by becoming like human beings.  
When he found himself in the form of a human,  
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore, God highly honored him  
and gave him a name above all names,  
so that at the name of Jesus everyone  
in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow  
and every tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Children's Time**

*Jennifer Zander*

**Sermon:** "Lord, Save Us!"

*Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin*

**Sung response: GTG 264** At the Name of Jesus

**We Respond to God's Word**

*In response to God's Word and remembering all things come from God, we offer with thanks a portion of that which God has entrusted to us. The ushers will collect God's tithes and our offerings. For those who have given in other forms, there are cards in the pew racks that you may use as a tangible act of thanks. No matter what is physically offered back to God, may we spiritually place our hearts, and our very lives, in God's hands, to be re-shaped to further God's kingdom here on earth.*

**Offering Music:** “Let Happy Hosannas Ring” *by Tammy Waldrop  
Handbell Choir*

**\*Offertory: GTG 609** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”  
*(TUNE: Lasst Uns Erfreuen)*

**\*Offertory Prayer**

## **Prayers of the People**

### **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.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

**\*Sung response: GTG 197** “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude:** “Festival March on St. Theodulph”  
*arr. by Robert J. Hughes*

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## Looking Ahead

March 28	5:00pm	Warming Shelter – Deliver Meal
	7:00pm	<b>Maundy Thursday Worship</b>
March 29		<b>Good Friday Services</b>
	Noon	Church of Our Savior 63 S. Main St., FDL
	6:30pm	Church of Our Savior 63 S. Main St., FDL
	7:00pm	Church of Peace 158 S. Military Rd., FDL
March 31	7:45am	Easter Breakfast
	9:00am	<b>Easter Sunday Worship</b>
	10:15am	Fellowship Time – Celebrating New Members
	10:15am	Easter Celebration – Easter Egg Hunt

## PRAYERS

Brian C.  
Pat D.  
Gib D.  
Arnold L.  
Jesse F.  
Lizam A.  
Burt M.  
Marie L.  
Chastity G. and Joan S.  
Bob B.  
Wendy W.

\*Lynn K.  
\*Ashley K.  
\*Cathie  
\*Mike S.  
\*Karen & David H.  
\*Lorele C.  
\*Laura C.  
\*Qualine Stock

The names with an asterisk (\*) are not church members.  
However, a church member has requested they be lifted in  
prayer.

If you have a pastoral concern, that happens after office hours, please call the office (920.922.0425), press #2 for Pastoral Care.

If you have information or articles that you would like in the newsletter,  
please email them to the church office by March 27.

The newsletter will be published on April 1.

Email address: [fdloffice@fdlpresbyterian.org](mailto:fdloffice@fdlpresbyterian.org).



March Deacon of the Month  
Carol Smith

March Elder of the Month  
Mary Bacon

### **This Week at Church**

#### **Sunday**

9:00-10:00am

10:15am

10:15-11:15am

11:15am

6:00-7:30pm

#### **03.24.2024 Palm Sunday**

Worship / Palm Processional

Fellowship Time

Fishing Derby! (Fellowship Hall)

Last Lenten Lunch

Boy Scout Troop 702

#### **Monday**

10:00-11:30am

1:30-2:30pm

#### **03.25.2024**

Staff Meeting

Building & Grounds

#### **Tuesday**

6:00-7:00pm

#### **03.26.2024**

AA Meeting

#### **Wednesday**

8:00-9:00am

4:30-5:30pm

5:30-6:30pm

#### **03.27.2024**

Men's Breakfast

Bell Choir

Finance Team

#### **Thursday**

5:00pm

7:00-8:00pm

#### **03.28.2024 Maundy Thursday**

Warming Shelter - Deliver Meal

Maundy Thursday Worship

#### **Friday**

#### **03.29.2024 Good Friday**

*Church Office is Closed*

Area Services are indicated in 'Looking Ahead'

#### **Saturday**

9:00-12:00pm

9:30-11:00am

#### **03.30.2024**

Table Tennis

Easter Celebration Set-up

#### **Sunday**

7:45-8:45am

9:00-10:00am

10:15

10:15-10:45am

#### **03.31.2024 Easter Sunday**

Easter Breakfast

Worship

Fellowship Time – Honoring New Members

Easter Celebration - Easter Egg Hunt

Please take a moment to thank those who help make our service run smoothly. Because of them, we can worship God well.

### E-Giving

Consider giving electronically. It's easy, convenient, and secure. You can sign-up on our website [www.fdlpresbyterian.org](http://www.fdlpresbyterian.org). Click on 'Giving'. (You can change your giving at any time.) We are so very thankful for those of you who tithe or give regularly to our church. Your contributions help us do God's work.

### Weekly Statistics

DATE	ATTENDANCE	WEEKLY INCOME	NOTES
17-Mar	115 IN THE SEATS	\$2,228.00	OFFERINGS/TITHES
		\$1,000.00	"PAVE THE WAY"--OFFERINGS
03/11--03/15/2024		\$2,356.00	VANCO-ONLINE OFFERINGS
		\$10.00	"PAVE THE WAY"-VANCO 03/11--03/15/2024
		\$5,594.00	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK
3/17/2024	6 HOUSEHOLDS		6 HOUSEHOLDS VIEWED THE ZOOM SERVICE FOR 03/17/2024



We would like to form a softball team for our church to participate in the YMCA's fun and exciting Co-Ed Church Softball League! If you are interested in being on our church's team, please notify the Loving Team

**by April 15**

We also need someone to be the team captain.

**Age: 16 & up**

**Start Date: May 13th (NO game May 27th & July 1st)**

**Day/Time: Mondays - games begin at 6:00pm**

Thank you, The Loving Team

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Melissa Hierl  
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First Presbyterian Church presents the

**21<sup>st</sup>** ANNUAL  
MODEL  
TRAIN SHOW

**NOT TO BE MISSED!**

APRIL 13 - APRIL 14

**From the smallest Z-Gauge to the largest G-Gauge.**



**April 13**

10:00am-4:00pm

**April 14**

10:00am-2:00pm

- Free Admission
- Fun for all ages
- Food sold by the First Presbyterian Youth