



# First Presbyterian

## CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God

March 24, 2024

**Palm/Passion Sunday**

*\*Indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.*

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

TOWER BELLS

PALM PROCESSION

**HOSANNA! BLESSED IS JESUS WHO COMES IN GOD'S NAME!**

We are marching in the light of God.

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We are marching in the light of God.

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We are marching, marching, we are marching, oh

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

### WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118

The stone that the builders rejected

**has become the cornerstone. Hallelujah!**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us be glad and rejoice in it. Hallelujah!**

Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.

**From the house of the Lord, we bless you. Hallelujah!**

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

**With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession. Hallelujah!**

You are my God that has made your light shine upon us.

**You are my God and I will exalt you.**

**Hallelujah and Hallelujah!**

**Come, let us worship God.**

\*HYMN 91 (V.1-4)

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Ride on in majesty, O King. We join our voices with all the tribes and loudly hosanna cry. But Lord, we confess that the dust has barely settled to the road and the palm branches have not yet drifted to the ground before we turn our backs on this King and sing our praises and wave fresh branches to honor other kings and other gods in our lives.**

**And in doing so, we condemn the King of kings to the recesses of our minds and confused corners of our hearts as our raised voices of praise to false gods drown out your wisdom and your truth. Send your Spirit, O Lord, to guide us in the path of the true King and to provide the courage we need to pick up our own personal cross no matter how heavy, and follow this King into your glory. In Jesus' name we pray.**

*Silent prayer*

**Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

No matter how many times we turn our backs on the true King, the love and willing sacrifice of that King has purchased for us the love and forgiveness of God for all times. Trust in that love and forgiveness. Hallelujah!

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. Amen.**

### **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mark 11:1-11

Philippians 2:5-11

SERMON

I Love a Parade

Rev. Larry Van Hise

ANTHEM

Ave Verum Corpus

Mozart  
The Chancel Choir

*Ave, ave, verum corpus  
Aye, aye, true body*

*Natum de Maria Virgine  
Born of the Virgin Mary*

*Vere passum immolatum  
A truly sacrificial step*

*In cruce pro homine  
On the cross for man*

*Cuius latus perforatum  
The side of which is perforated*

Aqua fluxit et sanguine  
*Water flowed and blood*

Esto nobis praegustatum  
*Be prepared for us*

In mortis examine  
*In the examination of death*

In mortis examine.  
*In the examination of death.*

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Humbled by God's generosity, let us offer our gifts to God and God's ministries through Christ's church.

*Please leave your offering in the boxes at the front and rear of the sanctuary  
or make your gifts online or via mail.*

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious God, our offering seems all too small in relationship to the blessings from your heart and the grace that is provided to us through the love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Yet we make these offerings in your name and dedicate them toward furthering your Kingdom here on earth. Amen.**

### \*RESPONSE

Doxology

**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.**

### 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. 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 GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\*HYMN 98 (V.1-3)

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

SILENT BENEDICTION

*In silence we remove all elements of color and light from the sanctuary  
in remembrance of the days Jesus faced death.*

SERVICE ENDS

*Please leave the sanctuary in silence and reflection.*

Worship Leaders

Rev. Larry Van Hise

Gloria Snyder, Organist

Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director

The Chancel Choir

Amy Hilliard, Liturgist

Chris and Candy Gulotta, Coffee Hour Hosts

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