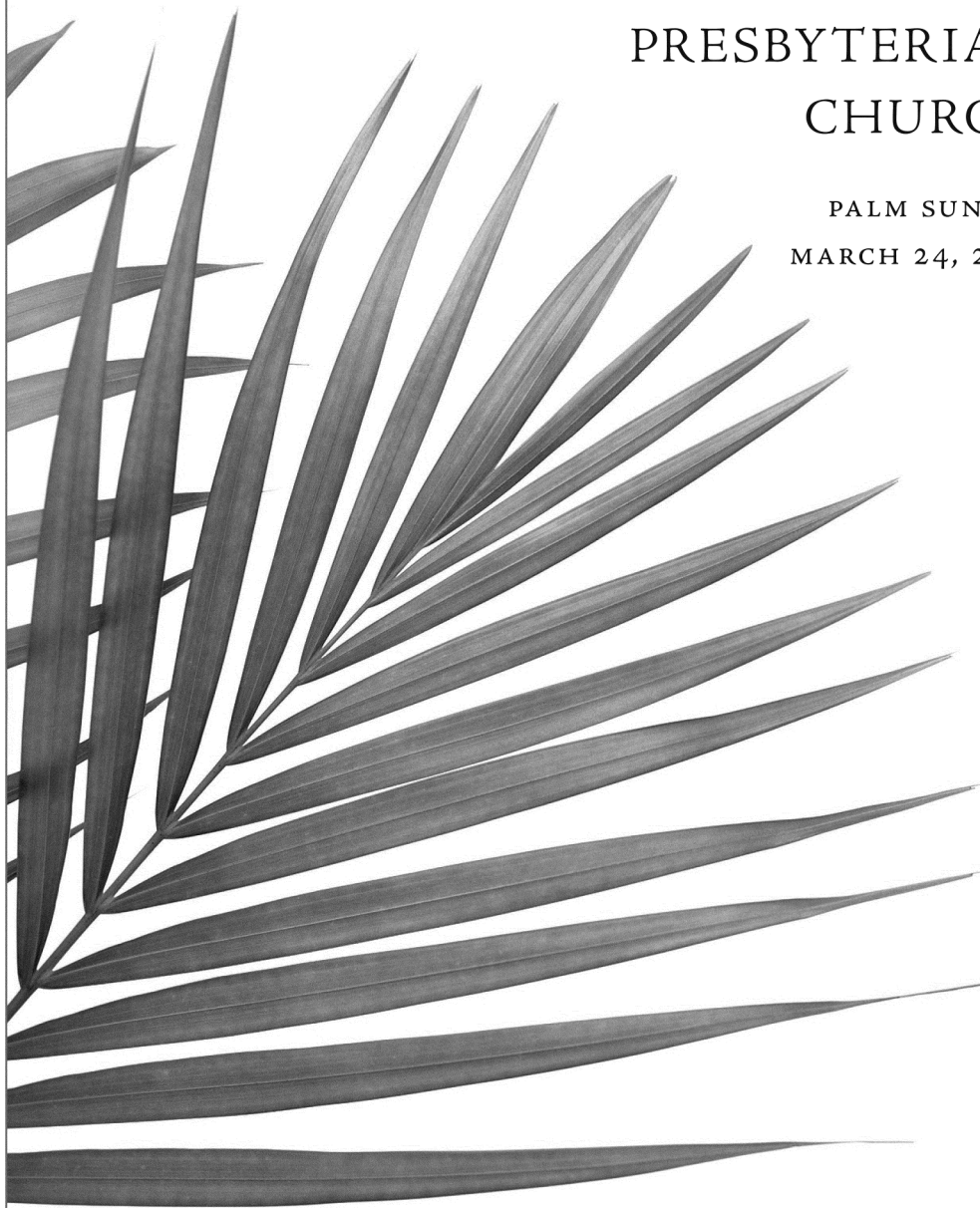


IMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 24, 2024



Who We Seek to Be

In our love for Christ and guided by God's Word we seek to be a community of

Joyful Worship, thoughtfully centered in the wonder and wisdom of the living God and celebrating the diversity of the body of Christ.

Loving Fellowship, encouraging and serving one another in the unifying love of the Holy Spirit.

Life-changing Learning, biblically-based preaching and teaching to equip children, youth, and adults to grow in their relationship with God.

Enthusiastic Service, reflecting the servant heart of Jesus as we proclaim the gospel near and far in word and deed.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: *Gather Us in Mercy, Lord*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Cantor/All repeat' and contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: 'Gath - er us in mer - cy, Lord.' The second staff is also labeled 'Cantor/All repeat' and contains the melody for the second line: 'From the depths we cry to you.' Both staves end with a double bar line and repeat dots.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

People: Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem.

Leader: Lo, your King comes to you;

People: triumphant and victorious is he,

Leader: humble and riding on a donkey,

People: on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

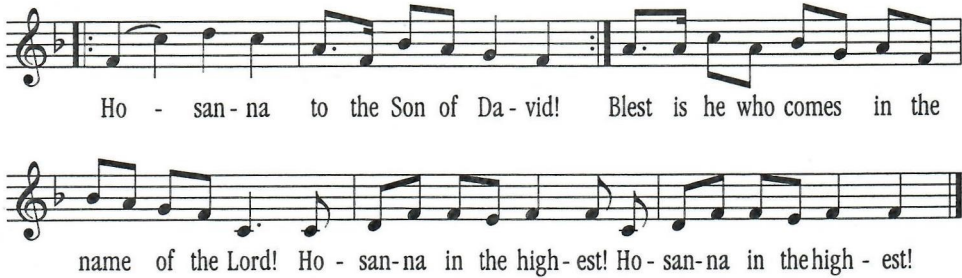
Based on Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26

* INVOCATION

(Please be seated.)

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

HOSANNA



Ho - san - na to the Son of Da - vid! Blest is he who comes in the
name of the Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Music: Alfred V. Fedak, from *The Glories of God's Grace*. © 1997, Selah Publishing Co., Inc. Kingston, N.Y. 12401.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*
(Wave palms during the hymn.)

HYMN 235

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

SHEROLL RITCHIE

Pastor: We confess that we come before the Lord with hands that are not clean,
with hearts that are not pure.

**All: We need forgiveness for our wavering obedience; we rely upon the Lord's
strength to keep our faith constant.**

Pastor: May God lead us to a deeper experience of his love. May he enliven us
by the familiar but always new story of shame and triumph, suffering and hope,
that this week reveals.

**All: May God mold us to the ways of the Servant whose life we honor
this morning.**

(adapted from *The Worship Sourcebook*)

SONG OF CONFESSION

Cantor *All*
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Cantor *All*
Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

Cantor *All*
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Christ, God answers us and sets us free! In Christ, we are forgiven!

* ACCLAMATION

All: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might to our God forever and ever. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

(Please share God's peace with those around you.)

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *God So Loved the World*

John Stainer
IMMANUEL CHOIR

God so loved the world,
that He gave his only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth, believeth in Him
Should not perish,
But have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world
To condemn the world,
But that the world
through Him might be saved.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

(Children 3 years through 5th grade go downstairs to continue their worship.)

* HYMN: *There Is a Redeemer*

Keith Green



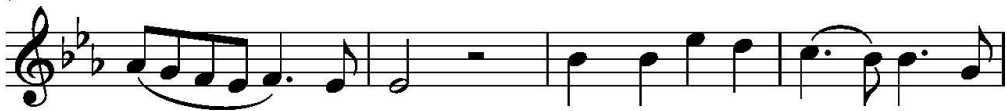
1. There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own
 2. Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all
 3. When I stand in glo - ry I will see His

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Son, _____ pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah,
 names, _____ pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah,
 face, _____ and there I'll serve my King for - ev - er,

7



Ho - ly One. Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for
 hope for sin - ners slain.
 in that ho - ly place.

11



giv - ing us your Son; _____ and leav - ing your

14



Spir - it 'til the work on earth is done.

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

(Please remain standing for the reading of God's Word.)

READERS: JIM AND DOTTIE MANN

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalm 118:1-2; 19-29*

¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

² Let Israel say:
"His love endures forever."

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of the righteous;
I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord
through which the righteous may enter.

²¹ I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.

²² The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;

²³ the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ The Lord has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.

²⁵ Lord, save us!
Lord, grant us success!

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
From the house of the Lord we bless you.

²⁷ The Lord is God,
and he has made his light shine on us.

With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession
up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will praise you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

²⁹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Mark 11:1-11*

¹ As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ² saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'"

⁴ They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵ some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” ⁶ They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷ When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

“Hosanna!

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

¹⁰ “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹ Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at every thing, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION: *Glimpses of His Glory*

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *Ride, Ride On in Majesty*
(Wave palms during the hymn.)

HYMN 237

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Prayers during Communion

Prayer to begin a new life in Christ

Dear God, I recognize Jesus came to earth to die on the cross for the sins of your people. I want to recognize now that he came to earth to die for *my* sins. I confess that I am a sinner in need of your grace and the saving blood of Christ. Please forgive me of my sins through the perfect sacrifice of your Son who died in my place. Jesus, come into my heart and change me from the inside out. Help me to truly repent from my previous way of living without you, and help me to surrender to your rule over my life as my Savior and Lord. Thank you for your Spirit that reveals to me the new life that I have in Christ and empowers me to walk in obedience to your truth and will for me. Amen.

Prayer for those struggling with sin

Merciful God, I am thankful that as your child I am not defined by my sin. Help me to walk in obedience to you in all areas of my life. Forgive me for the particular area(s) where I still succumb to temptation and disobey you. Help me to remember that in every area where I am tempted, your word promises that you will provide a way out of those temptations. Fill me with your Spirit, which working in me can do what I cannot do on my own. Help me to walk in obedience to your commands and also delight in them and your guiding words of truth. Please give me the courage to reach out to others in the body of Christ for strength and support when I am especially vulnerable. Amen.

Prayer for those wrestling with doubts and fears

Gracious God, even as your child I wrestle with the fact that your will for me is perfect and that you will supply all of my needs. Help me to set my mind on the truths of your word, and guard my heart when the enemy clouds my mind and heart with fear and doubt. Help me to rest in the peace and security of being your child, and by your Spirit testify with my spirit that I am yours when feelings tell me otherwise. Remind me of your love and delight in me as your child. Amen.

Prayer for those seeking freedom from their past

Almighty God, you have the power to set us free from the sins and entanglements of our past. Release me from the shackles of my past that I carry that you have released me from. Forgive me for holding my past against me in the ways that you do not, and enable me to grasp what it is for you to see me in the perfect righteousness of your Son, both now and forever. May your Spirit, the Spirit of liberty, liberate me from any thought or feeling that belies the fact that I am completely forgiven, or free to live the new life in Christ I have as your new creation. Amen.

Today

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Alethea Funck, Immanuel choir

If you have concerns or are **in need of prayer**, elder **Sheroll Ritchie** will be available to pray with you near the platform after the service.

6:00 - 8:00p.m.

Youth group

THIS WEEK

Tuesday

9:30 a.m.

Women's Bible Study
(childcare)

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Food Pantry open

7:00 p.m.

Men's Book Group

Thursday

6:30 p.m.

Symbolic Seder Supper

Friday

7:00 p.m.

Good Friday service

Sunday

9:00 - 10:10 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Breakfast
Easter Service

(Remember to bring bells to ring during the Alleluias and flowers to adorn the cross next Sunday on Easter morning.)

Note: The Food Pantry will be closed on Easter.

ELDERS

Katherine Anderson (*Clerk of Session*), Bill France, Larry Funck, Sarah Holman,
Ron Netzel, Carl Pickard, Sheroll Ritchie, Cathy Sayer, Steve Westfall

DEACONS

Phebe Balzer, Tim Curley, Seth Ehorn (*Chair*), Debby France, Ron Haydon,
Tom Nguyen, Joel Rose, Amy Treier, Kathy Wetters, Sharon Wolgemuth

STAFF

George A. Garrison, *Senior Pastor*; Annette LaPlaca, *Minister of Congregational Life*;
Mary Hopper, *Minister of Music*; Annika Durbin, *Children's Minister*;
Anna and Scott Scheidt, *Ministers to Youth*;
Barbara Lawrence, *Church Secretary*; Frank Lawrence, *Church Sexton*

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Bev Burch, Leon Sinclair, Angela Wisdom, Annette LaPlaca