

# *First Presbyterian Church*

Serving Christ in Milledgeville

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**Followers of Christ, called to serve our community  
and be an actively-engaging light to the world.**

We live into our faith, inspired by our worship, encouraged by our fellowship, empowered by our studies. As a Matthew 25 Congregation, we answer the call to provide food and shelter to those in need. As a More Light Presbyterians Congregation, we provide a safe and affirming worshipping community for LGBTQIA+ persons, celebrating the uniqueness and dignity of each person as they seek a home for their faith and confidence in the promises of God for them.

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

Jerusalem

Adrian Vernon Fish

PRELUDE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We are delighted that you have joined us this Lord's Day. If you'd like to learn more about our mission and ministry, we invite you to speak to the Liturgist or Minister. Restrooms & changing table are at the end of the hall to the left. Thank you for being with us!*

**GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD**

CHORAL INTROIT

*Jesus Is A-Coming*

Adapted Traditional  
FPC Youth

(from Psalm 118)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

**Congregation: God's steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected

**Congregation: Has become the chief cornerstone.**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

**Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

**Congregation: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

**Congregation: God's steadfast love endures forever! Let us worship God.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Anne Smart

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God, as we enter this Holy Week, renew our minds and spirits. Let the story of Jesus's entry into Jerusalem inspire us to welcome Him into our hearts anew. May the palms we wave symbolize our commitment to follow Him more closely, to live lives of service and compassion, just as He taught us. Guide us through this week to the joy of Easter morning. Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Luke 19:28-40

\*HYMN 196

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

CALL TO CONFESSION

*We cannot escape the sin and brokenness in our world or in our hearts. But in Jesus Christ, God comes and meets us in our brokenness and makes us whole again. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin together:*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.**

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

CHORAL RESPONSE

*Hosanna to the Son of David*

Robert Lehman

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul?*

GLORIA PATRI

HYMN NO. 581

**Glory be to the Creator, and to the Christ and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end!  
Amen, amen**

PEACE

*Prepare the Way, O Zion  
 Prepare the way, O Zion,  
 The King is drawing near!  
 Amid the hills and valleys  
 a straighter way is clear.  
 Behold the King of Glory,  
 foretold in ancient story,  
 Blest is the Christ who came,  
 In God's most holy name.  
 Hosanna, loud hosanna,  
 the crowds before him sing;  
 Hosanna in the highest,  
 Hosanna to the King;  
 The royal banners swelling,  
 Are heralds of his telling,  
 Blest is the Christ who came,  
 In God's most holy name.  
 To him shall prayer unceasing  
 and daily vows ascend;  
 his kingdom still increasing,  
 a kingdom without end.  
 He comes to break oppression,  
 to take away transgression,  
 Blest is the Christ who came,  
 In God's most holy name.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**illuminating God, shine your light through the darkness of this world into every corner of our hearts. As we read the many words of Scripture, may we recognize the presence of your one true Word, Jesus Christ, who bears your love into the world. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

PSALM  
 GOSPEL

Psalm 31:9-16  
 Luke 22:14-23:56

Pew Bible Page #  
 OT P 506  
 NT P 86

SERMON

\*HYMN 197

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Safiyah Abdullah

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Melba Burrell

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(based on Philippians 2:5-11)

**We trust in God, the source of all hope, even as we call on God to meet us in places of hopelessness. We commit to be disciples of Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself and was born in human likeness. 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 ever knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the father. Amen.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING



*Jesus tells us it is more blessed to give than to receive. May we who have received so much from the Lord give back as we receive the morning offering. You may present your offering at the front of the sanctuary, or if you prefer to contribute electronically, you can do so using the PayPal QR Code in your bulletin or visit our website at [fpcmilledgeville.org](http://fpcmilledgeville.org).*



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OFFERTORY

*My Song Is Love Unknown*

Mark Schweizer  
Elise Naber-Allen, flute

*My song is love unknown,  
My Savior's love to me;  
Love to the loveless shown,  
That they might lovely be.  
O who am I, that for my sake  
My Lord should take, frail flesh and die?*

*Christ came from heaven's throne  
Salvation to bestow;  
But people scorned, and none  
the longed for Christ would know:  
But O! my Friend, my Friend indeed,  
Who at my need His life did spend.*

*Here might I stay and sing,  
No story so divine;  
Never was love, dear King!  
Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my Friend, in Whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend.*

\*DOXOLOGY

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

**God, giver of all good gifts, we thank you for all that you have graciously poured out on us. As we begin Holy Week and walk the final steps to the cross, we give you thanks for the greatest of all gifts — the gift of yourself to your people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD**

LITURGY OF THE PASSION      Isaiah 50:4-9a

\*HYMN      *Beautiful Savior* (insert)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION      *Be Not Afraid*      Bob Dufford, SJ; arr. Theophane Hytrek, OSF

*mf a tempo*  
Be not a - fraid. I go be - fore you al - ways.  
*cresc. f*  
*cresc. decresc. mp Fine*  
Come fol - low me, and I will give you rest.

POSTLUDE

*Go to Dark Gethsemane*

Newman W. Powell

We welcome Safiyyah Abdullah to the pulpit today.  
The flowers today are given to the glory of God.

Liturgy written, in part, by Ginna Bairby and provided for free distribution by *The Presbyterian Outlook*.



**LIMITED MOBILITY**

Helen Danuser

**CHURCH FAMILY:**

Harry Beck, ongoing health concerns  
Nan Carpenter, ongoing health concerns  
Sunda Coleman, recovering from surgery after a fall  
Ellen Thompson, recovering from a broken hip at home

**EXTENDED FAMILY:**

Nannette Green Allen, childhood friend of Margaret Ivester with serious health issues  
Wesley Applebury, completed cancer treatments and showing no sign of the disease, attending seminary in Atlanta, **Columbia Theological Seminary, D. Wesley Applebury, Box 289, 701 S. Columbia Dr., Decatur, GA 30030**  
Mark Archer, Sunda Coleman's brother-in-law, hip replacement, recovering at home  
Michael Bledsoe, Mary Lucik's grandson, multiple health concerns  
Blake Connolly, Mary Lucik's great grandson, ongoing health concerns  
Taylor Croghan, Craig Callender's niece, EDS diagnosis  
Susan Eilers, Mary Lucik's friend, cancer  
Don Goggans, Elaine Goggans' son, stage four cancer  
Peter Hall, Gini Wilkerson's brother, ongoing health concerns  
Alonzo Kelley, Craig Callender's father, Stage 4 Melanoma  
Velma Kelley, Craig Callender's grandmother, ongoing health concerns  
Elizabeth Knobel, Carolyn Morgan's daughter, ongoing health concerns  
Donald Lucik, Mary Lucik's son, recovering from back surgery  
Charles Morgan, Jennifer Flory's father, ongoing health concerns  
Joanne Murphy, Kathy Carroll's mother, ongoing health issues- at Carlyle House in Macon  
Paul Orman, Barbara Orman's husband, ongoing health concerns  
Chris Pearson, Sunda Coleman's son, recovering at home; dialysis  
Renee Pearson, Sunda Coleman's daughter-in-law, diagnosed with congestive heart failure, at home  
Runette Pounds, Sunda Coleman's mother, ongoing health concerns  
Bob Smart, Anne Smart's husband, ankylosing spondylitis  
Windy Spaide, Craig Callender's sister, ongoing health concerns  
Randy Stewart, Haywood Edwards' son-in-law, ongoing health concerns  
Ike Thomas, ongoing cancer treatments  
Dudley Weathers, Anne Weathers' husband, at home in hospice care  
Wayne Woodard, Ruby Werts' brother, diagnosed with Parkinson's

**IN ASSISTED LIVING**

George and Nan Carpenter, PO Box 527, Jefferson, GA 30549  
Jude Hirsch, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place  
Nancy Holbrook, The Dublin Place, 504 Fire Tower Rd, Dublin GA 31021  
Maryanne Morris, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place  
Runette Pounds, Oaks at Lake Wildwood, Rm 109 Cherry St, 6191 Peake Rd, Macon, GA 31220  
Suzy Smith, The Haven 1061 Willow Run Rd., Unit 4, Greensboro GA 30642

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: April 13- April 20

Today	9:30	Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship
	<b>1:00</b>	<b>Easter Egg Hunt</b>
	1:00	The Bridge UMC Worship
	<b>5:00</b>	<b>PW Bible Study</b>
Monday	<b>6:30</b>	<b>PFLAG</b>
	7:00	Oconee Recovery Coalition
	7:00	MSG
Tuesday	9:30	Food Pantry & <b>Samaritan Ministry</b>
	12:00	Kiwanis
	7:30	Narcotics Anonymous
Wednesday	6:30	Wednesday Night Pot Luck and Bible Study
	6:30	The UMC Bridge Bible Study
Thursday	<b>6:00</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday service in Eatonton (Carpool meeting at 5:15 in FPC Parking lot)</b>
	7:30	Narcotics Anonymous
Saturday	<b>10:00</b>	<b>Decorating Sanctuary</b>
	7:30	Narcotics Anonymous
Sunday	<b>9:00</b>	<b>Flowering of the Lounsbury Cross</b>
	<b>11:00</b>	<b>Easter Worship with Communion</b>
	1:00	The Bridge UMC Worship



Nursery Schedule for April:

- April 13** Nancy Miller/Anne Smart
- April 20** Gloria Burns/Susan McGill
- April 27** Joel Burns/Melba Burrell



Please contact Anne Smart if you are unavailable on the date you are listed to serve.

Offerings in April	\$5,352.00
Anticipated April expenses:	\$21,100.00
(Monthly expenditures may exceed anticipated amounts)	



**Join us for worship in-person or online on Facebook Live every week.**

Sunday: 9:30AM **Zoom Sunday School Class**, we are studying *The Collected Sermons of Walter Brueggemann*  
[www.Zoom.com](http://www.Zoom.com), Meeting ID: 852 8172 1781  
 Passcode: 085809

**Fellowship Sunday School Class**, studying *Gospel Bound: Living With Resolute Hope in an Anxious Age* by Collin Hansen & Sarah Eekhoff Zylstra

10:15AM **Children's Sunday School Class**, singing, crafts and stories, meeting in the Craft Room Upstairs

Wednesday: 6:30PM **Wednesday Night Potluck and Bible Study**, studying *The Righteous Mind, Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion* by Jonathan Haidt, meeting in the Fellowship Hall

## All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.  
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

*to Refrain*

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

# 197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,  
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.  
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;  
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,  
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,  
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.  
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.  
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.



THE TRIUNE GOD

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Beautiful Savior

Münster Gesangbuch, 1677

Trans. by Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

Schlesische Volkslieder, 1842

Arr. by Richard S. Willis, 1819-1900, alt.

1. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands,  
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light,  
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
 Robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
 Bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd serve Thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

Light of my soul, my joy, my crown,  
 He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing,  
 Than all the an - gels in the sky,  
 Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU  
 5.5.7.5.5.8

THE SON

Praise to Jesus Christ