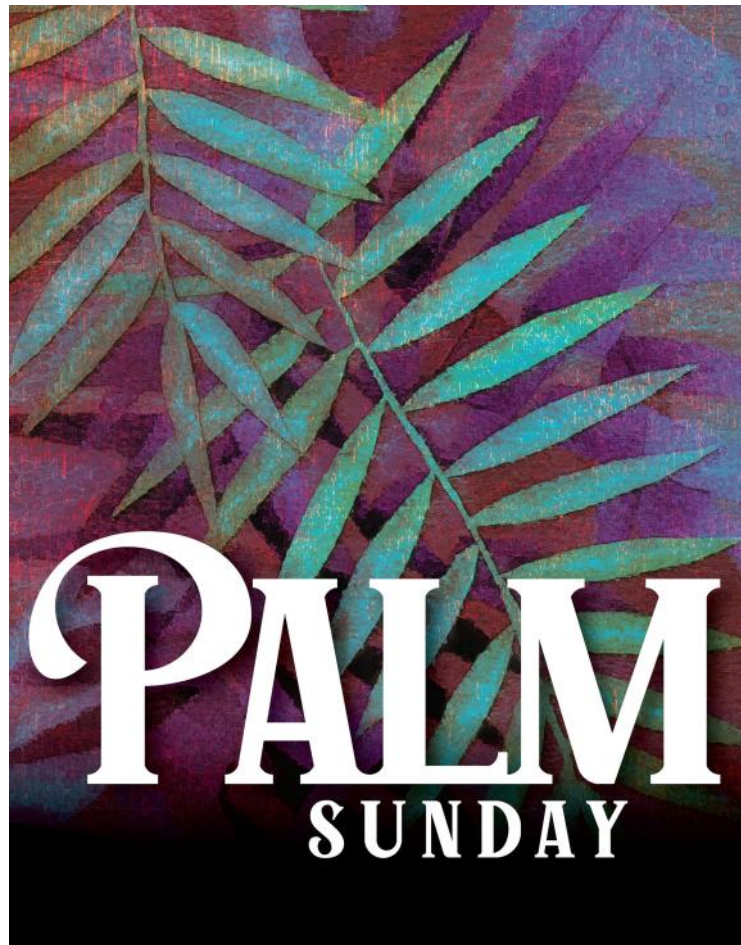


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Inspired by Scripture, guided by Spirit, and nourished by our life together, we seek to be a reflection of God's radical grace. We believe God's love models a world without walls; therefore, we provide a safe and affirming home where you are welcomed exactly as you are. No matter the color or your skin, who you love, your gender, or the unique ways your mind and body work, you have a place here. Following the way of Jesus and empowering one another to grow in faith, we commit to feeding the hungry, caring for those in need, and working for justice and peace in our community and the world—living out our confidence in the promises of God.

**March 29, 2026
Palm/Passion Sunday**

PRELUDE

The King Rides In

Lani Smith

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The spirit of God leads us into this holy season.

Congregation: We come to find our strength in God's grace alone.

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

CHORAL INTROIT

Hosanna! Hosanna!

David Hamilton

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Lift Him up, He is worthy of praise.

Hosanna! Hosanna!

We rejoice in the name that saves.

He is the One who is coming near!

Coming near! Coming near!

Lift up your voice now and let Him hear!

Let Him hear! Let Him hear!

We will praise Him, praise Him, praise Him -

For His love is always here!

Blessed is the One who comes,

In the name of the Lord Most High.

From His house we shout with joy,

Let His glory fill the sky!

Shine Your light—oh, shine it bright, shine it bright,

Let it fall on every heart.

(Paraphrase of Psalm 118:26-27)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: All are invited to the gates of righteousness.

Congregation: We will enter and give thanks to the Holy One.

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

Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

Leader: Hosanna in the highest!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you redefined greatness through the humility of Jesus Christ. As we begin this Holy Week, empty us of our pride and fill us with the mind of Christ, that we may walk the way of the cross with courage and sacrificial love. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 196** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we often seek the privileges of rank rather than the role of a servant. We prefer the white stallion of power to the donkey of humility. We have exploited our advantages and ignored the needs of our neighbors. Forgive us for our pride. Empty us of self-interest and shape us into the image of the one who became obedient to the point of death. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Hosanna, Prince of Peace

David Hamilton

*Hosanna, Prince of Peace,
You come to us in grace.
Forgive, restore, and lead us on,
And shape our hearts and ways.
In love you choose the narrow road
That brings us life through pain.*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Through the humility of the one who emptied the self for our sake, God's mercy is poured out upon us all.

Congregation: By the grace of Christ, we are set free from the power of pride and the weight of our sin.

Leader: Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God! In the name of Jesus Christ, we are called to new life.

*GLORIA PATRI

*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.*

*THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

**At this time young children may depart for the nursery.*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ANTHEM

Voices Rising

David Hamilton

*Voices rising—
rising in the morning light.
Branches waving—
waving in the crowded streets.

Hosanna—Hosanna—
Our Saviour, King, draws near—
Blessed is the One who walks among us,
Blessed is the One sent by the Holy Name.

He comes gentle—
gentle on a young colt's back.*

*He comes humble—
humble as the prophets sang.*

*Fear not, Zion—
fear not, daughter of hope.
Your King is coming—
coming just as promised.*

*Hosanna—Hosanna—
Our Saviour, King,...*

*And in silence—
watching without knowing all.
Only later saw—
saw the glory break the shadows,
saw the ancient words fulfilled.
(Paraphrase of John 12:12-16)*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT
NEW TESTAMENT

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Romans 5:6-8

OT 681
NT 155

SERMON

Rank has Its Privileges

*HYMN 198

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

MOMENT FOR HISTORY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO 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.



OFFERTORY

Beneath the Cross

David Hamilton

*Am I a stone, and not a sheep,
That I can stand, O Christ, beneath thy cross,
To number drop by drop Thy Blood's slow loss,
And yet not weep?
Not so those women loved
Who with exceeding grief lamented Thee;
Not so fallen Peter weeping bitterly;
Not so the thief was moved;
Not so the Sun and Moon
Which hid their faces in a starless sky,
A horror of great darkness at broad noon--
I, only I.
Yet give not o'er,
But seek Thy sheep, true Shepherd of the flock;
Greater than Moses, turn and look once more
And smite a rock.*

Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

***DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Holy God, you have given us every good gift. We offer back to you these tokens of our lives and our labor. Use them, and use us, to reveal the way of the cross to a world in need of your sacrificial love. Amen.

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 223**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Be Not Afraid

Bob Dufford, SJ
arr. Theophane Hytrek, OSF

Please join on the refrain as printed below. The choir will sing the verses.



POSTLUDE

O Sacred Heart

Johann Pachelbel

Acknowledgments: All liturgy is written by the Rev. Marianne B. Turner. All music used by permission. Special music for today's service was composed by David Hamilton and used with permission. CCLI License # 2910879



Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of Susan McGill's granddaughter Annie's second birthday.



All are welcome to join us for holy week worship!

Maundy Thursday Service

April 2 at 6:30 PM

Good Friday Open House

April 3 from 12:00-1:00 PM

Easter Sunday Service

April 5 at 11:00 AM

Offerings in March

\$ 19,663.72

Anticipated March expenses:

\$ 23,484.00

(Monthly expenditures may exceed anticipated amounts)

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: Mar 29-April 5

Today	9:45	Adult Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship
	12:00	Youth Group
	12:00	Sandwich Squad
Monday	7:00	Oconee Recovery Coalition
Tuesday	9:30	Food Pantry
	7:30	NA Meeting
Wednesday	10:00	Have a Mug with Mari
	6:30	Potluck & Study
Thursday	6:30	Maundy Thursday Service
	7:30	NA Meeting
Friday	12:00	Good Friday—Sanctuary Open
Saturday	7:30	NA Meeting
Sunday	9:45	Adult Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Easter Sunday Worship
	12:30	Bicentennial Play meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today is sandwich squad day! All are invited to make sandwiches and pack up donated materials to share with the community fridge at Midway Hills Primary.
- Don't forget to bring your flowers for the Easter cross next Sunday. You can cut pieces from plants blooming in your yard or grab a bouquet at the grocery store.
- Next week is food pantry donation day. Bring your dry goods to contribute during the first hymn. See the newsletter for suggested donations.
- We still need actors, narrators, and crew members for the bicentennial play. Contact Ruby Werts and Susan McGill for more info.
- Bicentennial Ornaments are available for sale before worship or in the Church Office. The cost is 1 for \$15 or 2 for \$25. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support the Bicentennial celebration in 2026.
- Are you interested in reading or sharing a moment in history about someone who was important in the life of this church? See Ruby Werts.
- The flower calendar is now on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. Please consider honoring or remembering someone with the gift of flowers for the sanctuary. Contact Becky (478-457-5349) for more information.

Greeters

Mar. 29: Margaret Ivester & Bill Werts
Apr. 2: Bradleys & Becky Humphrey
Apr. 5: Bradleys & Margaret Ivester

Liturgists

Mar. 29: Melba Burrell
Apr. 2: Jan Hoffman
Apr. 5: Jan Hoffman

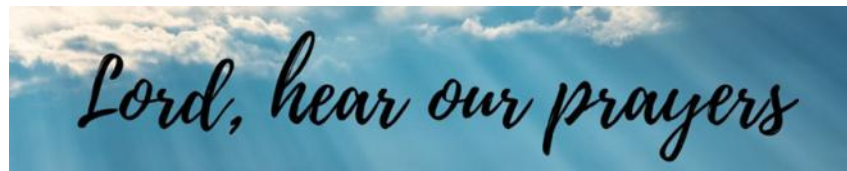
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VOLUNTEERS!

Nursery Volunteers

Mar. 29: Laurie Peebles/Gloria Burns
Apr. 5: Anne Smart/Nancy Miller

Communion Volunteers

Apr. 2: Nancy Miller, Laurie Peebles, Bill Werts, Becky Humphrey
Apr. 5: Susan McGill, Bill Werts, Becky Humphrey, Gloria Burns



CONDOLENCES

Deanna Bivins for the passing of her husband, Jack

CHURCH FAMILY:

Elise Naber Allen, recovering at home; newborn Eleanor; Andrew Allen, caregiver

Sherry Henry, recovering in Atlanta

Holley Cowan, recovering from surgery

Harry Beck, ongoing health concerns

Nan Carpenter, ongoing health concerns

Louise Sallstrom, ongoing health concerns

EXTENDED FAMILY:

Darryl Allen, Andrew Allen's father, ongoing health concerns

Nannette Green Allen, childhood friend of Margaret Ivester with serious health issues

Kathie Bishop, Mari Turner's mother, recovering from a stroke

Janice Pounds Bivins, Sunda Coleman's sister, in ICU in Macon

Kandace Allen Bivins, friend of Margaret Ivester, heart attack

Don Goggans, Elaine Goggans' son, stage four cancer

Elizabeth Knobel, Carolyn Morgan's daughter, ongoing health concerns

Charles Morgan, Jennifer Flory's father, ongoing health concerns

Joanne Murphy, Kathy Carroll's mother, ongoing health issues—at Carlyle House in Macon

John J. Murphy, Kathy Carroll's father, recovering from kidney operation

Chris Pearson, Sunda Coleman's son, awaiting an available bed in post-surgical rehab

Renee Pearson, Sunda Coleman's daughter-in-law, at home with health concerns

Bob Smart, Anne Smart's husband, ankylosing spondylitis

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 Woodward, Ruby Werts' brother, diagnosed with Parkinson's

IN ASSISTED LIVING

Nan Carpenter, PO Box 527, Jefferson, GA 30549

Jude Hirsch, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place

Laura King, The Cottages of Milledgeville, 1010 Fernwood Drive

Maryanne Morris, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place

Runette Pounds, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place

Louise Sallstrom, The Cottages of Milledgeville, 1010 Fernwood Drive

Suzy Smith, The Oaks Peake, 400 Foster Rd., A2, Macon, GA 31210

Frankie Holder, Pruitt Health-Marietta, 50 Saine Dr. SW-Room 215, Marietta, GA 30008

WORSHIP
with us

Join us in-person or online
on [Facebook Live](#) every week.

9:45 AM Sunday School Class (meets in the Betty Newton Campbell parlor), we are studying *The Bible With and Without Jesus: How Jews and Christians Read the Same Stories Differently* by Amy Jill Levine and Marc Zvi Brettler. Please contact Joel Burns joeldburns@gmail.com if you are interested in attending via Zoom.

Sunday: 9:45 AM Fellowship Sunday School Class (meets in small room next to office at end of hall), studying *Questions of Faith: A Practical Guide to Christian Faith* by Nicky Gumbel.

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

Sunday: 12:00PM Youth Group (Youth Room)

Wednesday: 6:30PM Wednesday Night Potluck and Bible Study- we are studying *Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America* by Ted V. Foote and P. Alex Thornburg, (meeting in the Fellowship Hall).



MORE LIGHT
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OFFICE HOURS

9am ~ 1pm Mon-Thur.



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!

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.

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! 198

1 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the
 2 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
 3 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of
 4 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur -
 pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and
 pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to

sues its road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
 now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 mor - tal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

This 19th-century Palm Sunday text is better understood as the reflections of someone standing outside the event rather than as coming from those participating in the actual procession. This poignant text is set to a tune written especially for it later in the same century.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 223

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

This familiar text from the beginning of the 18th century grew out of Isaac Watts's desire to give Christians the ability to sing about gospel events. It is set here to a very restrained tune from the early 19th century inspired by the patterns of Gregorian chant.