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Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026 @ 11:00am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE #198 "Ride on! Ride on in Majesty!" *arr. by Dr. Renee Huff – medley*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

INTROIT #199 "Filled with Excitement"

WORDS OF PRAISE

Psalm 118 selected verses

Scott Wilson

O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever!
Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.
This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.
We thank you that you have answered us and have become our salvation.
The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.
The LORD is God, and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.
You are our God, and we will give thanks to you; you are our God, we will extol you.
O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good,
God's steadfast love endures forever.

***OPENING HYMN #196** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

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First Presbyterian Church, Staunton, VA

Mission & Vision Statement

Adopted on September 10, 2024

We open our hearts and our doors to worshipping Christ in downtown Staunton as a visible witness to the Gospel.

We are called to be a congregation that...

1. Invites all people to faith in Christ.
2. Worships God in a vibrant community through discipleship, music, and fellowship.
3. Uses our resources, time, and talents in the service of the least of these.
4. Nurtures and strengthens those within and outside of our community.
5. Makes the best use of our historic downtown property to benefit others.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Unison

Almighty God, like your children of old, we gather with loud praises to Jesus on this day.

Yet, while our lips praise him, our steps have led us away from our savior.

Forgive us for living to satisfy our own desires, rather than walking in the way of the Messiah.

Empower us by your Spirit to stay faithfully with him in all circumstances, to the glory of your name.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

"Listen, the time has come at last. Look, now is the day of salvation!" Our savior arrives triumphantly to take away the sins of the world.

In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE #604**

"Lamb of God"

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 21:1-11

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

**"I Wouldn't Take Nothing for My Journey Now" Chancel Choir
by Rusty Goodman and Jimmie Davis**

SERMON

"Palms"

Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #197**

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Philippians 2:6-11

Unison

We believe in Jesus...

who, 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, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, 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 every 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal pg. 35

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Sharon Wilson

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Close to Thee"

Chancel Choir

words by Fannie J. Crosby, music by Silas J. Vail, 1874 trad.

***DOXOLOGY #606**

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

***CLOSING HYMN #221**

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

***BLESSING & SENDING**

Philippians 4:7

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding,

keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;

and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

remain with us always. Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Hosanna"

by Brooke Frasier © 2006 Hillsong Pub.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOME GOODS PANTRY On March 18, the Home Goods Pantry handed out 137 bags and assisted 349 individuals. The pantry totals for the first quarter are 407 bags handed out and 1062 individuals assisted. Thanks to everyone who made this possible!

PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON AT 2ND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH You're invited to a luncheon at 2nd Presbyterian Church today, Palm Sunday, March 29. All food will be provided!

AGAPE MEAL & MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE APRIL 2 You are cordially invited to our second annual Agape Meal "Love Feast" on Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 6:00pm in the library, followed by our Maundy Thursday worship service in the chapel. Details are provided in today's insert. We hope you can join us!

Prayer List

Please send out prayers for: Brian, Jennifer, and Forrest Knott; Robin Knott; Fay Knicley; Molly Cox; Mona Tate; Martha Manning; Jim Koi; Cindy & Randy Powers; Ruby Dowdy; Jill & Gerry Long; Josephine Colvin; family of Beverly Dunkin

Please contact Heidi in the church office or Pastor Jeff to have names added or removed from the prayer list.

Names will be removed after 6 weeks unless otherwise requested.