



First
Presbyterian
Church of Ann Arbor

PALM SUNDAY
April 13, 2025
8:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am Worship



Triumphant Parade
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8:30 AM WORSHIP | APRIL 13, 2025
Palm Sunday

** Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol,
and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.*

GATHERING

Welcome and Centering

*Call to Worship

On this day, Jesus marched

**in between the city walls and the Temple,
in between joyful Hosannas and doubtful whispers,
in between oppressive poverty and greedy power,
in between rampant fear and hope unfurled.**

On this day, Jesus marched in between what had been and what could be.

So may we meet Christ in that liminal space.

May we lay down our coats in that messy middle.

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in between!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Great Creator, forgive me

**when I speak before listening,
when I speak over my neighbor,
when I speak with barbed words.**

Creator God, forgive me

**when I listen to society,
when I listen to my friends,
when I listen to the news,
but I do not listen to you.**

Creator God, forgive me

**when I shout out, but do not shout your name,
when I listen, but do not listen for your voice.
Forgive me.**

Create in me a heart like yours....

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading

Luke 19:28-40

Meditation

David Prentice-Hyers

RESPONDING & SEALING

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Words of Institution

Communion

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Charge and Benediction

Passing of the Peace

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9:30 AM WORSHIP | APRIL 13, 2025
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GATHERING

Opening Voluntary *Jerusalem (as did those feet in ancient times)* C. Hubert Parry
FPC Orchestra

Pouring of the Water

Welcome and Life in the Church Melissa Anne Rogers

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*Hymn 196 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Call to Confession Mark Mares

Prayer of Confession

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Silent Prayer

Kyrie

Sally Ann Morris



God, we are sor-ry for what we have done and what we have failed to do. _____

Please sing 5 times

Stacie Barrett and Jillian Hopper, Liturgical Dancers

Assurance of Forgiveness

So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

We are seen. We are heard. We are loved. We are forgiven.

Not a day goes by that we ever walk alone. Hosanna in the highest!

Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Congregational Response

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways,

but do thine own part faithfully.

Trust the rich promises of grace;

so shall they be fulfilled in thee.

God never yet forsook at need

the soul secured by trust indeed.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A Conversation with Young Disciples

Nathaniel Fryer

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,

friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 19:28-40

The grass withers, the flower fades;

The word of the Lord endures forever.

Sermon

David Prentice-Hyers

RESPONDING

*Hymn 160

A Stable Lamp Is Lighted

ANDUJAR

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates
Chancel Choir

William Mathias

Lift up your heads, O ye gates,
And be ye lift up ye everlasting doors,
And the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty,
The Lord mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, O ye gates,
And be ye lift up ye everlasting doors,
And the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Tommy Langejans

Prayers of the People and 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.

SENDING

*Hymn 198

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

ST. DROSTANE

*Charge and Benediction

Choral Response

God to Enfold You
Chancel Choir

John Bell

God to enfold you, Christ to uphold you,
Spirit to keep you in heaven's sight;
So may God grace you, heal and embrace you,
Lead you through darkness into the light.

Closing Voluntary

Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross
FPC Orchestra

arr. Camp Kirkland





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GATHERING

Opening Voluntary

Pouring the Water

Welcome & Centering

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Leader: On this day, Jesus marched

Side A: in between the city walls and the Temple,

Side B: in between joyful Hosannas and doubtful whispers,

Side A: in between oppressive poverty and greedy power,

Side B: in between rampant fear and hope unfurled.

Leader: On this day, Jesus marched in between what had been and what could be.

Side A: So may we meet Christ in that liminal space.

Side B: May we lay down our coats in that messy middle.

Leader: Hosanna in the highest!

All: Hosanna in between!

***Opening Hymn 196**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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Forgive me. Create in me a heart like yours....

Silence is kept.

Assurance of Grace

Passing of the Peace

As you pass the peace, you are invited to take a moment and share with one another about what helps you stay focused or feel safe when things are hard.

Congregational Response 582

GLORY TO GOD

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end, Amen. (3x)
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination 288 *Spirit of the Living God*

LIVING GOD

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

Scripture Readings

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Luke 19:28-40

Sermon

Mark Mares

RESPONDING

Response Activity

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn 100 *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout* STAR OF COUNTY DOWN

*Benediction

...we go out in peace, **to love, to serve, to imagine.**

Closing Voluntary

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CARRYING WORSHIP WITH US

1) Reflection opportunity: The season of Lent, a time to remember God's faithfulness and love for us, is coming to a close. How have you experienced glimmers of God's love during Lent?

2) Opportunity to do something: Not everyone praises God with words or songs, but, all people can praise God without words! This week, praise God without words through art, dance, silent prayer, serving others, or just by being your unique self.

3) Opportunity to pray: God of celebration, your life-changing love cannot be shushed or hidden. All creation sings and dances with you! Your love is soft and loud, gentle and strong, calm and wild. Inspire us to sing with the earth; empower us to dance with the trees. Amen.

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive and diverse faith community, led by the Holy Spirit, who welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds to come together to explore, nurture, and deepen their faith. Through worship, shared discussion, participation, and service, we aim to make God's love visible in our congregation, community, and world.

NEW TO FIRST PRES?

We are so thankful that you have joined us today for worship. We would love to get to know you and help you get to know us. Please sign the Friendship Pad. Sign it then pass it down to others. Interested in membership? Contact Rev. Rogers, mrogers@fpca2.org.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP & CHILDCARE

Age-appropriate worship activities and books are available as you enter the sanctuary or Monteith Hall. We also offer childcare from 9:15 am to 12:15 pm for children ages 5 and younger on the First Level. Ask an usher for directions.

PRAYER

If you would like someone to pray with you, stop by the Prayer and Compassion Room after the 9:30 am service. Elders, Deacons, and Stephen Ministers are always there to assist those seeking prayer.

GIVE

In response to God's generosity, we give generously of ourselves, our time, and our resources. These gifts sustain the work and outreach of this congregation to Make God's Love Visible. You can give at any time through our online giving portal or by calling the office at 734-662-4466 during business hours.

Leading in Worship

LEADING IN WORSHIP

8:30 AM WORSHIP

Rev. David Prentice-Hyers

9:30 AM WORSHIP

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Rev. Nathaniel Fryer

Rev. Tommy Langejans

Rev. Mark Mares

Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers

David Wright, Lay Reader

11:30 AM WORSHIP

Rev. Mark Mares

Rev. Nathaniel Fryer

MUSICIANS

9:30 WORSHIP

Chancel Choir

FPC Orchestra

Michael Haithcock, *FPC Orchestra Conductor*

Lemon Chapel Singers

Shayla Powell, *Lemon Chapel Singers Director*

David Hufford, *Organist*

David VanderMeer, *Minister of Music and Fine Arts*

11:30 AM WORSHIP

Joshua Marzan, *Pianist*

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Today in Faith Formation

ADULTS _____

10:45 AM

EXPLORING THE FAITH

**Listening for the Heartbeat of God:
A Quick Look at the Celtic Spirituality
of J. Philip Newell**

Speaker: David Prentice-Hyers

Host: David Yntema

Lewis Room

EXPLORING THE BIBLE

The Parables of Jesus

Host: Ed Koster

French Room

FIRST FRIENDS

**Christianity and World Religions:
Judaism**

Host: Carole Pawloski

Curtis Room

FOLLOW ME

Affirm People Who Are Marginalized

Room 102

CHILDCARE & NURSERY _____

AGES 5 AND YOUNGER

9:15 AM to 12:15 PM | Room 101

CHILDREN & YOUTH _____

10:45 AM

K-1ST GRADE

Jesus is King

Room 302

2ND - 5TH GRADE

Follow Me - Honor God's Diversity:

See the Image of God in All

Rooms 303, 304

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6TH-8TH GRADE)

Follow Me: Celebrate and Respect

God's Diversity

Lower Level 4

HIGH SCHOOL (9TH-12TH GRADE)

Follow Me: Celebrate and Respect

God's Diversity

Lower Level 1

Calendar

TODAY

- 8:30 am **Worship with Communion** | Monteith Hall
- 9:30 am **Social Hour** | Welcome Center
- 9:30 am **Worship** | Sanctuary
- 10:30 am **Social Hour** | Social Hall
- 10:45 am **Faith Formation for All Ages** | Classrooms
- 10:45 am **Fast Track to Membership** | Lead Pastor's Study
- 11:30 am **Worship** | Monteith Hall
- 2:00 pm **Lenten Walk** | UM Arboretum (meet at the church)
- 3:00 pm **Lenten Program: Healing from Hurt** | Lewis Room
- 3:00 pm **Young Adults Lenten Walk** | Barton Nature Area
- 6:00 pm **Youth Group** | Youth Room
- 7:00 pm **Small Group Bible Study** | Wahl home. Contact: cgwahl@umich.edu

THIS WEEK

- Wed April 16 **Barclay Bible Study** | 10:30 am | Vance Room
- Thur April 17 **Maundy Thursday Service** | 7:00 pm | Sanctuary
- Fri April 18 **Men's Study Group** | 8:45 am | Curtis Room
- Fri April 18 **Good Friday Service** | 7:00 pm | Sanctuary
- Sat April 19 **Peeps & Pizza** | 10:00 am | Social Hall

Announcements

CARE



**BLOOD DRIVE
SIGN UP**

Blood Drive

**MONDAY, APRIL 21
12-6 PM, MONTEITH
HALL**

First Pres will once again be sponsoring a blood drive with the American Red Cross on

April 21. Sign up in the Social Hall today or April 20 (Easter Sunday) immediately following the 9:30 AM service. For questions, please reach out to the parish nurses: parishnurse@fpca2.org

*Please note that the church building is closed for church business on Easter Monday and will only be serving as a blood drive site. *

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Peeps & Pizza

**SATURDAY, APRIL 19
10 AM - 12 PM**

Join us for a fun-filled Easter celebration on Saturday, April 19. Everyone can create their own artistic masterpiece of a Bible story using Peeps, a shoe box, and craft supplies. Afterward we'll have an egg hunt for kids and then enjoy pizza together. A \$5 per person/\$20 per family donation is suggested to help with pizza costs. Please help us know how much pizza to order by registering at fpca2.org

Summer Music & Fine Arts Camp

JULY 28–AUGUST 1

Rising 2nd - 9th graders are invited to join us for an exciting week at our Summer Music & Fine Arts Camp, featuring the musical Elijah. Camp runs daily from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm, culminating in a special Musical Proclamation during worship on Sunday, August 3. Register: fpca2.org

MATURE MINISTRIES

Tiles, Tastes, and Treasures: A Day in Detroit & Hamtramck

**TUESDAY, APRIL 22
9 AM - 4:30 PM
COST: \$90 PER PERSON**

Join us for a special trip to Pewabic Pottery in Detroit! Enjoy a guided tour of the historic studio and create your own Pewabic tile. Afterward, we'll head to Hamtramck for a Polish feast at Polonia Restaurant, a stop at New Palace Bakery, and a visit to Hamtramck Disneyland folk art installation. Register: fpca2.org/trips

MISSION

Habitat for Humanity – Volunteers Needed!

The House of Faith build is back, and First Pres is looking for volunteers! This year's house is at 423 Ainsworth Circle, Ypsilanti, and we have multiple opportunities to serve:

Build Days: May 10, and August 9 (9 AM–4 PM)

Lunch Providers Needed: May 10 (deliver by 11:45 AM)

Important: Volunteers must be 18+ (16+ with an adult). Sign up is required by the Monday before your shift.

Space is limited, so please show up if committed!

Sign up here: <https://givepul.se/whyidq> (Access code: 1stPresAA)

Mission Partnership Tour:

Alpha House

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Join us for a special Local Mission Partnership Tour at Alpha House in Ann Arbor! This is a great opportunity to see firsthand how this vital organization supports families experiencing homelessness. Come learn about our church's partnership with Alpha House, hear inspiring stories, and discover ways to get involved. Register: fzca2.org

Mission Partnership Tour: House by the Side of the Road

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Join us on Wednesday, April 30, for a special tour of House by the Side of the Road, one of our local mission partners. This vital organization provides clothing and household essentials to neighbors in need throughout Washtenaw County. Come see their impact firsthand and learn how you can support their work. Register: fzca2.org

Sack Lunch Assembly for Hope Clinic

SATURDAY, MAY 3

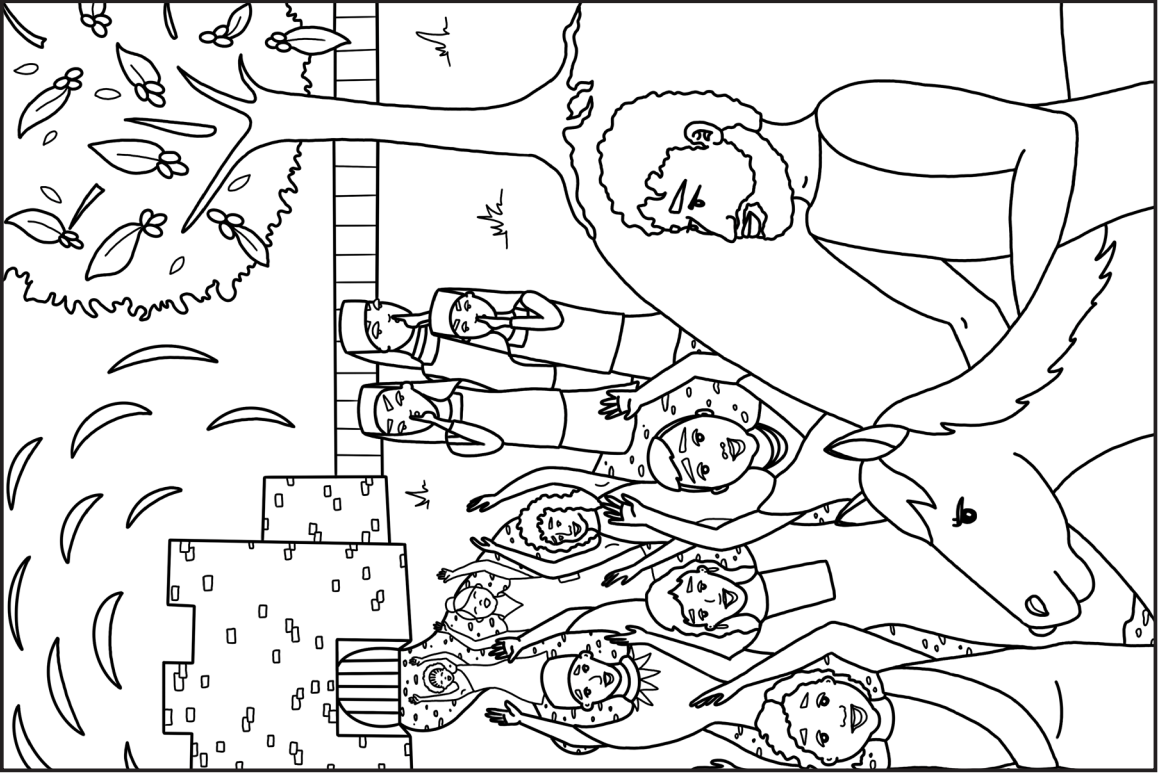
10 AM, SOCIAL HALL

Donate items and assemble sack lunches for Hope Clinic, providing nutritious meals to those in need. Sign up online at fzca2.org.

Worship Activities

LUKE 19:29-40
Jesus enters Jerusalem

Color in the story of the Triumphal Entry. | Illustration by Rev. Anna Strickland



Find the words from scripture when you hear them spoken in worship. Words can be vertical, horizontal, and diagonal, and they can overlap each other.

F W R K E X P K O J N L R I X
 K V N D N U O F E V J G I N Y
 S E L P I C S I D H J O T D E O
 I P M D I H L B Y R T S E D M
 Z S E V I L O Y R T S E E U J
 A F U L U H S I R I T S N T O
 B M N B C G Q U Z S O B G L T Y
 E E T K K M N Z I S E L F O L U
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- BRING
- CLOAKS
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- DISCIPLES
- ENTER
- FOUND
- GLORY
- GOD
- HEAVEN
- JESUS
- JOYFULLY
- MULTITUDE
- OLIVES
- RIDDEN
- SAYING
- SENT
- SHOUT
- SILENT
- STONES
- UNTIE

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HOLY WEEK & Easter

at First Presbyterian



APRIL 13, 2025

PALM SUNDAY

8:30, 9:30, & 11:30 am Worship

Celebrating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and hearing the Passion narrative.



APRIL 17, 2025

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 pm Worship

Join us for a Maundy Thursday service of communion and remembrance as we reflect on Jesus' final meal with his disciples.



APRIL 18, 2025

GOOD FRIDAY

7:00 pm Worship

Join us for a Tenebrae service, where we remember Christ's crucifixion through scripture, music, and the gradual extinguishing of light.



APRIL 19, 2025

PEEPS & PIZZA EGGSTRAVAGANZA

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

A fun Easter celebration featuring Peeps dioramas, an egg hunt, and pizza. Register at fpca2.org



APRIL 20, 2025

EASTER SUNDAY

7 am Sunrise Service

Circle Terrace

9:30 & 11:30 am Worship

Sanctuary (livestream at 9:30 AM)

Pre-service music will begin 15 minutes before the 9:30 and 11:30 am services. Overflow seating will be available in Monteith Hall.

You are invited to bring fresh flowers to place on the Easter cross that will be located outside the front Sanctuary doors.