



# First Presbyterian Church



## Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026, 11:00 AM

\* Indicates that those who are able may stand

**Bold type is spoken by the people.**

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

*Wayne L. Wold*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Ben Marsee, Liturgist*

ONE: What will we lay down as Christ passes by?

**ALL: We have no cloaks today, but we will lay down our hearts, our hopes, and our lives.**

ONE: As the crowds in Jerusalem cried out long ago, we echo,

**ALL: Hosanna! Save us! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!**

\*OPENING HYMN: All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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### CALL TO & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE Christ comes to the center of our busy, conflicted lives. He comes in triumph and humility. He comes in glory and in mercy. He comes knowing the best of who we are, and he comes knowing our worst. Trusting in God's grace, let us make our confession, saying...

**ALL: Christ our Redeemer, try as we might, we do not follow your example. We do not empty ourselves, we do not humble ourselves, we are not obedient. You simply ask us to care about this world you created, but we fail to do even that. Forgive us. You have given us the greatest, clearest example of love. Heal us, and help us to follow.**

### SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

\*RESPONSE HYMN: Lord Have Mercy Upon Us

**#575**

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: Even in the face of hatred and violence, we know that Christ loves us. Even when enduring death, Christ cares for us; Christ forgives us.

**ALL: Thanks be to the God of mercy.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

#581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen!

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Rev. Michael McLaughlin*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 21:1–11

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SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29

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ONE: We proclaim Christ crucified—the wisdom and power of God.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: Ride On, King Jesus - Traditional Spiritual

*Larry Shackley, arr.*

*Beverly Cardinal and Paul Thurmond, piano*

Ride on, King Jesus! No man can a-hinder me.

Ride on, King Jesus, ride on! No man can a-hinder me.

King Jesus rides on a milk-white horse, no man works like Him.

The river of Jordan He did cross, no man works like Him.

He is King of kings, He is Lord of lords.

Lord Jesus Christ, the first and last, no man works like Him.

He comes for you, and He comes for me, no man works like Him.

He comes to set His people free, no man works like Him.

SERMON

*Rev. Michael McLaughlin*

\*SERMON HYMN:

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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COMMUNAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*GREETINGS

After an exchange of Peace between the Pastor and the Congregation, we encourage you to greet one another. The Greetings will conclude with the first verse of *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*.

ONE: ...The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**ALL: And also with you.**

ONE: Let us pass the peace...

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

**#306**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ONE: ... Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

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.**

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY:

Prelude, Op. 48, No. 2

*Alexander Scriabin*

OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY

**#606**

**ALL: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN:

A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd

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\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*Malcolm Archer*

# REGULAR WEEKLY CALENDAR

## SUNDAY

- **Higher Grounds Café** – 9:30am-11am, in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Religion & Culture Class** – 9:30am-10:30am, in room 6.
- **Faithful Living Class** 10am-10:45am, in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Adult Morning Bible Study** – 10am-10:45am, in the Library
- **Worship Service** – 11am, in the Sanctuary
- **Nursery** – 9:30am-12:15pm - Ages 5 and under.
- **Children’s Church** - 11:15am, in Room 16.

## WEDNESDAY

- **Wednesday Night Gathering** – Dinner 5:15pm, Study of Psalms 6pm, Fellowship Hall.
- **Choir Rehearsal** – 7:30pm, in the Sanctuary.

## ELDERS:

2026: Cade Arnold, Josh Doré  
2027: Sidonie Sansom, Dee Tompkins  
2028: Ben Marsee, Donna Simpson

**CLERK:** Chris McCormick

## DEACONS:

2026: Michelle Doré, Ron Ledbetter, Stacey Trent  
2027: Kelly Appleton, Ann Hayes, Tony Lawson,  
Colleen Mestayer, Gabrielle Pate, Shelley  
Wiley  
2028: Missy Moore, Liz Tompkins, Pat Wilhelm

## BIRTHDAYS:

Sansom, Sidonie 3/02  
Winscott, Mary 3/06  
Samon, Matthew 3/08  
Rory Womack 3/11  
Dore, Jensen 3/12  
Neil, Richard 3/12  
Trent, Stacey 3/17

Weidner, Heidemarie 3/17  
Pelren, Alana 3/19  
Burgess, Willa 3/24  
Pate, Pam 3/24  
Butler, Ginny 3/25  
Scott, Erica 3/27

## STAFF:

The Rev. Michael D. McLaughlin.....Pastor & Head of Staff  
The Rev. Katie Long.....Dir. TTU PSA, Community Life Minister  
Paul Thurmond..... Director of Music  
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