



Palm Sunday Worship

April 13, 2025

Draw near to God

for God is waiting for you

* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able

italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation

PRELUDE

Come, You Faithful, Rise the Strain

Paxton

CHANCEL DRAMA

Wave Your Branches by Tracy Wells

Sharon Ruth and Kevin Young

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna! Rejoice for the Lord is in our midst.

He comes with joy and hope.

He comes to set us free from fear.

Hosanna!

Hosanna! Glory to God in the Highest Heaven.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Lord Jesus Christ, on the first Palm Sunday you entered the rebellious city where you were to die. Enter our hearts, we pray, and subdue them to yourself. And as your disciples blessed your coming and spread garments and branches in your way, make us ready to lay at your feet all that we have and are, that we too may bless your coming. In the name of the Lord. Amen.

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

1. All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One

2. All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.

3. All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to thee now high exalted, our melody we raise.

4. All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!

CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS

Patient God, we confess that we love a parade. We are very happy to see banners waving and hear people shouting their praises. Our hearts thrill to the spectacle. But we fail to see the sadness on the face of the Savior; our shouts block out his sorrow. He comes to us as King, and we expect that royal treatment will follow. We do not and cannot believe that in a few days we will be among those who will turn our backs and run from his presence. How fickle we are, O Lord. Yet you continually forgive us

and call us to turn our lives around--to see the needs of others, to reach out in trust and faith, to be willing to witness to your good news of saving love. Heal our hearts and give us courage for the days ahead; for we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING

... Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.

****GLORIA PATRI***

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. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 2:5-11

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

****HYMN #197*** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

2. From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and changing clear and loud; the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

3. "Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 19:28-40

SERMON The Need for Donkeys

CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP

OFFERTORY

****DOXOLOGY***

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

What can we offer that you have not already offered us? What can we do that you have not already done for us? Lord Jesus Christ, in your gifts to us, you have provided us the way to live and serve you. In both your triumph and your suffering, you deserve our praise. Through the gifts we now offer, we express our longing to serve and to follow wherever you go. Amen.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

INVITATION TO THE 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.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS (please hold the bread and then the cup until we all commune together showing our unity in Christ.)

UNISON PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

***HYMN #198** Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

1. Ride on! ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry;
thy humble beast pursues its road with palms and scattered garments strowed.

2. Ride on! ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.

3. Ride on! ride on in majesty! The hosts of angels in the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.

4. Ride on! ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Living God

Broughton

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PALM SUNDAY April 13, 2025

This week, the carillon is in memory of Anne C. Klair. Anne lived in Buckingham Valley and was the mother of Nancy Klair Smith.

TODAY IS APPORTIONMENT SUNDAY: Each year all PCUSA congregations are assessed a per capita amount based on membership. This amount is \$37/member. All members can help by making this donation so that it doesn't have to be taken from our operating budget. Apportionment money will be taken with the offering or on our Website. Please indicate on your check or envelope "Apportionment."

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: Donations continued to be received throughout the season of Lent. The final offering will be on Easter Sunday.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: Sign up sheets are in Fellowship Hall. This will give us an idea of how many to expect for dinner.

EASTER FLOWERS: Easter Flower donation forms can be found in Fellowship Hall. Complete the form and return to the church office no later than April 13. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

EASTER BREAKFAST: A tradition at Forest Grove is to all gather at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall while we enjoy breakfast together on Easter morning. Sign-up sheets can be found in Fellowship Hall.

CPR CLASSES- It's a win-win! Want to learn CPR, and donate to church at the same time? CPR and First Aid training will be held *on Thursday April 24th 6PM*. The CPR class is 2 hours, but those who would also like First Aid training may opt to stay for a 3rd hour. Whether renewing certification (this expires after 2 years) or taking a class for the first time, this basic class is low key and encouraging. The training offers preparation for emergencies that may occur at home, school, work, during worship or upstairs in the nursery. The cost is \$45/person. After material costs of \$25 are covered (for the book & certification by American Heart), the remaining \$20 will be donated to church for each attendee. Sign-up sheets are on the Fellowship Hall table.

FGPC BOOK CLUB: our next gathering will be on April 27th after service, starting at 11:30 - 12:30. We will

be reading a wonderful book called The Shack. It is an unconventional portrayal of the Trinity, which, in the end, I found drawing me closer to God's love.

FOREST GROVE CHURCH GOES TO THE IRON PIGS BALL GAME: Following worship on July 27 all are invited to carpool to the game in Allentown, PA. The game starts at 1:35 but lunch can be purchased at the ball park prior to the game. Tickets cost is \$13. As reservations need to be made ASAP, deadline for purchase is April 21. Friends and family are welcome to join the fun. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or call the church office. Please indicate if you are interested in carpooling.

OUR NEXT DINE AND DONATE FUNDRAISER: Will be held, April 28 at The Wyck (formerly known as The Candlewyck). From 5-8:00 you can dine at the restaurant and 20% of your bill will be donated to the church for the Church Bell Project. Flyers for the event are available on the table in Fellowship Hall and are needed in order for the donation to be made.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: This week, we are asking for Low-salt Almonds, Peanuts, Walnuts and Sunflower seeds. Donations should be placed in the wagon in the vestibule.



Holy Week Schedule

April	13	10:00 am	Worship and Sunday School followed by Fellowship
		4:00 pm	Iglesia Pentecostal Asamblea De Dios Worship Service
April	14	10:00 am	Bible Study
		7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 71 Meeting
April	15	9:30 am	Property Meeting
		6:00 pm	Stewardship Meeting
		7:00 pm	Christian Education Committee Meeting
April	16	11:30 am	Midweek Communion Service
		12:00 pm	Bring your Brown bag lunch for Fellowship
April	17	5:00 pm	Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Worship. The service begins with a light soup supper as we remember the events of those two days.
April	20	9:00 am	Easter Potluck Breakfast
		10:00 am	Easter Worship
		11:00 am	Easter Egg Hunt for the children

Elder of the month: Ruth Squillace

Deacon of the month: Maggie Realley

Ushers: Doug and Vini Christie

Coffee hour: Emile Cullerton

Sunday School Teacher: Karen Myers

Communion Servers: Missi Dell'Orefice, Maggie Rash and Amy Raab

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Marge & Jim Turner, Violet Sanders, Gail Shaffer, Doris Daniels, Evin Kimbel, Ray Curran, Dick Wright

Church Staff

Susan Fall, Pastor

Susan Flanagan, Office Administrator

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