

11 a.m.

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday



First Presbyterian Church
Florence, SC

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Canzona Per Sonare No. 4

Giavanni Gabrieli

Ancient Airs and Dances

Ottorino Respighi

GREETINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN WITH PALMS

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

No. 265

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN
Melchoir Teschner

(verses 1, 3, 4 and 5)

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.

Refrain

The people of the Hebrews With palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayers and anthems Before Thee we present.

Refrain

To Thee, before Thy passion, They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted, Our melody we raise.

Refrain

Thou didst accept their praises; Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!

Refrain

Theodulph of Orleans

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

*THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

No. 733

MEINEKE

Christoph Meineke

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.
second century Gloria Patri

ANTHEM

Ride On In Majesty

Gordon Young

Ride on in majesty! Hark all the tribes hosanna cry; O Savior meek, pursue thy road with palms
and scattered garments strowed. Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die:

O Christ, thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.

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. Ride on!

H.H. Milman, 1827

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We sing "Hosanna" with the crowd, yet we shrink from the cost of following You to the cross. We praise You with our lips, but our hearts remain distant, seeking our own glory instead of Your kingdom. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. (Time of silent prayer and confession.) In Jesus' name, Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Kyrie

The Worship Book

arr. Johnson

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the words of the Apostle Paul to Timothy:

All: Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners — of whom I am the worst.

Leader: But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners,

All: Christ Jesus might display His immense patience as an example for those who would believe in Him and receive eternal life. (1 Timothy 1: 15-16)

Leader: In Jesus Christ, we are restored.

All: Amen!

ANTHEM

Joy to the Heart

K. Lee Scott

Look there! The Christ, our Brother, comes resplendent from the gallows tree
and what he brings in his hurt hands is life on life for you and me.
Joy! Joy! Joy to the heart all in this good day's dawning!
Good Jesus Christ inside his pain looked down Golgotha's stony slope and let the blood flow
from his flesh to fill the springs of living hope.
Joy! Joy! Joy to the heart all in this good day's dawning! Good Jesus Christ, our Brother,
died in darkest hurt upon the tree to offer us the worlds of light that live inside the Trinity.
Joy! Joy! Joy to the heart all in this good day's dawning! Look there!
Our Brother comes resplendent from the gallows tree
and what he brings in his hurt hands is life on life for you and me.
Joy! Joy! Joy to the heart all in this good day's dawning! Joy! Joy to the heart!
John Bennett

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Kaiti Bryant

👏 Children in 3K-5K are invited to go with a worship caregiver to attend *Children in Worship*. If this is your child's first visit, please fill out and follow instructions on the "First Presbyterian Church Loves Children" sticker located in the friendship pad. Parents, please pick up your children at Children in Worship at the end of the service.

*HYMN OF FAITH

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

No. 267

ELLACOMBE

Gesangbuch der H.W.K. Hofkapelle, 1784

(verses 1 and 2)

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

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

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Elder Porter Stewart

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

The Tree of Life

SHADES MOUNTAIN

K. Lee Scott

There in God's garden stands the tree of wisdom, whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations:

Tree of all knowledge, tree of all compassion, tree of all beauty. Its name is Jesus, name that says, "Our Savior!"

There on its branches see the scars of suffering; see where the tendrils of our human selfhood feed on its lifeblood.

Thorns not his own are tangled in its foliage; our greed has starved it, our despite has choked it.

Yet, look! It lives! Its grief has not destroyed it nor fire consumed it. See how its branches reach to us in welcome; hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye weary! Give me your sickness, give me all your sorrow, I will give blessing."

This is my ending, this my resurrection; into your hands, Lord, I commit my spirit.

This have I searched for; now I can possess it. This ground is holy.

All heaven is singing, "Thanks to Christ whose passion offers in mercy healing, strength and pardon.

Peoples and nations, take it freely!" Amen! My Master!

Király Imre von Pécselyi

**The Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SERMON

Dr. Stuart Bond

Triumph and Tears

Luke 19:29-44

(Pew Bible pages 1040-1041)

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Amazing Grace

No. 422

NEW BRITAIN

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL CHORAL RESPONSE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

No. 264

ELLACOMBE

Gesangbuch der H.W.K. Hofkapell, 1784

(verse 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.

Jennette Threlfall

*POSTLUDE

Die Bankelsangerlieder

Anonymous

This morning's worship is led by

Dr. Stuart Bond, Senior Pastor

Porter Stewart, Elder

Kaiti Bryant, Program Director of Children's Ministry

Ann Rodgers Chandler, Director of Music and Organist

The Chancel Choir

Baystreet Brassworks

Glen Johnson, trumpet

Bob Burns, soprano saxophone

Ben Goldstein, alto saxophone

Cody Arnholt, trombone

Wes Tincher, tuba

Randy Oswalt, timpani

*Congregation is invited to stand.

✎ Pastor will dismiss children to leave with their worship care-giver.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EASTER EGG HUNT

3-4 PM MARCH 29
WHITEHEAD'S FARM

EGG HUNT FOR CHILDREN AT 3 PM

BRING YOUR EASTER BASKET AND THE FAMILY

THE WHITEHEAD'S FARM,
175 W. POCKET RD.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome guests! If you're visiting us for the first time this morning, we would like to give you a small gift. As you leave the sanctuary, deacons (with name tags on) will have a *Jesus Calling* book ready for you. We are glad you're with us.

Lord, Hear Our Prayer. Those in need of prayer include Jason Newton, for the loss of his mother, Deborah Newton; Linda Westbrook, for the loss of her brother Robert Stiefel; Aubrey Crawford; Donna Fields; Rainey Josey; Quincy Kennedy; Dave and Linda Lawson; Bob McLean; Lalla Saleeby; Ginger Sullivan; and Mary Lynn van Witzenburg.

BayStreet Brassworks: We welcome our friends who are assisting in today's worship.

Piano Recital: Chee-Hang See, a prize-winning Singaporean pianist, composer, and conductor, will be in concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, in the Sanctuary. Chee-Hang has been called "a cool and confident performer" by the Charleston City Paper. Please come enjoy an evening of music.

Men's Retreat: Don't forget to sign up for the spring Men's Retreat that will be held April 17-19 at Hickory Knob State Park. Cost is \$150 and you can sign up on Realm using the QR code or at the church office. If you have any questions, call Bill Cain at 407-473-0912. Deadline to register is March 31.



Mission Trip: Covenant Partners Brandon Blankenship, Kimberly and Pack Packard, and Jeremy Emert have the opportunity to go to Southwest Asia, where they will be working with professors and students at a top university in the region. They will be part of a team leading an interactive English camp. If you would like to contribute to the mission, please use the QR code and select Southwest Asia Mission Trip in the Fund drop down.



Maundy Thursday service: Join us at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 2, in the Sanctuary as we commemorate the meal Jesus shared with His disciples and center on His command to love one another in John 13:34.

Flowering the Cross: On Easter Sunday, you are invited to cover our wooden cross on the front lawn with fresh flowers from home. This tradition is a symbol of the transition from death to new life; it transforms a symbol of Good Friday into a joyful representation of Jesus' resurrection.

Children's Ministry

- ◆ **Easter Egg Hunt:** All are welcome to come to the Easter Egg Hunt at the Whitehead's Farm from 3 to 4 p.m. today. Children — toddlers through fifth-graders — will be on the hunt, and the sixth-graders will be hiding the eggs ahead of time.
- ◆ **Children's Sunday:** 10 a.m. Combined Worship Service on Sunday, May 10. Our children will lead worship on Mother's Day! If your child would like to participate, please contact Kaiti Bryant as soon as possible to sign up.

Keenagers' luncheon will be at noon Tuesday, April 7, in the Jenkins Fellowship Hall. Meal will be roasted sweet Vidalia pork loin, scalloped potatoes, French green beans, simple arugula salad, and lemon mousse. Program will be "The Life & Times of Stuart Bond." All those 55 and older are invited to come. Please join us for food, fellowship, and fun. Cost of lunch is \$6.

CDC Art Show: Please plan to join us at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 16, for our annual Art Show. This year we have a special treat. The children will be singing before the art gallery is revealed and hors d'oeuvres will be served. We are super excited and hope to see you there.

Save the Date: **Women in Ministry's Spring Celebration** will be held Tuesday, May 12, in the CLC.

Childcare Available During Worship: We have a staff of caring workers who provide child care during each of our morning worship services. Child care is available for children (birth – 3 years) for the entire service. Additionally, a special worship activity (Children in Worship) is available for 3K – 5K immediately following the children's message in the morning worship service. We encourage you to take advantage of both of these opportunities for a meaningful worship experience for you and your children.

First Prebyterian Church

HOLY WEEK



PALM SUNDAY

Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes!

Contemporary Worship: **9 AM**

Procession & Worship: **11 AM**

Easter Egg Hunt: **3 PM, The Whitehead's farm**

HOLY THURSDAY

Love one another as I have loved you.

Maundy Thursday service: **7 PM**

GOOD FRIDAY

Behold the wood of the Cross!

EASTER VIGIL

He is not here; He has risen!

EASTER SUNDAY

This is the day the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad!

Worship Services: **9 AM • 11 AM**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 **Palm Sunday**

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:50 AM Children meet for procession with palms
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 1:30 PM St. Anthony Catholic School Musical: CLC
- 3:00 PM Easter Egg Hunt: The Whitehead's Farm

MONDAY, MARCH 30 **Monday in Holy Week**

- 9:00 AM CDC Chapel
- 12:15 PM CDC Bible Study: Youth Room
- 2:30 PM Prayer Group: Price Classroom
- 5:15 PM CDC Bible Study
- 5:30 PM Selah Yoga: CLC
- 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study: Room 203

TUESDAY, MARCH 31 **Tuesday in Holy Week**

- 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Meeting
- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 11:00 AM Just for Women Bible Study: CLC
- 3:00 PM CDC Music Time: JFH
- 7:30 PM Piano Recital: Chee-Hang See

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 **Wednesday in Holy Week**

- 5:00 PM Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 PM WiM Bible Moderators meeting
- 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Dinner: chicken tenders, mac and cheese, green beans, brownies
- 5:30 PM Youth Group
- 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Closing Program
- 6:00 PM WiM Coordinating Team meeting
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts class
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL 2 **Maundy Thursday**

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study: LR
- 7:00 AM Youth: Coffee at F.E. Pop's
- 7:45 AM Faith in Motion Men's Bible Study
- 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study: WOC
- 2:00 PM Good News Club: Royall Elementary
- 6:30 PM Girl Scouts Leaders meeting
- 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday service

FRIDAY, APRIL 3 **Good Friday**

CDC Closed

SUNDAY, APRIL 5 **Easter**

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service