

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FOREST CITY, NC



PALM SUNDAY – PASSION SUNDAY
MARCH 22, 2026 – ELEVEN O’CLOCK

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Justin Mofield

Call to Worship

Rev. Justin Mofield

Leader: The parade has begun! Jesus rides into Jerusalem and into our hearts.

People: We wave palm branches in anticipation!

Leader: He comes not as a worldly king, but in humility and peace.

People: Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!

Introit

Lo, He Comes!

Children's Choir

Words & Music by John Horman
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Lo, He comes! Sing we "Hosanna!" Lo, He comes, let us sing to the Lord!

Hymn 204

All Glory, Laud and Honor

ST THEODULPH

Morning Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Justin Mofield

Gloria Patri (805)

A Hymn of Praise to the Trinity

GREATOREX

***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.***

Children's Time

Kelly Hall

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Alan and Linda Guffey

Trinity Chime

Leader: Holy One, we are waving our palms and welcoming you with shouts of Hosanna!

People: But, we confess we want to jump ahead to next Sunday and fast forward through the events of this holy week. Remind us to slow down and walk with Jesus this week. To acknowledge where we have failed. To ask forgiveness and a chance to start over. Hear our prayer as we journey with you each day, not looking ahead and simply being present to what is happening. Amen.

— written by Thom Shuman

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLE OF PASSION SUNDAY

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The Lord is God.

People: The Lord brings light to those in darkness, forgiveness to those who truly confess, and pardon to all who seek to follow Jesus. Rejoice that the steadfast love of the Lord endures forever and ever. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Hymn of Assurance 507

I Then Shall Live

FINLANDIA

Anthem

Hosanna! Ride On

Sanctuary Choir

Text, Henry Millman, adapted by Lavon Bayer, arr. Carolyn Jennings

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Ride on! Ride on in majesty!

O Christ with brave humility

On lowly colt, your road pursue as palms and cloaks are spread for you!

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!

As crowds of people come to see

And shout hosannas, lifting high their praise for one about to die.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!

Ride on in humble dignity;

Behold the ones you came to save from senseless life and endless grave,

Hosanna! Ride on!

Sermon

Leaving the Dividing Curtain Behind

Rev. Garin Hill

Luke 23-36-45

Hymn of Invitation 208

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

MARTYRDOM

Offertory Prayer

Debbie Bound

Leader: God, thank you for being with us in this wondering moment where we stand poised between life and death, filled to the brim with sorrow, filled with thoughts of what has been and what lies before us.

People: Thank you for the gift of life. Thank you for Jesus who was God's gift to the world,

All: And now we return a portion of the gifts of our resources. May our gifts be used in our church, our community, and our world. In His name, Amen.

Offertory

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Stuart Townsend

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How deep the Father's love for us

How vast beyond all measure

That He should give His only Son

To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss

The Son cries out forsaken

As wounds which mar the Chosen One

Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross

My sin upon His shoulders,

Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice

Call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there

Until it was accomplished;

His dying breath has brought me life,

I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything:

No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.

But I will boast in Jesus Christ;

His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward?

I cannot give an answer,

But this I know with all my heart;

His wounds have paid my ransom.

Charlotte Horn

Matt Beal

Benediction

Rev. Garin Hill

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JOINING MEMBER WELCOME

In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place. We offer you our comfort, our care, our kinship, and our love. We hope to learn from you, give to you, and live in community with you through God's grace.