

# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

April 10, 2022 10:30 am

## *Palm Sunday*

*We are grateful for your presence with us today! We welcome all persons regardless of race, nationality, disability, gender, or sexual orientation. This includes an open invitation to membership, the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper, marriage, funerals, memorial services, and to serve as an officer of the church. Everyone is invited for coffee and fellowship in the Gathering Space after worship. We recycle! If you are not taking your bulletin, please drop it in the blue bin at the door as you leave. \*Please rise in body or spirit.*

### **We Gather in Christ**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Gracious God, as we enter this Holy Week, strengthen us to move beyond the festive parade of palms and to follow Jesus into the way of the cross, that united with him and all the faithful, we may one day enter through the gates of righteousness into the eternal city, the New Jerusalem, where we may praise you with Christ and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.

#### **PRELUDE**

*Hosannah, Loud Hosannah*

arr. N. Harmon

\*The National Spiritual Anthem of Ukraine

(see text on back page)

Sally Harmon, organist

#### **WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH:**

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

They brought the colt of a donkey to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

**As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.**

As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

**“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”**

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.”

He answered them:

**“I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”**

**\*PALM PROCESSIONAL 197: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!***

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.

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.

“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.

### **\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us confess our sin to our God,  
trusting that God’s steadfast love endures forever.

### **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of heaven and earth, we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ in your name. Even though we profess to follow him, we confess that in times of trial we too often deny him. Forgive us and heal us, we pray. Help us to put our faith not in the princes of this world, but only in the Prince of Peace. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

### **\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

It is the Lord who helps us; who will declare us guilty? Because of the grace we received in baptism, we have nothing to fear. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

### **\*RESPONSE: Change My Heart O God**

Change my heart, O God; \_\_\_ make it ev - er true. \_\_\_

Change my heart, O God; \_\_\_ may I be like you. \_\_\_

### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

#### **GIFT OF MUSIC**

*Hosanna to the Son*  
2-6 Choir; Pam Burns, director; Virginia Stern, piano;  
Nathan Bulloyt, soloist  
Assisted by Members of Westminster Ringers

arr. Lindh

#### **CHILDREN’S TIME**

Penny Andrist

# The Word

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Claudia Hansen, reader

Eternal God, quiet within us all mortal voices, that through the story of the passion and by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-24

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, 'His steadfast love endures forever. 'Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

May God bless the reading and hearing of this portion of the holy Word.

## SECOND READING: Luke 19: 28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

### \*HYMN 486: *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,  
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

Child of love, our love's expression, love's creation, loved indeed!  
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits, into joy and laughter lead.

Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are, from God you came.  
Back to God we humbly give you: live as one who bears Christ's name.

Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to listen for God's call.  
Grow to laugh and sing and worship; trust and love God more than all.

## **SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM:**

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Harrison Martin and Cooper Jacob Dawson,  
sons of Matt and Amanda Dawson

Nathaniel Remington Joos,  
son of Andrew and Jayme Joos  
Steve Dawson, presiding elder

### **PRESENTATION**

*Parents: Matt & Amanda:* Do you desire Harrison and Cooper be baptized?

**I do.**

Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith, and to teach that faith to your children?

**I do.**

*Sponsors:* Do you promise, through prayer and example, to support and encourage Harrison and Cooper to be faithful Christians?

**I do.**

*Parents: Andrew & Jayme:* Do you desire Nathaniel be baptized?

**I do.**

Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith, and to teach that faith to your child?

**I do.**

*Sponsors:* Do you promise, through prayer and example, to support and encourage Nathaniel to be a faithful Christian?

**I do.**

*Congregation:* Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Harrison, Cooper and Nathaniel by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church?

**We do.**

#### **Renunciations** (*parents*)

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

**I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

**I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

**I will.**

#### **\*Profession**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he**

is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, Eternal God,

### The Baptism

#### Laying On of Hands

#### Welcome

Harrison, Cooper and Nathaniel have been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made them members of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**

### Baptismal Response 491

*You Have Put On Christ*

You have put on Christ, in Christ you have been bap - tized.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

### 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.

## Responding to the Word

OFFERING



Use the QR code to access the secure giving portal on our website!

OFFERTORY

*Nocturne in C# Minor*  
Kyle Kempel, piano

Chopin

\*RESPONSE

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Bearing the Word into the World**

**\*HYMN 196:** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

(Refrain) 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)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Linker

**The National Spiritual Anthem of Ukraine**

Lord, oh the Great and Almighty, Protect our beloved Ukraine,  
Bless her with freedom and light of your holy rays.  
With learning and knowledge enlighten Us, your children small,  
In love pure and everlasting Let us, oh Lord, grow.

We pray, oh Lord Almighty, Protect our beloved Ukraine,  
Grant our people and country All your kindness and grace.  
Bless us with freedom, bless us with wisdom, Guide into kind world,  
Bless us, oh Lord, with good fortune For ever and evermore. Let us, oh Lord, grow.



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**Covenant Of Prayer:** Jennifer; Hannah; Bonita, those who are experiencing homelessness in our community; our sister congregation in Chogoria, Kenya; and the people of Ukraine.

**Remembering Our Soldiers In Prayer:** If you have a loved one in the military, please let Pastor Mary know and we'll include his/her name.

**Sing Hallelujah! with the choir:** At the conclusion of the Easter services, the Sanctuary choir will be singing *Hallelujah!* from the "Messiah" by G. F. Handel. ANYONE who has sung this in the past who would like to join the choir in singing this on Easter Sunday is welcome to come up during the final hymn and take their place in the choir. Extra copies of the music will be available for use.

**Hunter Scholarship Fund:** Church members Bill and Carolyn Hunter have donated a generous amount of money to be used as scholarships for students leaving Mpangua Primary School. This money will support four student scholarships per year for secondary school and development projects at Mpangua School through our Chogoria Partnership. The Chogoria Partnership Ministry Team is so grateful to the Hunters for their generous donation! Thank you!

**Coffee fellowship volunteers:** The Board of Deacons is asking for volunteers willing to host coffee fellowship from time to time after worship services. Is this you? Please sign up at the Volunteer Opportunities Board in the Foyer.

**Children and Youth Worship Service:** Mark May 1 on your calendar as a "don't miss" Sunday! The children and youth of First Presbyterian will plan and deliver a special service based on the Luke 15 story of the prodigal son. You can expect liturgy and sermon written by youth, music from all ages, bells, a special children's message, and noisy offering – *save your change to make a change!* This service also includes confirmation, a baptism and presentation of bibles to third graders. Do you see what we mean by "not missing it"? To top it all off (*we all know the end of the story is a feast upon the return of the lost son*), the service will be followed by a barbecue feast including confirmation cake! The EduCon committee is hosting this free meal for everyone. It will be a day of great celebration!

**ManUp Men's Bible Study Returns to Jennie Roberts Room:** ManUp's Tuesday, April 12th meeting, 6:45-7:45 a.m., will take place in the Jennie Roberts Room, after two full years on Zoom. Coffee and pastries will be provided as we finish this year's study of the Letter to the Hebrews. Intended to help men understand what the Bible says in relation to what is expected of a Christian man, a copy of the study guide can be obtained at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/hebrews-open-door-god/> or you can request a copy from Bruce Maylath at [ring4linguist@yahoo.com](mailto:ring4linguist@yahoo.com). No advance preparation is required for each month's study.

**Wednesday evenings at First Presbyterian are busy!** Children arriving for choirs sometimes need the doors opened for them, as not all members have key fobs for access. We need two volunteers near the West entry on **Wednesdays from 5:15 to 7:15 pm** to help shepherd our young members in and out. It is important to keep children indoors until their parents or other adult arrives for them. Please contact a staff member to volunteer.

**PW News:** The PW is proud to announce we will be offering a University of Jamestown scholarship this May. You can find the application at [firstpresfargo.org/scholarships](http://firstpresfargo.org/scholarships).

The YWCA shelter is collecting new pillows. They are to be left in the coat room. This month the focus for the YWCA box in our coat room is allergy medication (Claritin or Benadryl). Check the chart on our board to see what has been contributed the past months.

**One Great Hour of Sharing** is one of our denomination's 4 annual offerings. Your donations are used to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. We will receive your gifts to OGHs throughout the season of Lent and dedicate them on Palm Sunday. Envelopes are in the pew racks, the Narthex and the Welcome Desk Info Kiosk. You may also give online through our website, under special offerings. *You shall be called repairers of the breach.* (Isaiah 58:12)

**Maundy Thursday:** Communion will be served commemorating the Last Supper, at 7 pm on **Thursday, April 14**. At the close of the service, the chancel area is stripped of color and Christian symbols, to recall Jesus being left alone by his disciples.

**Good Friday Tenebrae Service 7 pm:** The word *Tenebrae* means "darkness" and commemorates the final hours of our Lord's life on earth, as he suffered death upon the cross. As the candles are extinguished, they symbolize the fading loyalty of the disciples and friends of Jesus. The gradual darkening of the church portrays the diminishing light of the world as Christ departs from it. The service of darkness is an essential part of the Holy Week experience, in preparation for the joy we will celebrate with Christ's resurrection on Easter Day.

**Synod School:** By now, you may have heard that Triennium has been canceled this summer. The Presbytery Youth Connection Team has decided to offer a similar, regional opportunity. Synod School is **July 24-29** at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa. The cost for 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders is \$260, \$320 for 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade, and \$395 for adults. This is an event that is available to all ages, but has separate tracks for children, youth, and adults. You can find more information and online registration at <https://lakesandprairies.org/engaging-leaders/synod-school/> When registering in the Put Me By box, please enter PNP youth. Once you have registered, please contact Kayla Bones ([kbones@firstpresfargo.org](mailto:kbones@firstpresfargo.org)).

**Hearing devices and large print copies of today's hymns** are available, please ask an usher for assistance.  
**Nursery:** Staff will be present **beginning at 9:15** for infants-3 years, in the nursery complex on the 1st floor.  
**Activity Bags for Children:** Fun-filled tote bags are located at both doors.  
**Restrooms:** Restrooms are located in the Gathering Space and on the lower level.  
**Prayer Request Cards:** Cards are in pew racks for your use. Prayers will be committed to God along with the other offerings and also lifted up in prayer by the staff.  
**Peace Candles:** The candle burning on the chancel symbolizes peace. We ask guests to take a candle back to your church as a gift from us. Peace candles can be found at the Welcome Center, near the west doors.  
**Wi-Fi:** Wi-Fi is available throughout the church. (password: community650)

**FPC Officers**

**Session:** Kim Carter, Lisa Edison-Smith, Colleen Ford-Dunker, Bruce Furness, Dick Henderson, Ryan Johnston, Kurt Kooyer, Elaine Rudd (clerk), Scott Swanholtm, Paula Thomas, Kevin Tobosa, Becky Trumbo, and Jeff Wilkens.

**Deacons:** Brenda Deckard, Ed Deckard, Rick Herberg, Beatrice Janaka, Jane Mathew (moderator), Karen Rivers, Kathleen Thomas, Debbie Tight, and Amy Wilkens.

**Church Staff**

Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey-*Head of Staff, Associate Pastor*  
 Sally Harmon-*Music Coordinator & Organist*  
 Bryan Poyzer-*Adult Choir Director*  
 Jan Lundgren-*Business Manager*  
 Ley Bouchard-*Administrative Assistant*  
 Penny Andrist-*Children's Ministry Coordinator*  
 Kayla Bones-*Youth & Young Adult Ministry Coordinator*  
 Rick Fiebiger-*Facilities Manager*  
 Drew Brovold-*Custodian*

**Most staff emails are:**  
**(first initial and last name of person)**  
**@firstpresfargo.org**

**Dates to Remember**

April 14: Maundy Thursday at 7 pm  
 April 15: Good Friday at 7 pm  
 April 17: Easter Sunday at 9 and 11 am

**L: Live Stream Option, H: Hybrid, Z: Zoom**

**Sunday, April 10**

12:00 Confirmation

**Monday, April 11**

5:30 EduCon Committee Meeting (H)

**Tuesday, April 12**

8:30 Bulletin Articles Due

10:00 PW Board Meeting

12:00 PW General Membership Meeting

1:00 Staff Meeting

5:30 Board of Deacons Meeting

**Wednesday, April 13**

9:00 Men's Group

1:00 Library Committee Meeting

6:00 St Andrew's Brass

6:15 2-6 Choir / 7-12 Choir

6:30 Westminster Ringers

Pilgrimage Guides

7:00 Youth Group

7:30 Sanctuary Choir

**Thursday, April 14**

7:00 Maundy Thursday Worship

**Friday, April 15**

7:00 Good Friday Worship

**Saturday, April 16**

No Church Events

**Sunday, April 17**

9:00 Easter Service (L)

11:00 Easter Service (H)

12:00 Fellowship

**For Your Information**

April 3 Worship Attendance:  
 147 in person; 46 households livestreamed  
 Contributions received: \$1300.

**Book Exchange:** First Presbyterian will be hosting a book exchange on **May 22** to share books among our members, both children and adults. The goal is to get some "new" books to enjoy over the summer. Please bring books to share and place them in the Holy Buckets. Books will be set out on **Sunday, May 22** for all to take.



**Church Information**

Office Hours:  
 M-TH, 8:30 am-4:00 pm  
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