



First Presbyterian Church

GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI



The Entrance of Jesus Into Jerusalem

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 24, 2024

Palm/Passion Sunday

11:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

The time to begin preparing for worship is no later than the sounding of the chimes.

*The congregation is invited to stand.

**Seating of those arriving after worship has begun.

CHIMING

PRELUDE

The Palms

arr. Harold DeCou

*CALL TO WORSHIP

John 12:12-16

Dr. Andrew Chaney

One: "The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!'

All: Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: 'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!'

One: His disciples did not understand these things at first;

All: But when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered these things had been written of him and had been done to him."

Let us worship God together!

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 196

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, You have made us for Yourself. Therefore, our hearts are restless until we rest in You. We hear this. And yet, we often demand instant conveniences and prioritize personal agendas over a relationship with You. Forgive us, and let us hear again the invitation to come to You, especially when the burdens are heavy, for in You is our rest, our redemption, our renewal, and our resurrection, through Christ our Lord...

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE (No. 218, stz. 5)

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

**Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
Not my deserving.**

PROCLAIM THE WORD

EXPRESSIONS OF FELLOWSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP

ANTHEM

Into Jerusalem
(Choristers Choir)

A. Steve Taranto

A TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Deacon Emmie Daugherty

ANTHEM

Hosanna to Our Savior King

Sondra K. Tucker

Hosanna to our Savior King! Hosanna let us ever sing! Hosanna now and evermore! Hosanna sing in this glad hour! *Blessed is He who comes from God! Blessed are we His way to trod. Blessed shall be His reign of love. Blessed are those He came to save.* Christ, whom we praise, came down to live in humble form like us, to give gracious forgiveness for our sin, and died that we might live again. Our God above has honored Him, giving a name above all names, that when we hear His name we sing praise and hosannas to our King! Wave now on high your banners bright! Wave now the palms in God's own sight! Wave now your arms in joyous praise! Wave palms and sing, your voices raise!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:6-7

SERMON

Dr. Andrew Chaney

"Be Nourished with the Fruit of the Spirit – Peace"

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem **Lift Up Your Heads, O Gates**

Sam Batt Owens

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. "Who is this King of glory?" "The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle." "Who is He, who is this King of glory?" "The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory." "Who is He, who is this King of glory?"

*Doxology

OLD 100TH

*Prayer of Dedication and The Lord's Prayer

Elder Todd Fincher

*HYMN 198

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

ST. DROSTANE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Theodore Dubois

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever;
Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever,
For on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed.
Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever.

*POSTLUDE

Postlude on ELLACOMBE

arr. Al Travis

196 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

to Refrain

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

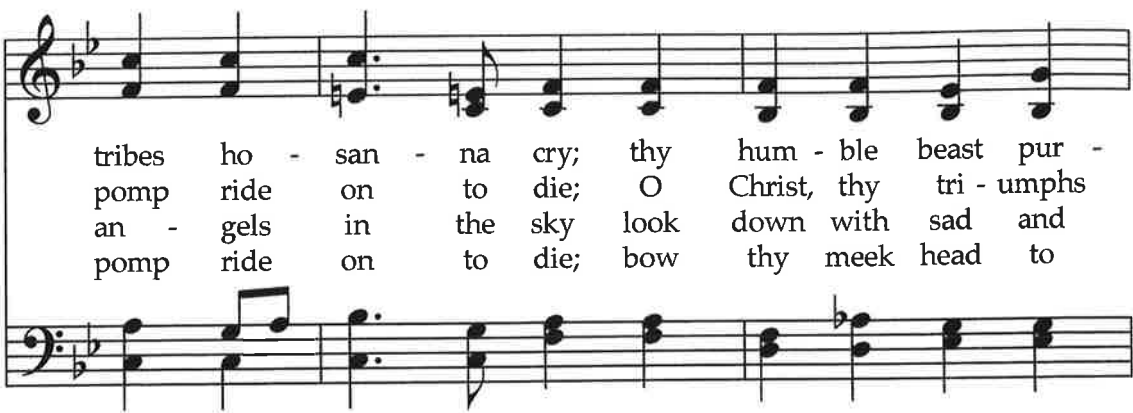
the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

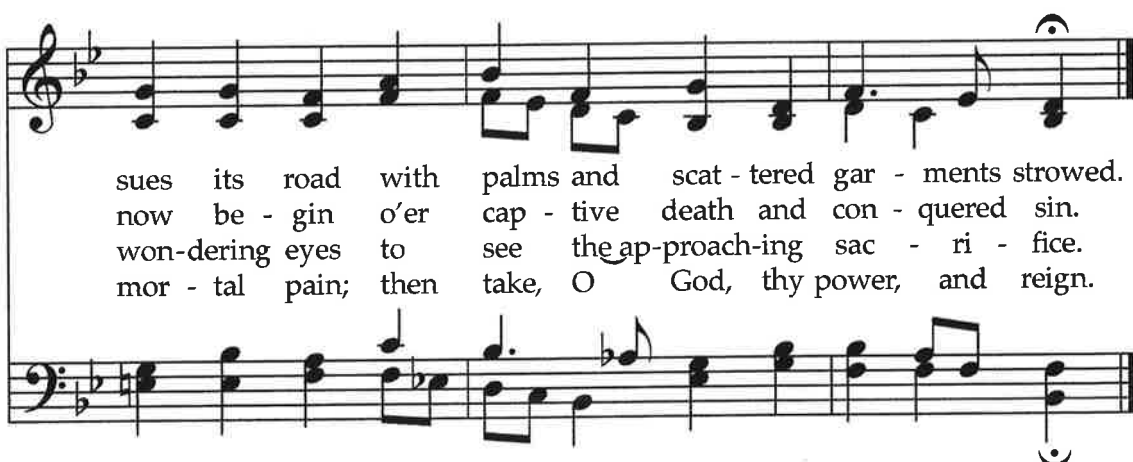
198 Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!



1 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the
2 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of
4 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur -
pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs
an - gels in the sky look down with sad and
pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to



sues its road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
mor - tal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

This 19th-century Palm Sunday text is better understood as the reflections of someone standing outside the event rather than as coming from those participating in the actual procession. This poignant text is set to a tune written especially for it later in the same century.

WELCOME TO THIS HOUR OF WORSHIP

We hope that you will be made to feel welcome here and that you will find this service helpful to you in your Christian life. If you are a visitor, please know that we are glad for your presence here. Please help us to know you better by filling out the Friendship Register and then pass it to the person seated next to you. Take note with whom you are worshipping with and greet them warmly! Welcome one another to the Lord's House! Should you be interested in joining this congregation, please check the appropriate box on the Friendship Register and we will be in touch with you, or you may call the church office at (662) 453-4680. The Session meets periodically at 10:35 a.m. on Sunday to receive new members into our congregation.

A Nursery Is Available for children 3 years and younger in Room 103 in the Van Arnold Education Building located directly across the street from the Sanctuary.

Accessibility: Large print Bibles, hymnals, and hearing devices are available in the back of the Sanctuary. At the end of the service, please return these to the back tables.

Cell Phones and Photography: In order to maintain reverence during the service, please silence all cell phones and other communication devices and refrain from unauthorized photography or recordings.

Internet Broadcast: To watch the service live on a computer, tablet, or smart phone, go to www.firstgreenwood.net/video. Worship bulletins are available under the "Worship" tab on the website, as are archived services. You may also access the worship service live by going to the church's Facebook page.

Community Food Pantry: Please bring canned food and place it in the Food Pantry Collection Box near the handicap entrance.

Hospital Visitation: Please call the church office to let us know whether you are in the hospital or know of any church member in the hospital, since the hospital here no longer lists names of hospitalized persons on a public register.

Elder John Stewart III is the visitation elder for **March**.

Ushers for Today: Justin Braswell, David Camp, Todd Fincher, Grace Jefcoat, Johnny Jennings, and Samantha Pigott

Security Detail: Steven Cookston

Children's Church for 4- & 5-year-olds with Alan and Margie Barger

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 24, 2024

9:30 am Choristers Rehearsal
10:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Fellowship Time
11:00 am Worship/Congregational Meeting

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

8:30 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

11:00 am Wednesday Bible Study
2:30 pm Liturgy Meeting
5:30 pm Youth Dinner
6:00 pm Youth Bible Study
6:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 28, 2024

6:45 am Men's Bible Study/Breakfast
Newsletter Information Deadline
6:30 pm Communion Assignments
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 29, 2024

12:15 pm Good Friday Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The arrangement of palms in the sanctuary is given to the glory of God from funds provided to the Flower Guild.

Congregational Meeting: The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for today at the end of worship for the purpose of hearing and acting upon the report of the Nominating Committee for new church officers. Nominees to be presented for Elder in the Class of 2027 are Alston Avritt, Will Jefcoat, Richard Macy, Lisa Melton, Claire Smith, and Beth Tackett. Nominees to be presented for Deacon in the Class of 2027 are Thomas Gregory III, Allison Pillow, and Drew Pinkston. As a member of the congregation, you may nominate other persons from the floor, at the appropriate time, provided you have made sure your nominee is willing to serve if elected.

Women's Bible Study meets Tuesday, March 26, at 8:30 a.m. in the Jim and Ina Barrett Memorial Library.

The Greenwood Chorale, under the direction of Paul Brown, will present John Stainer's "The Crucifixion" on Tuesday, March 26, at 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. This famous work of Victorian England for choir and soloists tells of the Passion of Jesus. The work will be accompanied by Ray Smithee, organ, and strings from the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra. The performance is free to the public.

Wednesday Bible Study meets Wednesday, March 27, at 11:00 a.m. in the Church Parlor.

Youth Bible Study meets Wednesday, March 27, in the Parish Youth Building. Youth Dinner for all at 5:30 p.m. Bible Study at 6:00 p.m.

Men's Bible Study and Breakfast, Thursday, March 28, at 6:45 a.m. in the Church Parlor. Dr. Chaney will be leading the study of Habakkuk 3:17-18. All men of the congregation are invited to attend.

Maundy Thursday Service, Thursday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed. Childcare is available.

Good Friday Service, Friday, March 29 at 12:15 p.m.-12:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary. No childcare for this service.

Easter Sunday, March 31, He is Risen Breakfast for all, and Easter Egg Hunt, at 9:30 a.m. in Shuler Hall and on the Church Playground. Worship at 11:00 a.m. with brass quartet and percussion. Please remember to bring flowers to place on the floral cross in memory or in honor of loved ones.

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CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026
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Todd Fincher	Chuck Conditt	Miller King
Mary Haley Flautt	Jimmy Lott	Reese Pillow
Pat Gullede	Moss Melton	John Stewart III
Cathy Jennings	Richard Oakes	Ryan Strawbridge

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026
Lina Elfert	Rebekah Arant	Christie Beattie
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Randy Tackett	Zach Luke	Sam Pigott



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