
Order of Service

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

Welcome to worship service at the First Presbyterian Church in Palestine, IL. Whether you are here in person, or watching us online, we are honored that you have chosen to worship with us!

****INDICATES TO PLEASE STAND IF ABLE TO DO SO.**

Gathering

Gathering Music

Welcome And Announcements

Prelude

Call To Worship (from Psalm 118)

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever!

The stone that the builders rejected

Has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever! Let us worship God.

****Opening Hymn** *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

Blue Hymnal #88 Verses 1-3

(Refrain) All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son, now in the Lord's name coming, the King and Blessed One.

(Refrain)

The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went; our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. (Refrain)

To you before your passion they sang their hymns of praise; to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

(Refrain)

Invocation

Children's Moment

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Have mercy on us, O God, for we are broken vessels. You call us to follow you, but we deny, abandon and betray. You call us to pursue justice and righteousness, but we stick to the status quo. You invite us into the hope of your Spirit, but we make despair our daily bread. You lead us to the cross, but in our discomfort, we try to skip to the empty tomb. Transform us, O God. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon all our brokenness, that your grace may fill in the cracks of our broken places and make us whole. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul? **Thanks be to God!**

****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.*

THE WORD

Scripture

This is the Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message **MaryAnn Kidwell**

****Choir Anthem "Shout Out the Glory of the Lord"**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Call for the Offering



April-One Great Hour of Sharing

How to Give: you can go directly to our website and use our online giving platform to set up a one-time or recurring gift; you can mail your offering directly to the church (POB 132, Palestine, IL 62451), or you can drop your tithes and offerings at the church office, Mon – Thurs, 10 am – 2 pm.

Presentation of Offerings and Song of Dedication

****Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology) (#606)**

*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.*

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We pray all of these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together saying: **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.**

SENDING

**Hymn of Sending

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Blue Hymnal #89 All Verses

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 Ride 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.

Benediction (Book of Common Worship)

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PRAYER REQUEST

Newly Added or Updated

Pastor Akers

Shawn Bennett-Samantha Knoblett's Brother-Had Surgery and in Hospice

Stephanie Fulling Jacobs-Husband Phillip passed away

Walter and Sandy Tarran-In long-term care

Our Continuing Care Concerns

Kathy Lutes

Brody Keesling – head injury

Auggie Martin – Pulmonary Edema

Mike Staffey – Second- and Third-degree burns

Aaron Earle -Pray for Guidance

Kryton McNair – Hodgkin Lymphoma, Radiation

Bill Klein – Prostate Cancer

Mike Emmerich & Family –Son Deployed to Kuwait

Margo Riker - Leukemia

Knoblett Family

Doris & Bill Powell – Doris battling lung cancer

Dave Holubek – Car Accident/Broken Back & Neck

Jamie Schell (Sandy Ellis's cousin) –Breast cancer

Rita Garrard – Breast Cancer

People of Israel

Sandy Ellis – Recovering from Knee Replacement Surgery

Victims of Hurricanes Helene & Milton

Chad Coleman – Colon Surgery, Undergoing Chemo

Victims of the Los Angeles Fires

Larry Quick – General Health Concerns

People of Ukraine

Jocelyne Ramsey & Family – Brain Stem Swelling

Care Facilities with rises in Covid Cases

Please keep the PNC in your prayers for discernment and patience.

Remember those in our church family who are in assisted living or care homes

BridgePointe Health Campus

Sisters of Providence

Cheryl Mefford

Guileen Manual

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Arbor Rose of Robinson

Carle Richland Memorial Hospital

Marilyn Henderson and Sharon Biggs

Mary Laughead

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800 E Locust Street, Suite 304, Olney, IL 62450

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION GIVING - APRIL

One Great Hour of Sharing

MEETING DATES

- April 15, 6:00 p.m., – Session Meeting

IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

- Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m. –Choir Practice

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Food pantry needs volunteers! Monday 1-3 and Wednesday 5-6. They could use any able-bodied workers!

LOCATED AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY

- 2024 Annual Report
 - The Upper Room – March & April
 - Lent Devotions
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If any one would like to send a card to Stehanie Fulling Jacobs on the loss of her husband Phillip her address is 508 Myrtle Grove Road, Jackson, LA 70748