

## NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

### Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages  
 12:00 p.m. - Youth handbell rehearsal

### Thursday, March 28 - Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. - Worship Service with Communion in Wilbanks Hall

### Friday, March 29, Good Friday

7:00 p.m. - Worship Service

### Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

### Monday, April 1-Office is Closed

### Tuesday, April 2

9:15 a.m. - Presbyterian Women - Morning Circle  
 7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women - Night Circle

### Wednesday, April 3

5:45 p.m. - WNL Meal (Beef & Chicken Fajitas, pinto beans, salad, sopapilla cheesecake)  
 6:30 p.m. - *Music and Your Brain* class led by Sue Bohmer  
 6:30 p.m. - Art Class by Pete Allen (Oil painting)  
 6:30 p.m. - Children and Youth First Wednesday (Fun & Games)  
 7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 7:30 p.m. - Board of Deacons, Crossroads classroom

### Sunday, April 8

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages  
 12:00 p.m. - Youth handbell rehearsal

## HOLY WEEK AT FPC

*A time for remembering...*

### **PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24**

*Remembering our Lord's Triumphal Entry*

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Processional with Palms

Chancel Choir singing at both services

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 7:00 p.m.**

*Remembering our Lord's Last Night on Earth*

Institution of the Lord's Supper

Service held in Wilbanks Hall

### **GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 7:00 p.m.**

*Remembering our Lord's Sacrificial Death*

The Scriptural Account of the Crucifixion

"Prayers at the Cross" by Lee and Susan Dingle,

sung by the Chancel Choir

Draping of the Cross

### **EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1**

*Remembering our Lord's Triumphal Resurrection*

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



Presbyterian Women  
 are joining  
 The Ladies Who Love  
 the Lord  
 in collecting  
 new towels or towel sets.



They will be given to different Missions in the Dallas area. Collections will continue through Mid April.



The 72nd Annual Men's Conference at Mo-Ranch  
 Friday, May 3 - Sunday, May 5, 2024

This conference is sure to be a God-filled weekend in the wide-open spaces of the Texas Hill Country along the banks of the Guadalupe River at Mo-Ranch. This is Mo-Ranch's single largest and longest-running conference where hundreds of men from all ages gather together annually for fellowship and spiritual renewal.

Our men stay in the River Dorm on the edge of the Guadalupe River. Don't miss this unforgettable weekend to grow in your faith with God and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Please find more information and registration at: MORanch.org

We want to thank all who participated in the Blood Mobile on March 17. We had 11 donors and 11 pints collected.



*\* Wednesday Night Live \**  
 Join us for Winter/Spring 2024

Come experience the new format of our Wednesday Night Live. Don't miss out on an always delicious dinner prepared by Chef Rod beginning at 5:45 p.m. All adult classes begin at 6:30 p.m.

### Spring Session, April 3 - April 17

- Sue Bohmer will lead a two session (4/3 and 4/10) class titled: *Music and Your Brain*, along with reviewing hymns they will also create rhythm instruments.
- Gracy Thomas will lead a class (4/17) learning to make salsa and exploring Bible trivia.
- Pete Allen will conclude his spring oil painting class during this session.



## THE CHALLENGE

The 100 Can Challenge continues as we collect can goods and other non-perishable items. The donated items will be given to Sharing Life, as they feed those in need in our community. The total collected thus far in March is 90 items. Thank You!

**Elder Sign-up Sheet has been posted in the hall by Rev. Doughton's Office. Please sign-up today!**

## GUIDE TO WORSHIP

March 24, 2024

8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

### About the Cover Picture

The cover picture shows a view of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives. The Dome of the Rock Mosque is located where the Temple stood in the days of Jesus. In this time, Pilgrims will walk down the Mount of Olives on Palm Sunday to the city in celebration of the Entry.



*Welcome to First Presbyterian Church! We hope you find a welcome here worthy of the gracious God we serve. Conventions in this bulletin include: an asterisk (\*) invites you to stand, as health allows, material printed in bold is for the congregation to sing or say, and material printed in italics may provide some helpful information. Let us worship God!*

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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Hosanna , Loud Hosanna* arr. Cindy Berry

INTROIT 197 *Hosanna, Loud Hossana (vs. 1)* Jennette Threlfall  
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.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2*  
Grace and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
**And also to you.**  
Rejoice Greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Lo, your King comes to you; Triumphant and victorious is He,  
Humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, Whose covenant with us is never broken: we confess that we have failed to be fulfill Your will for us. We betray our neighbors and desert our friends, and run in fear when we should be loyal. Though You have bound Yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to You. Lord, have mercy upon us, Your weak and willful people. Lead us once again to Your table, and unite us to Christ, Who is the Bread of Life and the Vine from which we grow in grace. To Christ be praise forever and ever Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE *(Hymn 581)*

**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. A—men. A—men.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS #

ANTHEM *Into Jerusalem* A. Steven Taranto  
Chancel Choir  
Into Jerusalem Jesus came,  
Those around Him shouted His name,  
Humbly He rode on a donkey colt,  
To fulfill the promise of long ago.

Chorus:

Hosanna, hosanna blessed is He  
Who reigns forever the King of Kings!,  
Hosanna, Hosanna, blessed is the One,  
Who comes in the name of the Lord.

Crowds of people gathered 'Round,  
Spreading cloaks upon the ground;  
Waving the palm branches that were near,  
And praising their King with songs of cheer.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Eternal, Almighty, and Merciful God; Whose Word silences the shouts of the mighty, quiet within us every voice but Your own. Speak to us through the suffering and death of Christ, that the power of the Holy Spirit we may receive grace to show Christ's love in lives given to Your service. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON #

*Luke 9:51*

When the days drew near for Him to be taken up, He set His face to go to Jerusalem.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON #

*Luke 13: 6-9, 18-21*

Then Jesus told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. So, he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?' " "Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'" ...

Then Jesus asked, "What is the kingdom of God like? What shall I compare it to? It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds perched in its branches." Again, He asked, "What shall I compare the kingdom of God to? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

The Children and Youth are asked to come forward at this time.

ANTHEM

*Ride on, King Jesus*

John Rutter

Chancel Coir

Chorus:

Ride On, King Jesus, No man can hinder me

I was young when I begun,

But now my race is almost done.

Chorus

King Jesus rides on a milk-white horse.

The River of Jordan He did cross

Chorus

If you want to find your way to God,

The gospel highway must be trod.

Chorus

\*HYMN 197

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor (vs. 2 & 3)*

SERMON

*The Kingdom Way*

Rev. Doughton

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again**

**from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *I sing the Mighty Power of God*  
arr. Barbara Boertje  
Ryoji Shimpo, Pianist

DOXOLOGY (Hymn 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 †

\*HYMN 198

*Ride on! Ride on in Majesty*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE 215 *What Wondrous Love is This (vs. 1)* Carlton R. Young

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

POSTLUDE *What Wondrous Love is This?* arr. Mark Hayes

*Following the Response we will have our Postlude. Please be seated as the Postlude begins. You are encouraged to use all of the Postlude as part of the worship service. If you wish to pause and then leave during the music, please do so in a worshipful way. Rev. Doughton will be at the door to shake hands.*

**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP**

**Elder #** - Evelyn Parker (8:45); Paul Luce (11:00)

**Deacon/Ushers †** - Rod Graham, Dallas Ward, Robbie Lee, Mike Lee (8:45);

Rod Graham, Dallas Ward, Mary Claire Doughton, Bennet Doughton (11:00)