

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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"Blessed is the king
who comes in the
name of the Lord!"
-Luke 19:38



Palm Sunday

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

APRIL 13, 2025

GATHERING

(* Please stand in body or spirit. Text in **bold face type** is to be read by all.)

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

WELCOME – THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

No. 196

CALL TO WORSHIP

-from Psalm 118

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

All: The Lord's steadfast love endures forever!

One: This is the day the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One: I will give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good!

All: The Lord's steadfast love endures forever. Let us worship God!

MORNING PRAYER

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 untied 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.

*** HYMN**

"Filled with Excitement"

No. 199

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.

[Silence is kept for personal confession]

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* GLORIA PATRI

No. 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. Amen. Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you
And also with you
Please greet one another with the peace of Christ.

ANTHEM

"On That Day When He Rode Into Jerusalem"

-Beall/Carter

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Ginna Taylor, Pastor

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ginna Taylor, Pastor

One: God in the highest, you came to us as a human being who humbled himself like a slave.

All: The stone that builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

One: We pray for the nations that worship power and might; may they be ruled by humility and peace. We pray for our own nation, Lord.

All: The stone that builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

One: We pray for victims of human tragedies and disasters of nature, those who have suffered loss of homes, and more importantly, loss of loved ones.

All: The stone that builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

One: We pray for those who are in prison – the repentant and unrepentant and those falsely accused. We pray for those who have been rounded up and deported.

All: The stone that builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

One: We pray for those who are ill or infirm or are rejected because they are seen to be weak.

All: The stone that builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

One: For so many blessings, and for answered prayers, we give you thanks through Jesus Christ. With all of the saints in heaven and on earth, together hear us as we offer our prayers to you using the words you have taught us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, they 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.**

LISTENING TO THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:28-40

SERMON

“Joyfully Praising God”

Ginna Taylor, Pastor

RESPONDING TO GOD

* PROFESSION 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.

From the Book of Confessions; Constitution of the Presbyterian Church USA, Part 1, pg. 7

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

No. 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 THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Holy One, we give you thanks for the great deeds of salvation that you have done and continue to do. Bless these offerings of thanksgiving that they may further your kingdom in this world; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

* HYMN

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

No. 197

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

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EASTER EGG STUFFING PARTY

Polly Taylor needs some help stuffing Easter eggs for the Children's Easter Egg Hunt.
We have plenty of Easter eggs and candy. Please join us...

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16TH, 2025

TIME: 11:00 AM

IN THE CHURCH PARLOR



Missions Committee Food Requests for Heart & Hand

These are items we will be collecting for Heart & Hand this month: Jiffy Mix, Macaroni & Cheese, Spaghetti Sauce, and Spaghetti Pasta. Please bring your donations each Sunday.



Nurturing Faith Ideas from the Presbytery of West Virginia

*Please use these suggested scriptures, questions,
and activities to help you explore your faith.*

April 13, Psalm Sunday

Today begins Holy Week, when we remember the events between Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to this death of the cross before his resurrection. On Thursday, we celebrate Maundy Thursday, the night when Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment – to love one another. Make a list of ways you can show your love to your family members this week and do so.

Today's Scripture Readings

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (NRSV)

A Song of Victory

- ¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!
- ² Let Israel say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."
- ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.
- ²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD:
the righteous shall enter through it.
- ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
- ²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
- ²³ This is the LORD'S doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
- ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- ²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!
- ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in
the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD.
- ²⁷ The LORD is God,
and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches
up to the horns of the altar.
- ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give
thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.
- ²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for
he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Luke 19:28-40 (NRSV)

Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

- ²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead,
going up to Jerusalem.
- ²⁹ when he had come near Bethphage and
Bethany, at the place called the Mount of
Olives, he sent two of the disciples,
³⁰ 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.**" ³¹ **If anyone asks you,
'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The
Lord needs it.'**" ³² So those who were sent
departed and found it as he had told them.
- ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners
asked them, "Why are you untying the
colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it."
- ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after
throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set
Jesus on it." ³⁶ As he rode along, people
kept spreading their cloaks on the road.
- ³⁷ 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,
- ³⁸ saying,
"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the
LORD!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"
- ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said
to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to
stop." ⁴⁰ He answered, "**I tell you, if these
were silent, the stones would shout out.**"

South Charleston First Presbyterian Church Website:
www.fpcscwv.org makes available our Sunday morning live-stream worship services & bulletins, newsletters, Session information, and youth group videos. Also posted are Announcements for the Month, information about upcoming mission projects, and our many fellowship opportunities.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR
PRAYERS & DEEDS OF LOVE**

Church Family

Nancy Alert	Terri Guyette
Sandy Bays	Rick & Lora Hayes
Von Carter	James Logsdon
Brian Cole	Drew McIlwain
Terry Coleman	Marsha McIlwain
Roberta Cooper	Becky Parsons
Sallie Davidson	Lee Snyder
Sally & Ben Games	David Sutton
Miriam Higginbotham	

Care Facilities

Linda Amburgey	Tom Haines
Bob & Barbara Cruickshank	Barbara Snyder
Tee Goodman	

Presbyterian Connections

Child Development Center
Bluestone Camp & Retreat Center
Lineweaver Cottage, Davis-Stuart
Fort Libert , Haiti
Elk Hills Presbyterian Church, Charleston
Glenville Presbyterian Church
Gathaith Church, Gura Parish, Kenya

**Don't forget to send Becky Smith your
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Hersha Brown
Rick Smith
Owen Walker

Class of 2027

Sarah Clemente
Chuck Knurek

Holy Week Worship

Today is Palm Sunday!

**It is the beginning of Holy Week.
Jesus enters Jerusalem for the last time.
As the crowd welcomed Jesus so also,
we welcome Jesus on this day.**

Maundy Thursday Worship - 6:30pm

**Jesus met with His disciples in an upper room for Passover.
During the meal, He talked about His Body and His Blood
then He gave the Great Mandate (Maundy):
"Love others as you have been loved."
The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated.**

Good Friday — The Crucifixion of Jesus Christ

**It is a day to reflect on our self-centeredness
and the price Jesus Christ paid for our selfishness.**

Easter Morning Worship, April 20

**Flowering of the Cross – 10:30 am
The Celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ – 11am**



One Great Hour of Sharing Hunger Offering

We will receive this offering on Easter Morning. Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians to share resources with those in need. Our gifts support disaster response (locally and globally), refugee assistance and resettlement, and also community development. OGHS Offering envelopes are provided in the pew racks. Donations will be received from now through Easter Sunday, April 20.