

March 29, 2026

# Welcome to Palm Sunday Worship!



**First Presbyterian  
Church**  
of Pittsburgh



**PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:45 am**

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\*Please stand as you are able

**Prelude:** “Jesus Paid it All”  
Arr. Drew Fennell

Alaine Fink, *piano*

**Time of Welcome**

Rev. Dr. Craig M. Walls  
*Senior Pastor*

## *Gathering Before the Word*

**\*Responsive Call to Worship**

Paul Horne  
*Liturgist*

Leader: Give thanks to God, who is truly good.

**People: Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Praise Christ, whose love abounds with grace.

**People: Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Welcome the Spirit with songs of praise.

**People: Hosanna in the highest!**

**ALL: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**\*Hymn #196:** “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (please see single page insert)

**~ ProceSSIONAL and Waiving of Palms ~**

(Children are welcome and encouraged to join the procession.)



## Call to Confession

### Unison Prayer of Confession

Paul Horne

**F**aithful God, we want to be as faithful to you as you are to us. And yet too often we fall short. We want to sing your praises joyously and proudly, even when the jeering crowds frighten us. And yet, too often we are like the disciples who abandon and deny you. We confess that we have fallen short, that too often we choose the power of the world over the power of your love. Too often we admit that we align with those who serve our own interests instead of your interests. Forgive our sins and make us anew today again. *Amen.*

### Time of Silent Prayer and Confession

### Assurance of Forgiveness

### Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Walls

### The Lord's Prayer

**O**ur 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; lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

\*Hymn #755: "Speak, O Lord" (located in this bulletin)

### Children's Message

Alaine Fink

**Anthem:** "Hosanna, Hosanna!"

By Joseph Martin

## *Proclaiming the Word*

**Scripture Reading:** John 19:30

Paul Horne

<sup>30</sup> When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished."  
Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon:** "It is Finished."

Rev. Walls

## *Responding to the Word*

### **\*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed**

**W**e 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 Spirit, 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 sits on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. We 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.*

**Call for the Offering** (*Online giving available, scan code on back*)

Rev. Walls

**Offertory:** "The Palms"  
by Gabriel Faure

Emma Brown Baker, *soloist*

### **\*Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below.  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Walls

**\*Hymn # 197:** "*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*" (located in this bulletin)

### **\*Invitation, Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude:** "*The Royal Banners Forward Go*"  
By James Biery

Alaine Fink, *organ*



# All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

*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,

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.

## Speak, O Lord

E<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>

1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food  
 2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence,  
 3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights

B<sup>b</sup> Gm F E<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup>

of your ho - ly Word. Take your truth, plant it  
 true hu - mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our  
 of your plans for us. Truths un - changed from the

E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup>

deep in us; shape and fash - ion us in your like - ness—  
 at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty.  
 dawn of time that will ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty.

F B<sup>b</sup> F<sup>sus</sup>/E<sup>b</sup> F<sup>7</sup>/E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>

that the light of Christ might be seen to - day in our  
 Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your ma -  
 And by grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es, and by

## Speak, O Lord (continued)

F B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> F<sup>sus</sup> F E<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup>

acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful-  
 jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of power that can  
 faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your

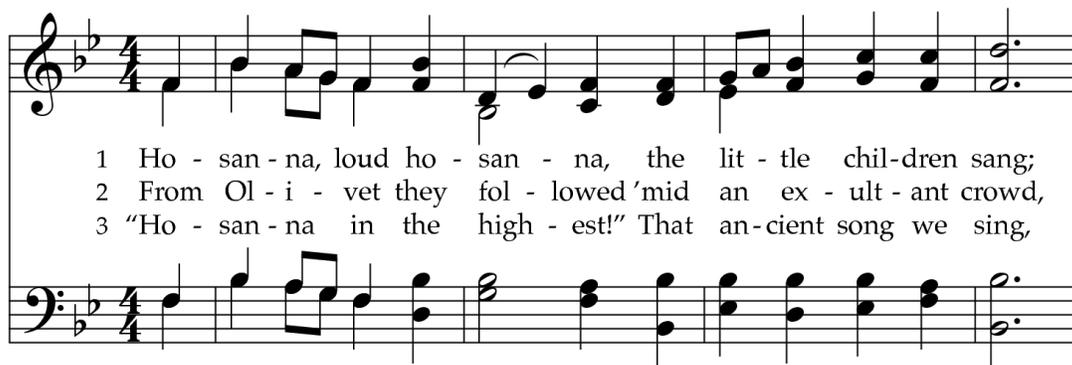
E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>

fill in us all your pur - pos - es for your  
 nev - er fail; let their truth pre - vail o - ver  
 church is built, and the earth is filled with your

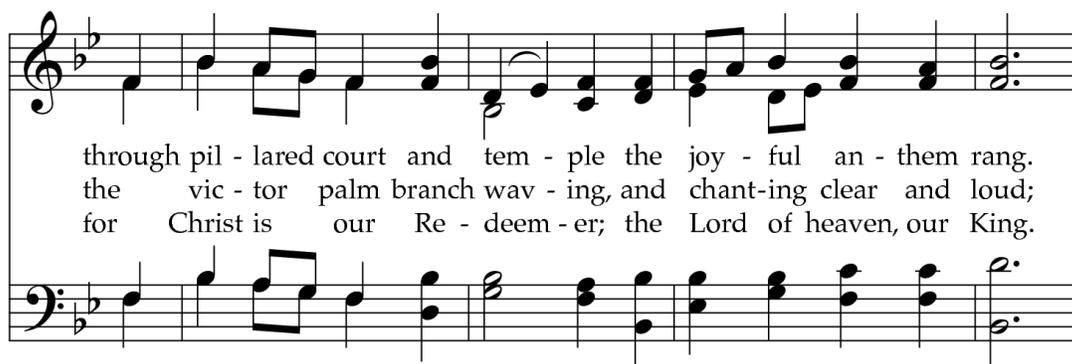
F<sup>sus</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>/D F<sup>sus</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> Final ending

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 un - be-lief.  
 glo - ry.

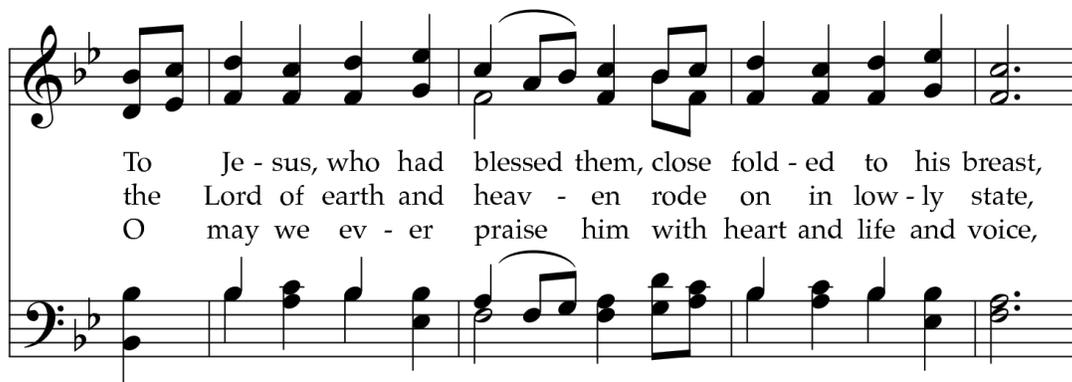
# 197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



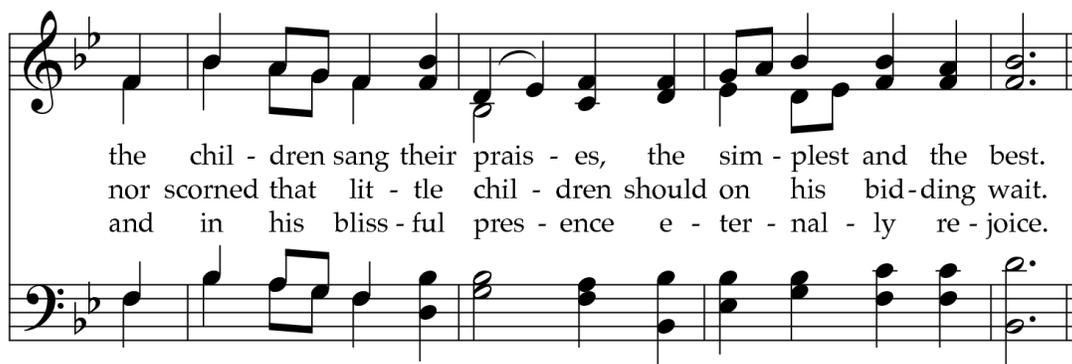
1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,  
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



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.

## Ongoing/Upcoming Opportunities . . .

### Hospitality Hour

Join us after worship this morning for a time of refreshments and fellowship in the chapel. If you're visiting with us, we would especially like to get to know you!

### Sunday School

*The Cornerstone Class* continues to explore the early Church through a study of the **Book of Acts**. The class meets from **9:30 - 10:30 a.m.** in **Room #17** (chapel area, next to the stage). If you'd like to join them for fellowship and learning, please contact **Charlie Claudon at 412-400-4868**. Children's Sunday School also continues in Room 4 downstairs. All children are invited.

### Worship with us during Holy Week

**Maundy Thursday Service - April 2 - 7:00 pm** - This will be both a Communion and a Tenebrae service.

**Good Friday: April 3 - 12:00 pm** - Service followed by a City-wide Prayer Walk.

**Easter Sunday: April 5 - 10:45 am**

### Come & Pray for the City: Good Friday City-wide Prayer Walk — April 3

After the Good Friday service at noon, all are invited to join a 1.5-mile Prayer Walk through Downtown Pittsburgh. A printed guide will be provided, and you are welcome to follow the route or adjust it to your own pace. You may also remain in the church building to pray with the guide or walk through our ministry spaces.

We encourage walking with a partner or small group, reflecting Jesus sending disciples two by two (Luke 10). Those who wish to share experiences may gather in the Chapel at 2:00 p.m. for a brief reflection time.

Please dress for the weather. If you enjoy photography, feel free to capture moments from your walk—we will create a Prayer Walk Gallery.

### A New Easter Tradition at First Church!

You are invited to **bring freshly cut flowers** on **Easter Sunday** to help adorn the **First Church Easter Cross**—a beautiful symbol of the hope and renewal of the Resurrection. The cross will be prepared with wire mesh to receive the flowers, allowing it to be transformed into a vibrant floral display.

To participate, please **plan to arrive a little early** so you can place your flowers on the cross before the service begins at **10:45 a.m.**

## Looking Ahead . . .



**Annual Congregational Meeting** will take place on **April 12<sup>th</sup>** following the worship service.

**Marathon Sunday - Volunteers Needed** - This year's marathon will take place on **Sunday, May 3**. Our building will be open that morning to provide restroom access for runners and visitors. We are seeking volunteers to serve as building monitors and individuals to join **Rev. Walls** in offering **prayer and spiritual support** to runners beginning at 5:00 a.m. If you can help, please contact the church office at **412-471-3436 x213** or **cblack@fpcp.org**

**New Summer Worship Time** - Beginning **June 14** and continuing through September 6, Session has unanimously approved moving Sunday worship to **9:30 a.m.** to take advantage of the cooler morning temperatures.

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*Call to Schedule a Tour!*

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