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Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 13, 2025

LOVE FIRST, LOVE ALL

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We have several traditions within our service during which physical contact—shaking hands, joining hands, handing an item—may be an option. If, for any reason, you are uncomfortable with this kind of contact, feel free to refrain from participating. Know that our congregation is respectful and recognizes that our members and guests have different needs and comfort levels. We seek to be a “Non-Judgment Zone.”

Announcements

- The Missions Team would like to invite you to volunteer at the **Friendship House** on Wednesday, April 16, from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. to help distribute books at their **“Book Fair.”** It will be a treat to see the smiles on the faces of boys and girls as they receive a free book that we collected on Mr. Rogers Day! Please see Priscilla Brown for more details.
- Join us for a special **Maundy Thursday Service** at Dalton First United Methodist Church on April 17 at 6:00 p.m. for a collaboration between FPC Dalton and DFUMC, featuring Mozart's *Missa Brevis in B-flat Major, K. 275*. Through this beautiful choral work, we reflect on Christ's love and sacrifice on the night of the Last Supper.
- Join us on Friday, April 18, for our **Good Friday Worship Service** beginning at 5:30 p.m. Traditionally, this is a simple service which remembers the tortuous death of Jesus upon the cross at Golgotha. It is quiet and reflective, lacking the joy and splendor of the upcoming Easter celebrations.
- Please join us for the **Easter Sunday Fellowship Lunch** on Sunday, April 20, in Hollis Hall, immediately following Worship. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to the church office.
- Join us on **Easter Sunday**, April 20! This is the glorious day of the Resurrection! Worship is dramatic, building from the quietness of the dawning of morning to the enthusiastic announcement, “Christ is risen!” The congregation responds, “He is risen, indeed!” Following this declaration, the full force of choir, organist and congregation blend their voices in the holiest service of praise in the Liturgical Year.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

THE GREETING

At the sound of the bells, please prepare your heart and mind for Worship.

INTROIT

Hosanna Processional

Mark Kellner
(1959-2015)

Children & Youth Choir, Sanctuary Choir, Handbell Choir

*Hosanna , hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(From Luke 19:35-40)

Jodi Johnson

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;
in your righteousness deliver me.
I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love,
because you have seen my affliction;
Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.
Love the Lord, all you his saints.
The Lord preserves the faithful
Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the Lord.

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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 united 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 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Valet Will ich dir Geben

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Hymn 196 Note:

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.

*Where you see this notation, please rise in body or in spirit.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

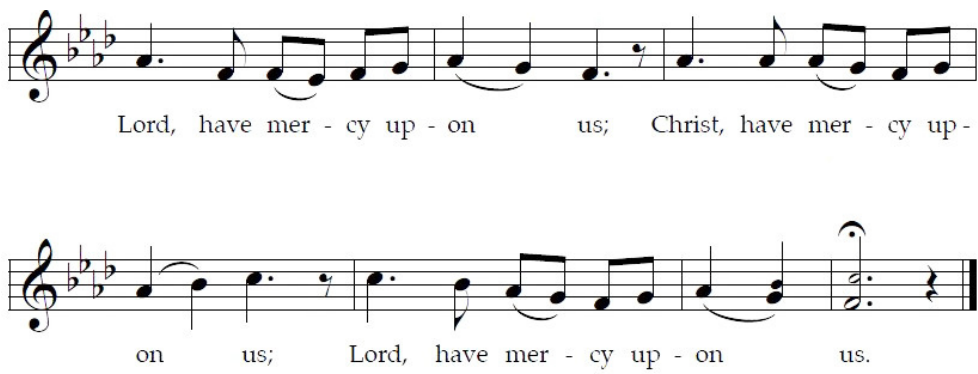
(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

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.

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Kyrie Eleison



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up - on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

S Selwidge Street



Glor - y be to God the Fath - er, and to the Son: and to the Hol - y Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be: world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Jesus Loves Me!

William B. Bradbury

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

NRSVUE

- 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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ANTHEM

The Palms

J. Faure
(1830-1914)

James Hoskins, soloist

*O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay
Are strewn this day, in festal preparation.
Where Jesus comes to wipe our tear away,
E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare;*

(Refrain)

*Join all and sing, His name declare,
Let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation:
Hosanna! Praise to the Lord!
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation!*

*His word goes forth, and people by its might
Once more regain freedom from degradation.
Humanity doth give to each his right,
While those in darkness are restored to light. (Refrain)*

*Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem.
Of all thy sons sing the emancipation.
Through boundless love the Christ of Bethlehem
Brings faith and hope to thee forevermore. (Refrain)*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 19:28-40

NRSVUE

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 Now as he was 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.”

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Even the Rocks Will Cry Out”

Rev. Nicole Jiskoot

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 391

This Is the Day

Este es el Día

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being born in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God, “Jesus Christ is Lord!” Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

THE 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.

THE OFFERING

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THE OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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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.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 200

A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd

Christian Love

Hymn 391 Note:

The author/composer has incorporated elements of his Argentinian culture in this dynamic paraphrase of Psalm 118. In particular, the melodic patterns of the refrain are intended to suggest the way cowboys (gauchos) greet each other when they ride out to their work in the morning.

Offering Note:

Copy and paste the link under the Offering onto your browser to easily submit your online offering.

Hymn 200 Note:

This Palm Sunday hymn recreates the contrasting sounds of Holy Week, moving from the noisy public acclaim of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem to the solitary silence of his body being prepared for burial. It gently reminds us that self-giving is the mark of Christ’s true sovereignty.

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Traditional

**God be with you till we meet again;
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.**

*POSTLUDE



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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Flower Guild
4/13	Jodi Johnson	Mary Hubbs & Peggy Rollins	Joanne Lewis
4/20	Emma Lively	Mike & Priscilla Brown	Kaye Clark

CHILDREN

Date	Nursery	Joy Makers	Faith Builders
4/13	Jeff Granillo	Choir and Procession Rehearsal	Choir and Procession Rehearsal
4/20	Mary Hubbs	Alice Ensley & Susan Bisson	Jeane Jones & Kayte Crocker

MONTHLY

Communion (April 17 - Maundy Thursday)		Congregational Care		Little Free Pantry Pal	
Prep	Kathryn Sellers	April	Peggy Rollins	April	Jean Lowrey & Carol Houston
Servers	Rev. Nicole Jiskoot, Priscilla & Mike Brown	May	Bobbie Anderson	May	Valerie George & Mary Hubbs

Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 13

Sunday School
9:15 a.m.
Fellowship
10:00 a.m.
Worship
10:30 a.m.
Connection Team Meeting
11:30 a.m.

Monday, April 14

Morning Prayers
11:00 a.m.
The Lunch Bunch
11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 15

Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16

Friendship House
“Book Fair”
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Women’s Book Club
noon
Choir Rehearsal
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 17

Knitting Group
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Maunday Thursday
6:00 p.m.

Friday, April 18

Good Friday
5:30 p.m.
Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 19

Easter Egg Hunt
11:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 6

Sunday School
9:15 a.m.
Fellowship & Flowering of the Cross
9:45 a.m.
Worship - Easter
10:30 a.m.
Fellowship Lunch
11:30 a.m.

FPC Holy Week Schedule

April 13 @ FPC
Palm Sunday Worship @ 10:30 a.m.

April 17 @ DFUMC
Maundy Thursday Worship @ 6:00 p.m.

April 18 @ FPC
Good Friday Service @ 5:30 p.m.

April 19 @ The home of Walter & Jeane Jones
Easter Egg Hunt @ 11:00 a.m.

April 20 @ FPC
Fellowship & Flowering of the Cross @ 9:45 a.m.
Easter Sunday Worship @ 10:30 a.m.
Fellowship Lunch after Worship

PRAYERS

For Healing and Comfort for our Members:

Janice Sims, for safe travels while away;

Wayne Alderman, who is recovering at home following a minor stroke;

John McPherson, who is recovering from knee-replacement surgery;

Bob Hubbs, who is receiving medical treatment;

Charles Allgood, as he battles lung cancer;

Ongoing Concerns for our Members:

Nancy Rhine, in assisted living located near her daughter;

Stan and Jenny Cranford, who are battling mobility issues and Parkinson's Disease, respectively;

For Friends of First Presbyterian, Dalton

Paula Morron, friend of Sarah McCown and of the church, who checked into Emory Hospital on April 5, for an extended stay to complete her bone marrow transplant;

Pam Williams, friend of Alice Ensley, Mary Ellen Gurley, and Berrien Long, who has been diagnosed with glioblastoma and is beginning treatment;

Dana Easley, who is receiving chemotherapy in Dalton;

For *Linda Leslie*, who is being treated for cancer, for *Mark A. Spivey*, who suffered a fall and a stroke, and for *Emily Bringardner*, who is recovering from hip surgery and suffering from Parkinson's Disease, all of whom are friends and family of Sue Spivey and Kathy Bridges;

Jerry, friend of Pam Partain, who is undergoing chemotherapy;

Becky Hansberry, daughter of Kaye Clark, who is receiving chemotherapy treatment for lung cancer in Atlanta.

Martha Bracey Henson, cousin of Mary Hubbs, who continues to receive treatment for a brain tumor;

Arden Brown, son of Amanda and Chris Brown, as they seek a cure for DMD;

Those affected by climate disasters;

The peace of Israel and Palestine and the well-being of Ukraine;

The families of victims of substance abuse;

Caregivers and aging parents.

Praises and Continuing Prayers!

Steve and Nancy Farrow, who were joyously united in matrimony on March 15, 2025;

Kathy Householder, friend of Debbie and Mary Dennard;