

Worship at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 13, 2025 at 10 am

*"Now my soul is deeply troubled. Should I pray, 'Father, save me from this hour'?
But this is the very reason I came! Father, bring glory to your name." (John 12:27-28)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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HYMN #88: *ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR*

*All glory, laud and honor
To Thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessed One. *[Refrain]*

The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayers and anthems
Before Thee we present. *[Refrain]*

To Thee, before Thy passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. *[Refrain]*

Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King! *[Refrain]*

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Humble and riding on a donkey,

WE GREET YOU.

Acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children,

WE CHEER YOU.

Moving from the peace of the countryside
to the corridors of power,

WE SALUTE YOU, CHRIST OUR LORD.

You are giving the beasts of burden a new dignity;
 you are giving majesty a new face;
 you are giving those who long for redemption a new song to sing.

WITH THEM,
 WITH HEART AND VOICE, WE SHOUT "HOSANNA!"

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HYMN #89: *HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA*

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.

A PALM SUNDAY PRAYER (responsive)

Lord Jesus Christ,
 over the broken glass of our world,
 the rumors meant to hurt,
 the prejudice meant to wound,
 the weapons meant to kill,
 ride on . . .
 trampling our attempts at disaster into dust.
 Ride on . . .

RIDE ON IN MAJESTY!

Over the distance which separates us from you,
 and it is such a distance,
 measurable in half-truths,

in unkept promises,
 in second-best obedience,
 ride on . . .
 until you touch and heal us,
 who feel for no one but ourselves.
 Ride on . . .

RIDE ON IN MAJESTY!

Through the back streets and the sin bins
 and the corners where drugs are sold,
 where human life festers and love runs cold,
 ride on . . .
 bringing hope and dignity
 where most send scorn and silence.
 Ride on . . .

RIDE ON IN MAJESTY!

For you, O Christ, truly care
 and must show us how.
 On our own,
 our ambitions rival your summons
 and thus threaten good faith and neglect God's people.
 In your company and at your side,
 we might yet help to bandage and heal
 the wounds of the world.
 Ride on . . .

RIDE ON IN MAJESTY
 AND TAKE US WITH YOU, AMEN!

From the Iona Community Wild Goose Worship Group

EL SHADDAI (Solo, Kendall Cavin)

READING AND PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Sermon: *"The Glory of Acclaim—and the Glory of the Cross"*

John 12:12–37

The news that Jesus was on the way to Jerusalem swept through the city. A large crowd of Passover visitors ¹³ took palm branches and went down the road to meet him. They shouted,

"Praise God!
 Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the LORD!
 Hail to the King of Israel!"

¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and rode on it, fulfilling the prophecy that said:

¹⁵ "Don't be afraid, people of Jerusalem.
 Look, your King is coming,
 riding on a donkey's colt."

¹⁶ His disciples didn't understand at the time that this was a fulfillment of prophecy. But after Jesus entered into his glory, they remembered what had happened and realized that these things had been written about him.

¹⁷ Many in the crowd had seen Jesus call Lazarus from the tomb, raising him from the dead, and they were telling others about it. ¹⁸ That was the reason so many went out to meet him—because they had heard about this miraculous sign. ¹⁹ Then the Pharisees said to each other, "There's nothing we can do. Look, everyone has gone after him!"

²⁰ Some Greeks who had come to Jerusalem for the Passover celebration ²¹ paid a visit to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee. They said, "Sir, we want to meet Jesus." ²² Philip told Andrew about it, and they went together to ask Jesus.

²³ Jesus replied, "Now the time has come for the Son of Man to enter into his glory. ²⁴ I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives. ²⁵ Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity. ²⁶ Anyone who wants to serve me must follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And the Father will honor anyone who serves me.

²⁷ "Now my soul is deeply troubled. Should I pray, 'Father, save me from this hour'? But this is the very reason I came! ²⁸ Father, bring glory to your name."

Then a voice spoke from heaven, saying, "I have already brought glory to my name, and I will do so again." ²⁹ When the crowd heard the voice, some thought it was thunder, while others declared an angel had spoken to him.

³⁰ Then Jesus told them, "The voice was for your benefit, not mine. ³¹ The time for judging this world has come, when Satan, the ruler of this world, will be cast out. ³² And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." ³³ He said this to indicate how he was going to die.

³⁴ The crowd responded, "We understood from Scripture that the Messiah would live forever. How can you say the Son of Man will die? Just who is this Son of Man, anyway?"

³⁵ Jesus replied, "My light will shine for you just a little longer. Walk in the light while you can, so the darkness will not overtake you. Those who walk in the darkness cannot see where they are going. ³⁶ Put your trust in the light while there is still time; then you will become children of the light."

After saying these things, Jesus went away and was hidden from them.

³⁷ But despite all the miraculous signs Jesus had done, most of the people still did not believe in him.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

The metal basket in the offering plate is for gifts to support our deacons' provision of care, support, and financial assistance to those in need.

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *AND* THE LORD'S PRAYER

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HYMN #78: ALAS AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED

Alas! And did my Savior bleed,
 And did my Sovereign die!
 Would He devote that sacred head
 For sinners such as I!

Was it for crimes that I had done
 He suffered on the tree?
 Amazing pity! Grace unknown!
 And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide,
 And shut its glories in,
 When Christ, the great Redeemer, died
 For human creatures' sin.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay
 The debt of love I owe;
 Here, Lord, I give my self away;
 'Tis all that I can do.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY	Choir Practice (9:00 in the Parlor) Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary) One Great Hour of Sharing (special offering) Potluck (after the service)
Tuesday, April 15	Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30) Worship at Channel Point (10:30) Alzheimer’s Caregivers Support Group (1:00 pm)
Wednesday, April 16	Quilting Group (10:30–2:30) Seed Starting Party (1:00–2:00)
Thursday, April 17	Deacons’ Meeting (2:00 pm) Maundy Thursday Supper (6:00), Service (6:30)
Friday, April 18	Good Friday: Sanctuary Open for Private Prayer (9:00–3:00)
Sunday, April 20	<i>EASTER: RESURRECTION DAY</i> Choir Practice (9:00 in the Parlor) Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)

We are delighted to be partnering with the Aberdeen Rotary Club’s participation in the Rotary Action Group for Addiction Prevention. They will be using our church to train people to administer Naloxone to someone in an overdose situation. The training is free, it’s incredibly easy, and it can save lives! Registration for training is required, however. Upcoming dates are:

Thursday, April 24, 2025, 7:00 pm (pre-register by April 13)

Thursday, May 29, 2025, 7:00 pm (pre-register by May 18)

Thursday, June 26, 2025, 7:00 pm (pre-register by June 15)

A poster, with a link to the registration form, is on the bulletin board.

For more information talk to Leslie O’Brien or Chuck Guth.

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