

back here immediately.” They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,  
“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The Living Word of God  
Thanks be to God!

Meditation

Prayers of the People

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.*

Sending

Hymn of Praise

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Receiving the Offering



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Sunday , March 28

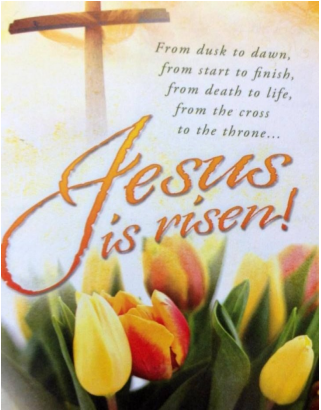
This Week at FPC

- Tuesday - March 30**  
10:00 am Quilters Guild  
12:00 pm Bible Study  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts

- Wednesday - March 31**  
12:00 pm Scripture & Prayer  
1:00 pm My Glacier Village

- Thursday - April 1**  
10:30 am PW Coord. Team  
12:00 pm PW Lunch/Program  
9:00 am Staff Meeting  
6:00 pm Friendship Force

- Sunday - April 4**  
10:00 am Worship  
*Happy Easter*



The Session of First Presbyterian has planned a meaningful Holy Week and Easter Sunday for us, giving us opportunity to reflect on our faith and grow in relationship with one another. Our Holy Week schedule includes the following gatherings:

- Tuesday, March 30 book study at 12:00 pm  
*Kneeling With Giants* (Books \$15 in the office)  
Thursday, April 1 at 5:30 pm  
Maundy Thursday Dinner (light meal)  
Thursday, April 1 at 6:15 pm  
Maundy Thursday Worship  
Sunday, April 4 at 10:00 am  
Easter Worship with Holy Communion

Easter Outreach to Youth

We continue to collect Easter candy, plastic eggs, toiletries, gift cards (\$10-\$20) to places like Starbucks, Target, and Subway. We will be delivering 12-15 Easter baskets to three homeless shelters for youth. Deadline for donations is this Wednesday, March 30; your donations are appreciated!

PW Luncheon and Program

The Coordinating Team will meet at 10:30 am with the sack lunch and program following at 12:00 pm. The program will be presented by Carolyn Heinz. The topic is *Living with Dementia from the Family’s Perspective—The Long Goodbye ... that Past is Now the Future*. Martha Circle will bring the devotion. Please bring a sack lunch and beverage.

Seeking Hospital Visitors

We are so grateful to those who reach out to call or visit those who are in the hospital. We are seeking more volunteers. If you feel a calling to help bring a little joy to someone who is ill or want more information, call Carol Savage at 261-8844.

# Gathering

## Words of Welcome

### Opening Prayer

Merciful Savior, it is our privilege and delight  
to be in your presence and to bring our praises and worship to you.  
You are our teacher and our friend,  
our rock and our hope and our strength and our light.  
We celebrate your arrival in Jerusalem;  
we anticipate the agony that is before you;  
we await your victory over death.  
Grant that we might walk this journey alongside you as faithful disciples,  
rather than as participants of the fickle crowd. **Amen.**

### Prelude

### Call to Worship

As Jesus came into Jerusalem that day long ago, riding a donkey,  
the people whispered, “What's his name? Who is he?”  
The crowd shouted back,  
“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”  
But who is he?  
His disciples praised God joyfully for all his mighty deeds of power.  
They shouted, “Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven.”  
But do we know him by his name?  
**Hosanna to the Son of David! Jesus is his name!**

### Hymn of Praise

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

### Confession of Sin

Holy God, as we remember your Son’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem,  
we confess that all too often we have been part of the crowd.  
When things go our way, we believe our lives are good because we worked hard.  
When things do not go our way, we blame others for our troubles.  
God, help us to take responsibility, not only for our own lives,  
but for the lives of our neighbors.  
Forgive us when we have forgotten your commandments  
and have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves,  
but instead have judged others,  
believing them not worthy of our help or our compassion.  
Forgive us of our faults, and renew in us a sense of your love, justice and mercy.  
Guide us in ways we might live out your commandments more fully in our lives.  
Help us to seek Christ in the suffering in this world,  
and guide us as the body of Christ to be your hands and feet.  
In your Son’s name we pray. **Amen.**

## Song of Confession

*~ Sing twice and hum third time ~* *The First Song of Isaiah*

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Even on the cross, Jesus cried out for forgiveness.  
We are worthy of forgiveness and love.  
We are called to share that love and forgiveness with others.  
Let us go and share the Good News. **Amen.**

### Hymn of Praise

*God, How Can We Forgive*

## The Word

### Prayer of Illumination

### Psalm of the Day

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-16

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

### Epistle Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, 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 found 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 that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### Gospel Reading

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives,  
he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately  
as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If  
anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it