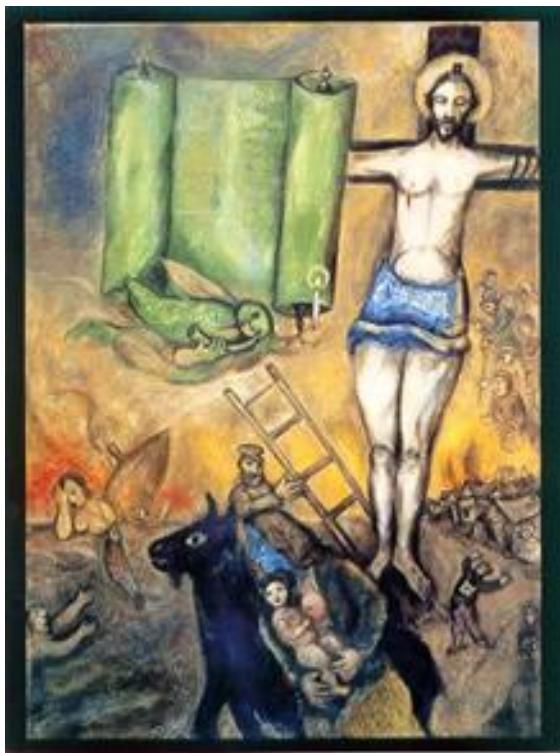


**March 24 , 2024  
Palm/Passion Sunday  
11:00am — Sanctuary**



Mark Chagall, Yellow Crucifixion, 1943



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

WEST WAYNE STREET

## **Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!**

**Thank you for joining us today!** We're grateful for your presence and invite you to take part in our worship, mission, and programs. Please join us after worship for coffee, cookies, and punch in our fellowship hall, called McKay Hall. Just follow the crowd, and you cannot miss it! Livestreaming is available to watch via the website or YouTube, but we know this is no substitute for the community built through in-person connections. We're glad you're here!

-Rev. Dr. Anne Epling (she/her), Rev. Carrie Winebrenner (she/her)  
Rev. Dr. Youngsoo An (he/him), and Rev. Ann Pitman (she/her)

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**Please silence and put away your cellphone as you enter this worship space.**

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

***Congregation responds in bold***

## **GATHERING**

### **Call to Worship**

With crowds from ancient times we cry,

**Hosanna! Save us!**

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**We bless you in the house of the Lord!**

Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,

**Humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

Let us worship the living God!

### **Proclamation of the Entrance Into Jerusalem**

Mark 11:1-11

**\*Hymn No. 196** All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

***Please turn to the last page of your bulletin for the music;  
on each refrain, please wave your branches.***

### **\*Call to Confession**

Let us now confess before God our tendency, like the Jerusalem crowds, to profess our faith in moments of enthusiasm and deny our faith in moments of fear and stress.

### **\*Prayer of Confession**

We are mostly the kind of people who know how to do what must be done, and we do it. We do it well, and we do well for ourselves.

**Surely we have earned our success and well-being. Surely we are entitled to the benefits of our station.**

We have learned to use the system to our advantage in order to create a future of opportunity for ourselves.

**We enjoy the privileges of living in this empire and don't want to do anything to endanger that privilege.**

And into that privilege, Jesus speaks. "Those who would be first must be last."

"Those who want to be great must serve."

**In the midst of the empire, Jesus offers a vision of God's kingdom. "Let the little children come." "Blessed are the peacemakers."**

Forgive our opportunistic ways, Lord, and guide us to follow your way, though it is not the easy way.

*(Time for silent prayer)*

### **\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

The one who rode into Jerusalem to cheering crowds knew that the cross awaited. In this way, we might know God's great love for us. Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, has defeated sin forever.

**Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

### **\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*As you are comfortable, we invite you to take a moment to share the Peace of Christ with those around you with a smile, wave, or other signs of connection.*

## **HEARING THE WORD**

### **Time with Children**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Old Testament Reading**

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Anthem** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Gilbert Martin

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood. See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; Love, so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!*

### **Gospel Reading**

John 12:2-16

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Sermon**

“The Almighty Dollar”

Rev. Dr. Anne Bain Epling

### **\*Affirmation of Faith (Confession of 1967)**

**The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being.**

His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need.

His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*Hymn No. 198** Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

ST. DROSTANE

### **Reception of New Members**

### **Announcements**

### **Prayers of the People and 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.

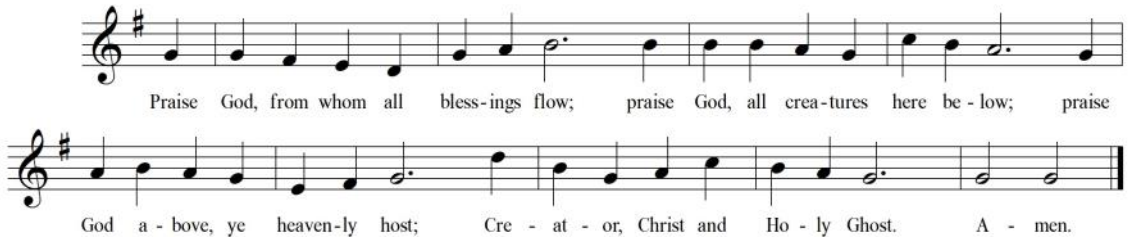
### **Invitation to the Offering**

### **Offertory** There Is a Green Hill Far Away

Bob Chilcott

*There is a green hill far away, without a city wall, where the dear Lord was crucified, who died to save us all. We may not know, we cannot tell, what pains he had to bear, but we believe it was for us he hung and suffered there. He died that we might be forgiven, he died to make us good, that we might go at last to heaven, saved by his precious blood. Oh, dearly, dearly has he loved, and we must love him too, and trust in his redeeming blood, and try his works to do.*

**\*Responsive Hymn No. 606** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



**\*Prayer of Dedication**

As the crowds cried, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord,” we are truly grateful for the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ our Lord. Receive these gifts as a symbol of the dedication of our very selves to you, O God. Use our gifts and use us as a part of the in-breaking of your kingdom, which comes and is still coming into our world today. Amen.

**SENDING**

**\*Hymn No. 215** What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude** Improvisation on *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

**CHANCEL FLOWERS**

*The Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Andrew Gumbert  
by parents Ron & Diane and brother, David.*

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## Assisting with Worship this Morning

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**Pastors:** Rev. Dr. Anne Epling, Rev. Carrie Winebrenner

**Elders of the Month/Greeters:** Steve Weissner, Heidi Schulenberg

**Ushers:** Dan Serban, Anne Barnett, Jack Patton, David Beer

**Director of Music Ministries & Organist:** Brent Neuenschwander

**Assistant Organist:** Kathryn Miller

**Chancel Choir**

**Live Stream Operator:** Dick Florea

**Sound Board Operator:** Jeff Slater

Looking for the announcements? Pick-up a copy of the Friday E-news before or after worship. You'll find copies on the table in the narthex.

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# *Holy Week at First Pres*



*Maundy Thursday*

**March 28 7PM**

**In the Chapel**

**with Communion and Handwashing**



*Good Friday*

**March 29 12PM**

**In the Chapel**



*Easter Morning*

**8AM in the Chapel**

**10AM Easter Egg Hunt**

**11AM Service**

**In the Sanctuary  
with Brass Orchestra**



# 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!

*to Refrain*