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OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Celebration of Worship  
March 24, 2024 – Palm Sunday  
10:30 a.m.**

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*From the triumphant “Hosannas!” to the Last Supper, the betrayal,  
and the agony of Gethsemane, we journey toward Good Friday  
and the glorious Resurrection with Jesus.*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Almighty God, the people acclaimed Jesus as Messiah and King with palm branches in their hands, crying “Hosanna in the highest.” With palms in our hands and joy in our hearts, we ask that you bless both our palms and our hearts, and make them holy.

*May we, also, carry them forth from this place, acclaiming Jesus as our Messiah and King, following him in the way that leads to eternal life. Amen.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

We raise our voices and wave, with joyful hope,  
The palms of deliverance of God’s people.

***Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David!***

Our hearts are filled with expectation  
As we welcome the coming King.

***Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!***

We receive into the crowded streets of our lives the one who is Savior,  
Not only of us, but of all the earth.

***Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!***

*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 rode 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.*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Sovereign God, we confess that we are just as fickle as the crowds in Jerusalem. When everything seems to be going well, we join the hosanna chorus, but in times of weariness or rebellion, praise can turn to insult. We hide our faith when it is under attack, and link ourselves with the scoffers. When there is opportunity to speak a good word for Jesus Christ, we are silent. We need Your forgiving love today, O God, more than ever. Hear our prayer and forgive us. Amen.***

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Elder Betty Chatfield

## PASTORAL PRAYER &amp; THE LORD'S PRAYER

## Congregational Response:

*Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew.  
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.*

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

DOXOLOGY      *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. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*What You have done for us is marvelous in our eyes, Gracious God. Our gifts can never match Your goodness toward us. Your saving grace, Your healing light, Your personal sacrifice are so far beyond our imagining. We can only offer ourselves, all we have, and all we are, in response to the coming of Christ Jesus. Hosanna in the highest! Receive, O God, our humble service. Amen.*

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Mark 11:1-11

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“Jesus’ Grand Entrance”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN # 91

*Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

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*Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.  
O Savior meek, pursue thy road with palms and scattered garments strowed.*

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.*

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty! The winged squadrons of the sky  
Look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.*

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die. Bow thy meek head to  
mortal pain, then take, O God, Thy power and reign.*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 88:

*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.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS**

### **One Great Hour of Sharing**

This week, we are receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

One third of your offering goes to the Presbyterian Hunger Program, one third to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and one third to the Self-Development of People Program.

When this program was started in 1949, the idea was for everyone to donate the equivalent of one hour's worth of wages; hence the title "One Great Hour of Sharing." Now people are simply asked to give whatever they choose.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### **Holy Week**

We will begin our Holy Week observance with the waving of palms this morning as we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

FPCG will observe Maundy Thursday with an in-person service on March 28, at 5:00 p.m. Our service will be a Tenebrae Service, with Scripture readings and the extinguishing of candles.

For those who would like to attend a Good Friday Service, both Old First Presbyterian (125 Main Street, Huntington) and Bethany Presbyterian (425 Maplewood Road, Huntington Station) will be holding Services that night at 7:00.

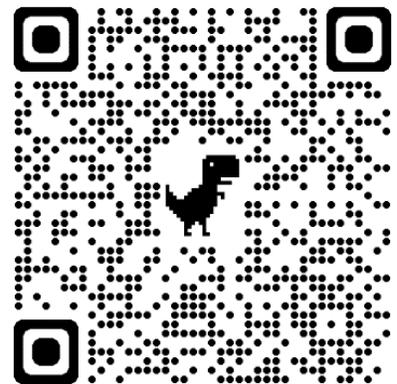
Holy Week will conclude with a joyous celebration of Christ's resurrection. Our Service will be full of prayers, Easter hymns, flowers, choir music, and the traditional Flowering of the Cross. Please join us at 10:30 in our Sanctuary on March 31, Easter Sunday morning. (There will be no coffee hour on Easter.)

### **Easter Flowers**

Today is the last day to order Easter flowers.

### **Church QR Code**

Recently, we acquired a QR code. Do you like the little dinosaur in the middle? We're naming him "Presby-saurus." Simply put your cell phone into camera mode, hold it up to the funny little square thing (no need to take a photo), and the link to our church website should pop up. We are in the process of updating our church website. Stay tuned!



### **Food Pantry**

Do you know of people who might be hungry this season? Remember that we have a free food pantry in front of the church that is available 24/7. Please help us spread the

word. This week, we are in need of canned fruit, canned chicken, Spam, and rice. Thank you.

### **Fundraising Concerts for New Organ**

As was announced, we will be holding some fund-raising concerts this year with the goal of purchasing a new organ for our Sanctuary. Mark your calendar! Here is the concert schedule:

**Sunday, June 9, 3:00 p.m.**

"Craig Schulman on Broadway"

**Sunday, October 27, 3:00 p.m.**

"Brahms - A German Requiem"

by the Greater Huntington Festival Chorus

Frances C. Roberts, Conductor

**Dress Rehearsal Saturday, October 26, 3:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, November 17, 3:00 p.m.**

"Baroque to Broadway (With a Few Stops In Between)"

With Barbara Fusco and Melissa Maravell

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## Easter Flowers - \$12 Each



Please write the number of flowers you would like to order. Flowers may be taken home following the Easter Service. Thank you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Tulips

\_\_\_\_\_ Daffodils

\_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinths

\_\_\_\_\_ Lilies

Total # of flowers: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$12 each = \_\_\_\_\_

Checks may be written to FPCG. Please place this form along with your check in the offering plate. Thank you.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Your Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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