

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN



**Celebration of Worship
April 13, 2025 – 10:30 a.m.
Palm Sunday**

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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 Dan Charnews /Tyler Hago/ Glenn Jahier

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!

HYMN # 89

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

*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

We confess, O God, that we identify with times of optimism and applause. We like a religion that makes us feel good. We prefer safety and security and certainty. Then Jesus comes, riding on a donkey, reaching out to outsiders, proclaiming humble obedience as a virtue, challenging powerful people to change their ways. We sense danger. When Christ upsets our craving for stability, we turn away from the risks. We do not want to be rejected or to face a cross. O God. Help us 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.*

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.

HYMN # 88

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

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.*

*All Glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
The people of the Hebrews, with palms before Thee went.
Our praise and prayers and anthems before Thee we present.*

*All Glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.*

*All Glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou didst accept their praises. Accept the prayers we bring,*

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:
EDELWEISS

TUNE:

*May the Lord, Mighty God bless and keep you forever.
Grant you peace, perfect peace, faith in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see His face, and His grace forever!
May the Lord, Mighty God bless and keep you forever.*

JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE: A GIFT OF MUSIC

The Holy City
(F. E. Weatherly and Stephen Adams)

*Those who are willing and able are invited to stand

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Holy Week

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

The Maundy Thursday Service will take place this Thursday, April 17, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor. We will try to simulcast the Service on Zoom; know that the Internet in the Parlor is a bit unstable.

We need readers for Maundy Thursday. Any volunteers?

Holy Week will conclude with a joyous in-person celebration of Christ's resurrection. Our Service will be full of prayers, traditional Easter music, and our traditional Flowering of the Cross. In addition, our Women's Choir will sing Mozart's delightful *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*. Please join us at 10:30 in our Sanctuary on April 20, Easter Sunday morning.

Palm Sunday Brunch

Our Palm Sunday Brunch is today! Please join us after worship in the Narthex. Many thanks to our Fellowship Director, Debbie Eitel, for organizing this for us.

Lay Worship Assistants

Starting this month, we will be using Lay Assistants to lead the Call to Worship, the Call to Confession, and the Assurance of Forgiveness. We will do this each Communion Sunday. Arlissa Dean will be coordinating this: please see her if you are interested.

Easter Flowers

Today is the last day to reserve your Easter lilies, tulips, and hyacinths at \$12 each.

Our Thrift Store Is Now Open

Some very nice things have been donated to us, and more will be added each week. Church members and friends are invited to visit our Thrift Store on Sundays after church. We're operating on the honor system; take what you would like and pay Pastor Ann. All the money goes into our Special Events Fund, which pays for things like tablecloths and plumbers who hook up refrigerators and dish washers!

The Little Food Pantry

Thanks to your generosity, we don't need anything for our Little Food Pantry this week. We will update you on our needs next week.

You May Now Donate On Line

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 will pop up. The "Donate" button is on the opening page.



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Easter Flowers Order Form

Please enclose a check for \$12 per plant, payable to FPC Greenlawn, and give the check and order form to Betty Chatfield. Please print clearly.

I would like to order the following:

Number of plants

Name of Plants

Easter Lilies



Daffodils

Tulips



Hyacinths

Total number of plants _____ X \$12 per plant = \$ _____

Please list my plant dedication as follows:

In Loving Memory of:

In Honor of:

Your name: _____

Your e-mail address: _____

Your phone number: _____