



PALM SUNDAY

Rejoice greatly...thy King cometh unto thee.

ZECHARIAH 9:9 (KJV)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HADDON HEIGHTS

MARCH 29, 2026

PALM SUNDAY

*Large-print bulletins are available at both entrances to the sanctuary.
Activity bags & bulletins for kids are available in the narthex.*

***Indicates those who are able may stand.**



*The Chancel flowers today are given in loving memory of
Aurelia, George & Mary Ann Newnam, by George Newnam.*



All hymns today are in the **PURPLE Hymnal**,
Glory to God, unless otherwise noted.



Prelude

Mike Rugge, Organist

*Processional Hymn: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

#196

Introit: "The King of Glory"

arr. Michael Helman

Covenant Ringers; Dr. Chris Thomas, Director of Music

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission: One Great Hour of Sharing

Marci Spiegle

Joys and Concerns

We Come Into God's Presence

Call to Worship (L–Leader / P–People)

L: Will you join the parade?

P: Hosanna in the highest.

L: Will you lay down your coat?

P: Hosanna in the highest.

L: Will you shout praises?

P: Hosanna in the highest.

L: Will you cut down a palm branch?

P: Hosanna in the highest.

L: Will you follow the one riding on a donkey?

P: Hosanna in the highest.

L: Will you let this good news inspire you?

P: Hosanna in the highest.

We Prepare to Hear God's Word

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Jesus of Nazareth, we know that you spent your days teaching & healing. You marched through the streets & walked on water. You laid hands on the sick and broke bread at crowded dinner tables. Your good news was not confined to conversation. It was not confined to the Temple. Your good news was an act of love, alive in the world. Holy God, we long for a faith like that. Forgive us for the times when we confine our faith to something we think about, as opposed to something we act upon. Inspire us to love as you loved. Inspire us to act. With hope for tomorrow we pray, amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

L: Church family, Jesus will never stop marching for you.

P: We are claimed, loved, and held in grace.

L: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri

#807 (Red Hymnal)

*Affirmation of Faith:

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P: I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.

L: It sounds like welcome and feels like home.

P: It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy.

L: It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table,

P: So I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. I have seen it alive in the world.

L: And even when my heart aches, even when wars rage, even when mercy feels out of reach,

P: I remember the one who welcomed the children and led with nonviolence.

L: I remember the one who cared for the vulnerable and inspired those around him.

P: I remember that the good news really is good news, for I have seen it alive in the world. Amen.

We Read and Proclaim God's Word

Calvin Chimes: "Fanfare for Palm Sunday"

*Dr. Chris Thomas,
Director of Music*

Time with Our Children

Chancel Choir Anthem: "The Entry Into Jerusalem" *by V. D. Thompson*

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 118:1-2,19-29

(OT, pp.565-566)

Gospel Lesson: Mark 11:1-11

(NT, p.47)

Hymn of Preparation: "Improbable"

by Britt Kusserow

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| 1 Because nothing's impossible, | 5 When hate isn't permanent, |
| 2 For a Love that's improbable, | 6 Resurrection is imminent; |
| 3 For a God that's unstoppable, | 7 For a Love that looks different, |
| 4 Are you ready to try? | 8 Than the fear in their eyes. |
| | 9 I am ready to shine. |

Sermon: "The Good News ... Is On Parade" Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Alleluia, Alleluia
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

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.**

We Go to Live God's Word

*Closing Hymn: "The Palms"

(Insert)

Benediction (unison)

**May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent
one from the other.**

Choral Response

L: Our worship together has ended.

P: Now our service begins.

Postlude



PRAYER CONCERNS



Please keep these people in your prayers this week:

- Adin Borden
- Sally Burrough
- Nancy & Bob Celebre
- Donna & John Duca
- Joe & Marie Guerra
- Lorrie Heuser
- Mary Jane Lange
- Sandy Langford
- Evelyn Miraglia
- Carmen Muni
- Dottie Rheinbold
- Michael Sabolcik
- Ken Sichel
- Lynn & Tom Spina
- Deborah Blackiston
- Lauren DeCorte, Sue Hawco's daughter
- Marlowe Muni, Kim & Carmen's grandson
- Steve, friend of Tony Logandro
- Meegan Hussain, friend of the Heusers
- Carol & Dick Boyle, sister & brother-in-law of Candace Lowden
- Will Baberick, Polly Mitchell's son
- Elijah Scardilli, grandson of friends of the Hudsons
- Nancy Ruiz, friend of the Hudsons

pray without ceasing
1 Thessalonians 5:17

thank you



Greeters

Chal & Diane
Gallagher

Deacons

Anne Andrews
Kelly Evans
Kyle Jaremko

LiveStream

Korey Owens
Erin Gallagher

Counters

Sharon Cole
George Newnam
Cheryl Walmsley

Nursery

Kam Evans
Maria Masi

SS: Adults

Class-led
Room 2

Faith-Walk Class

Pastor Eliza
Nursery

SS: PreK-Grade 2

SS: Grades 3-5


SS: Grades 6-8



Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt!



Sunday, March 29

- 9:00am - Calvins & Cherubs Rehearsal
- 9:30am - Bell Choir Rehearsal
- Adult Sunday School
- Kids' Easter Egg Hunt 
- 10:10am - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30am - Worship: Sanctuary & FB Live

Tuesday, March 31

- 6:30pm - Trustees' Meeting, Parlor

THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES...

Thursday, April 2

- 6:30pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm - Maundy Thursday Service
- *Don't forget 30 "coins" for offering*
- 8:00pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 3

- 11:00am - Good Friday Walk of Witness, starting at FPCHH

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30AM

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Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko, Pastor

Dr. Chris Thomas, Director of Music † Mike Rugge, Organist



Scriptures for Today's Service

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 119:1-2,19-29 (NRSV)

The Glories of God's Law

¹ Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord.

² Happy are those who keep his decrees,
who seek him with their whole heart,

¹⁹ I live as an alien in the land;
do not hide your commandments from me.

²⁰ My soul is consumed with longing
for your ordinances at all times.

²¹ You rebuke the insolent, accursed ones,
who wander from your commandments;

²² take away from me their scorn and contempt,
for I have kept your decrees.

²³ Even though princes sit plotting against me,
your servant will meditate on your statutes.

²⁴ Your decrees are my delight;
they are my counselors.

²⁵ My soul clings to the dust;
revive me according to your word.

²⁶ When I told of my ways, you answered me;
teach me your statutes.

²⁷ Make me understand the way of your precepts,
and I will meditate on your wondrous works.

²⁸ My soul melts away for sorrow;
strengthen me according to your word.

²⁹ Put false ways far from me,
and graciously teach me your law.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 11:1-11 (NRSV)

Jesus's Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

¹ When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ² 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. ³ If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this: ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵ some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶ They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. ⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

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

¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹ 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.

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!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

THE PALMS

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Arr. by C. H. G.

1. O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay Are strewn this day in festival
2. His word goes forth, and peo-ple by its might Once more their freedom gain from
3. Sing and re-joice, O blest Je - ru - sa - lem, Of all thy songs sing the e-

prep - a - ra - tion, Where Je - sus comes, to wipe our tears a - way;
deg - ra - da - tion; Hu - man - i - ty doth give to each his right,
man - ci - pa - tion; Thro' bound-less love, the Christ of Beth - le - hem

RESPONSE

E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare. Join, sing His name di-vine,
While those in darkness find restored the light.
Brings forth the hope to thee for - ev - er - more. Join all, and sing Ho - san - na!

Let ev - 'ry voice resound with u - nit - ed ac - cla - ma - tion, Ho - san - -
Praised be the

na! Praised be the Lord, Bless Him who cometh to bring us sal - va - tion.
Lord, Ho - san - na!

Church Announcements

THIS
WEEK
MAR 29

Deacons' Palm Sunday
TODAY! Special Coffee Hour
... after worship, in the parlor



Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt
TODAY! ... during Sunday School



Egg Hunt & Spring Volunteers Needed

Our Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt is TODAY, during the Sunday School hour. *Remember that there are no SS classes on Easter Sunday.*

Happy Spring! We are in the home stretch of the Sunday School year and need your continued support (for which we re so very grateful!). There are lots of opportunities to support our children's classes from **April 12th through May 17th**. Easily sign up by scanning the QR code here, clicking the link in your e-News, or on the board in the parlor.



Our Blooming Cross Returns on Easter Sunday

The Music & Worship Committee is bringing back the **Blooming Cross** for Easter morning worship on Sunday, April 5. As you enter church, you will be given a flower to take to the front and place on the cross. Please do this as soon as you come in, so as not to cause a delay in the start of our Easter Sunday service. We want everyone to have a chance to make our cross *bloom* in God's glory!



Maundy Thursday

the good news is...
even Judas gets
his feet washed

April 2
7:00pm

On Maundy Thursday, we will be collecting 30 pieces of 'silver' during the service as a reminder of the sum Judas received for his betrayal of Christ. **Please remember to bring along your coins to the service.**

Good Friday Walk of Witness

April 3 | 11:00 AM | *starting at FPCHH*

Join us in remembering the events of Good Friday as we walk through our community stopping to pray for unity & protection over those who live & serve here.



Mission Teens Visit

Please join us on **Sunday, April 12**, as staff & residents from the Mission Teens Norma, NJ center lead us in worship, sharing their passion for this ministry & the impact it has had on their lives.

Adult Sweatshirts & Sweatpants Collection

She Has a Name is in need of **adult sweatshirts & sweatpants** (all sizes: XS —XXL) for the men & women they serve. Please look for these items as you 'spring clean', and ask neighbors/family members as well. Items can be placed in Sunday School Room #2 **until April 1**. Contact Cheryl Hauske for more info. Thank you!



Start Gathering Your Treasures

It's time to start gathering your treasures as the Deacons will be participating in the **Annual Town Wide Yard Sale on April 25**.

However, we ask that you hold off on delivering items until after the Easter holiday. When you do bring

in something, please put it in **Room 2, along the left wall**. There are post-it notes on the table in Room 2; please attach one to your item(s) to label them for the yard sale. If you've already dropped something off that is in Room 1 or 2, please take a minute to attach a post-it note to your item(s) to label them. *As a reminder, we do not accept clothing, bedding or electronics.* Please see a deacon if you have any questions.



Saluting Those Who Serve(d)

Have you served our country in any branch of the armed forces?



We are planning a special service on **Sunday, July 5**, to honor those who served and to celebrate our country's existence & growth for 250 years. Plans are just starting to be formed, but if you served and would be willing to share a little about your time & experience, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Sharon Cole or any member of the Music & Worship Committee if you are interested in being part of this special celebration of the armed forces and your service to our country.

Your Contribution Makes the Difference!

FPCHH Members ... please don't forget to submit your **per capita** contribution to help meet our church budget. The cost is **\$40 per member**. Use the envelope provided in your envelope box (or any envelope, just mark your check "per capita"), and bring/mail it to church. We appreciate your help!



—Leslie Clark, Stewardship Chair

For March: Spaghetti Dinners
 (sauce, parmesan, & pasta)

Missions will MATCH all dinner donations!

| <h1>2026 Lenten Services</h1> <p>Grounding ourselves in the good news this Lent © a sanctified art sanctified-art.org</p> | |
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| <p>March 29th 10:30am Mark 11:1-11</p> | <p>Palm Sunday</p> <p>the good news is... inspiring us to act</p> |
| <p>April 3rd 11:00am Walk of Witness</p> | <p>Good Friday</p> <p>the good news is... revealed through nonviolence</p> |
| <p>April 2nd 7:00pm John 13:1-15</p> | <p>Maundy Thursday</p> <p>the good news is... even Judas gets his feet washed</p> |
| <p>April 5th 10:30am Matthew 28:1-10</p> | <p>Easter Sunday</p> <p>the good news is... alive in the world</p> |