

# ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP PALM SUNDAY MARCH 24TH, 2024 - 11:00 am

#### Welcome!

Whether you are worshiping with us for the first time or have grown up here at FPC, we are glad you have joined us for worship this morning!

- ₱ Everyone is welcome here. God loves you, and so do we. God's grace abounds.
- ⊕ We welcome children of all ages in worship! We know that God made all children and that wiggles and giggles are part of that. Both restrooms on the first floor (to your left as you exit the Sanctuary) are equipped with changing tables. If parents prefer, our nursery is open for ages 0-4 in the Preschool wing (to the right as you exit the Sanctuary).
- ↑ At the back of the Sanctuary are Children's Worship Bags, stored on a wooden tree. Take the bulletin and activity sheets home, but please return the bag with all other materials to the tree.
- Please record your name and address on the Ministry of Friendship (red folder at the end of the row). Pass it to the end of the row and back to see with whom you worship.
- → Hearing Assist devices are available at the rear of the Sanctuary.
- $\Phi$  Written prayer requests may be recorded in the notebook at the rear of the Sanctuary.

# -Gathering Around the Word -

All: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!

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One: If we should keep quiet the very stone would cry aloud!

\*\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 196 ......" "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

One: Hosanna! Wonderful is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

\*\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

All:

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION	in unison	
Patient God, we confess that we love a parade. We are very happy to see banners waving and hear people shouting their praises. Our hearts thrill to the spectacle. But we fail to see the sadness on the face of the Savior; our shouts block out his sorrow. He comes to us as King, and we expect the royal treatment will follow. We do not and cannot believe that in a few days we will be among those who will turn our backs and run from his presence. How fickle we are, O Lord. Yet you continually forgive us and call us to turn our lives around - to see the needs of others, to reach out in trust and faith, to be willing to witness to your good news of saving love. Heal our hearts and give us courage for the days ahead; for we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.  Moment for personal contemplation and prayer		
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ASSURANCE OF PARDON		
**GLORIA PATRI		
- Proclaiming and Sharing the Word -		
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION .from the Book of Common Prayer of St. Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh, Sco		
GOSPEL LESSON Psa	lm 118:1-2, 19-29 (OT, p. 534)	
PSALTER LESSON	Mark 11:1-11 (NT, p. 44)	
TIME WITH CHILDREN		
ANTHEM""Ride On, King	Jesus'' – spiritual, arr. L. Harris	
SERMON	""Party Plans"	
- Responding to the Word -		
**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		

\*\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

- Bearing and Following Word into the World -

praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.

\*\*SENDING HYMN 198....." "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"

\*\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Postlude......Toccata - E. Gigout

#### **Assisting in Worship Today**

Preacher Amy Rogers, Bridge Pastor

Liturgist Belinda Bruner

Organist/Dir. of Music Rebecca te Velde

Soloist/Guitarist Brandon Bowman

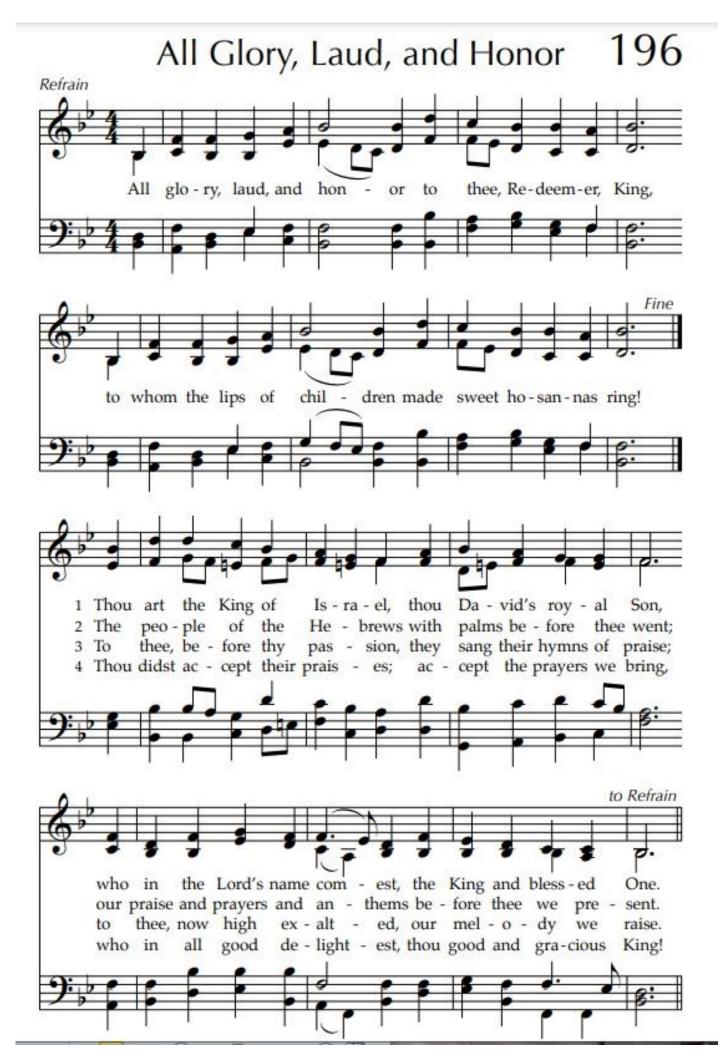
Ushers Luella Charter, Charlotte Reavis,

Elaina Savage, Kathy Thomas

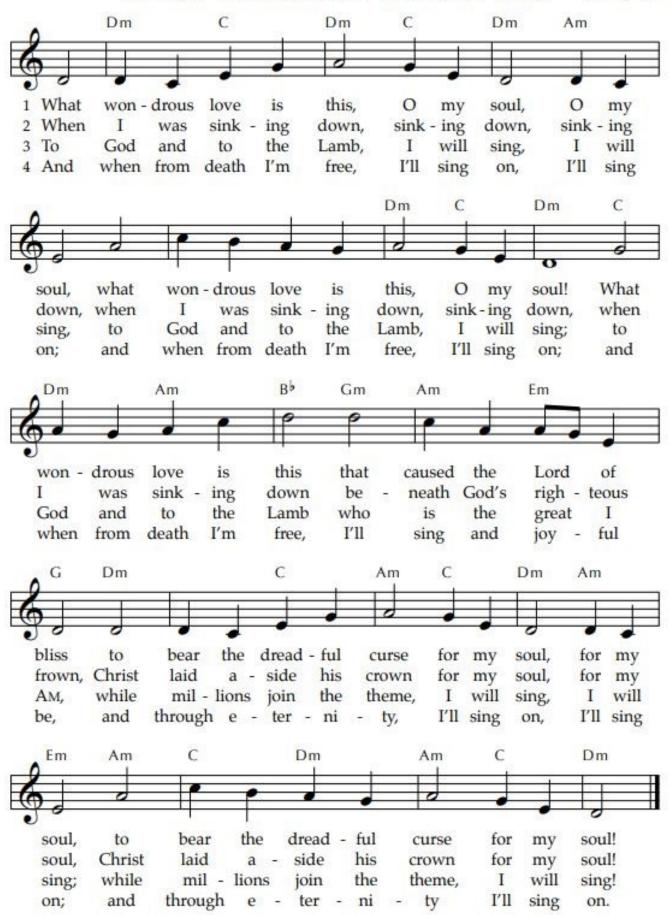
Greeters Jacqui Savage

Children and Worship Denise Rex, Ann Houston

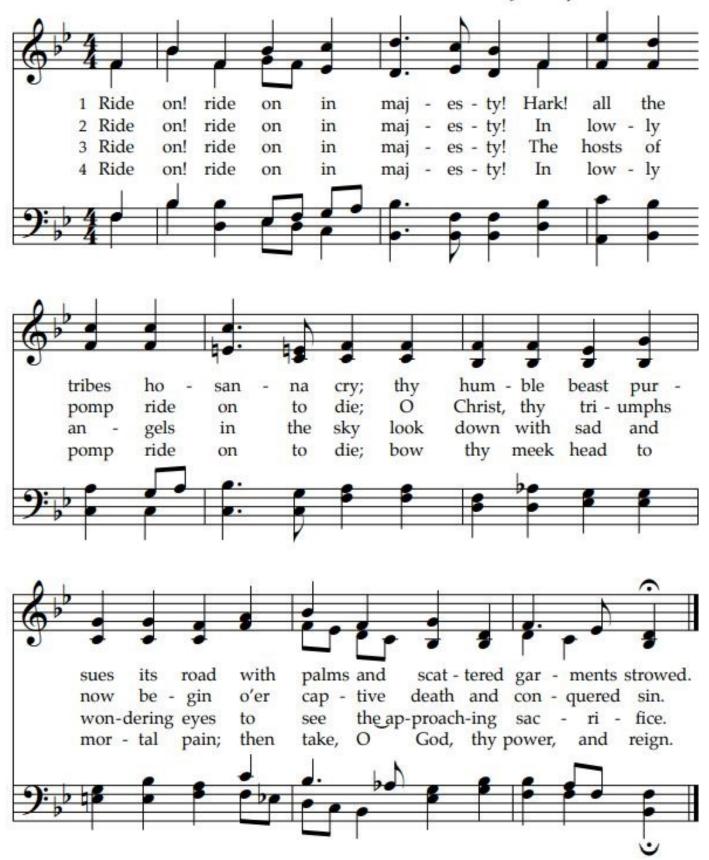
Counters Andrea Arquitt, Ed Noltensmeyer



# What Wondrous Love Is This 215



# Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! 198



### Music Notes by Rebecca te Velde

Today's organ prelude and postlude are perfect examples of music that was never specifically composed for worship, but that perfectly expresses the scriptures and liturgy appointed for a specific day. As we begin Holy Week and the road to the cross, imagine the Palm Sunday scenes of the parade, crowds, commotion, plotting, purpose, and all that is to follow as you hear this music today. **Prelude**: This ever-popular piece has long been thought to be a youthful work of Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), although music scholars, with good reason, doubt that it was actually composed by Bach (thus the "attr." by his name). It begins with the famous fantasia section that is fraught with sinister-sounding diminished-seventh chords. The so-called "fiddle fugue" follows, nicknamed for its subject (theme) that can easily be played on a violin. Unlike Bach's mature preludes and fugues, lengthy echo passages separate statements of the fugue subject, and the concluding fantasy is reminiscent of the opening toccata.

**Postlude**: Having studied with Camille Saint-Saëns, Eugène Gigout (1844-1925) became the professor of organ and improvisation at the Paris Conservatory, and also served the church of St. Augustin as organist for over 60 years. His Toccata begins with a sparse texture and closed swell box. With relentless rhythmic drive, the organ's full resources are employed to create a gradual crescendo to the final triumphant chords on full organ.

#### Anthem:

**Refrain**: Ride on, King Jesus, No man can a-hinder me. (repeat)

I was but young when I begun, No man can a-hinder me, But now my race is almost done. No man can a-hinder me. [R]

King Jesus rides a milkwhite horse, No man can a-hinder me, The river Jordan he did cross. No man can a-hinder me. [R]

If you want to find your way to God, (O Jesus), No man can a-hinder me; The gospel highway must be trod. No man can a-hinder me. [R]

Ride on, Jesus, Ride on, No man can a-hinder me. Ride on.

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It is time to order flowers to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter. If you would like to help the Worship Committee purchase lilies, please fill out the form below. Place the form and your check in the offering plate or return to the Church Office by **Wednesday**, **March 27**<sup>th</sup>.

#### 1) Please <u>Print</u> below EXACTLY as you would like it to appear <u>in the Easter Bulletin</u>:

*Office use: Ck* #\_\_\_\_\_

Cash

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by  (your name(s) as you want it printed)		
2) Include your payment marked "Easter Lily." (Make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church")  # of lilies X \$12.00 = \$ total enclosed		
Your Name:		
☐ I/We will take our lily/lilies home after the 11:00 am Easter service on March 31.		
Please use my contribution to purchase lilies for the Sanctuary that will be distributed to members by		
the Deacons after Easter. I understand that any remaining money beyond what is needed for		
distribution will be given to the <i>One Great Hour of Sharing</i> Offering.		

Amount \$

#### - ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Our 11:00 am worship is broadcast on KSPI AM (780) and PETE FM (94.3) at 11:00 am each Sunday. Or you can listen live online at www.stillwaterfpc.org/listenlive. Audio recordings of the sermon and the full worship service are available at www.stillwaterfpc.org/sermon. Or watch the service on Facebook Live @ 11:00am at facebook.com/StillwaterFPC.

# Today:

- One In-Person Worship Service at 11:00 am
- Sunday School classes for all ages meet at 9:45 am
- PNC meets at 4:30 pm in the Upper Room.

#### This Week:

- <u>The FPC History Project Group</u> will meet at 1:00 pm on Monday in the Youth Suite. If you would like to join them and help identify people and events in FPC's past, you are welcome to do so.
- <u>Easter Lily Deadline</u> is Wednesday, March27th. You can find a lily order form in this bulletin, in the Narthex, or in the Church Office.
- Maundy Thursday Worship will take place on Thursday, April 6th, at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. This special service is led by our pastoral staff, youth, and choir and includes the celebration of Communion and handwashing. Childcare is provided in the nursery.

# Next Sunday

• <u>Easter Sunday</u>: Worship with Communion at 11:00am. Children's Easter Celebration at 9:45am in the Multipurpose Room.

# Looking Ahead:

- The Church Office will be closed on Monday, April 1st.
- <u>Chili Cook-Off & Trivia Night</u> hosted by the Fellowship and Family Committee will be held on Saturday, April 20th, from 5:30-7:30pm in Fellowship Hall.
- **FPC Garden Workday** will be held on Saturday, April 27th, beginning at 9:00am.

#### PRAYER CONCERNS

**Gary Allen** Amanda Nick Amidon **Shea Arnett** Christopher **Aupperle** The Baker Family Luz Barber Baker **Debbie Barnes Betty Bays** Mandy Blackburn Rose Marie Bligh Rita Breuninger **Helen Britton** Belinda Bruner Wayne Cartwright Paula Cavett Nancy Chapa **Allison Christy** Abby Clapp Darlene Collyar Andee and Kannon Cooper **Emberlee** Davidson

Heather Davidson Sara Davies Matthew Durham Lori Fagan Jeanie Findahl Mike Flowers Joyce Freeman **Ed Gallegos** Lauren Glynn Keith Good McKenna Grimes Halana Ben Harris **Kendall Harvey** Mary Ann Henley Charla Hilger **Charity Hitch** Carolynne **Hopkins** Linda Houck **Sharon Huckeby** Sandy Ives **Patty Jacobs** Paul Dean Jenkins **Brenda Johns** Joey Jones

Ted Joy Patty Keys Mary Jane Kirchenbauer Margy Knox Pauline Kopecky Dottie & Sam Kraemer Karen Krehbiel **Heather Lanners** Roger Lantz Hank Lett **Tracie Lively Cheryl Lowther** Alyssa Matal Larry McDonald Stephanie McMillan **Philip Meadows** Steve Miller Tresa Miller Jean Moore Anne Mullen Nora Nagaruk Chancey

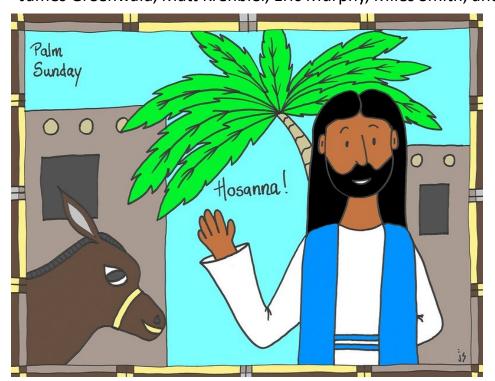
Michelle **Nicholson** Pricilia Nkem Margaret O'Loughlin Marek Omast II **Drew Osborn** Our Service Men & Women Frances Phillips Jean Potts **Daniel Powell Paul Quarles** Tim Rains Lisa Reavis Larry & Margaret Redburn **Jack Reeves Dylon Reimers** Sara Roberts **Terry Robinson** Virginia & Olin Rogers **David Schmidly** Karen Shippey Jeffrey Silver

**David Smith Ted Smith** Perry Sneed Jamie Stephens **Christine Stone** The Stuart Family **Phyllis Taylor &** Helen Brake **Shirley Tearney** Teresa te Velde Pat Thomason Tyler **Upendo Kids** Nettie Vick **Emily Walker** Darrell Warren **Jim West** Lynda Williams Scott Williams

Bold means recently added

<u>Military Service</u>: Jordan Buterbaugh, Casey Campbell, Charley Fairbanks, Justin Fowler,
James Greenwald, Matt Krehbiel, Eric Murphy, Miles Smith, and Bryn Williams

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#### **Mini Prayer Retreat**

Saturday, April 13th St. Francis of the Woods, Coyle OK, 1pm- 5 pm

All are invited to attend a simple Mini Prayer Retreat at St. Francis of the Woods Spiritual Center near Coyle OK (just 30 minutes south of Stillwater).

During this mini retreat we will explore several forms of contemplative prayer, including Breath Prayer, Praying with Icons, Song as Prayer, Listening to God, and Labyrinth Prayer (weather permitting). The cost is free and coffee, tea, water and snacks will be provided.

St. Francis of the Woods is an ecumenical Spiritual Community and Retreat Center, and offers a Community Center, Chapel, as well as a Garden and Trails to explore.

This will be a great opportunity to experience some silence and quiet from the busy time our lives can be. This retreat will be led by Sharon Bennett, Pastoral Care Associate and Spiritual Companion, and Belinda Bruner, teacher and writer.

Please RSVP using this link <a href="https://stillwaterfpc.breezechms.com/form/a3c050">https://stillwaterfpc.breezechms.com/form/a3c050</a>

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Bennett, Pastoral Care Associate at the church or via email at sharon.bennett@stillwaterfpc.org

## - THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH -

TODAY - PALM SUNDAY 9:45 am Sunday School Classes 11:00 am Worship	THURSDAY  8:30 am Trustees
MONDAY  1:00 pm FPC History Project	FRIDAY 11:30 am Preschool Chapel
6:00 pm Stewardship & Finance	SATURDAY  11:00 am Saturday Brunch MinistryNFH  SUNDAY, MARCH 31 - EASTER SUNDAY  9:45 am Easter Celebration
WEDNESDAY  9:30 am Second Mile Sewing	MONDAY, APRIL 1 OFFICE CLOSED

The Communion table flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of Robin's and Elena's first birthday and Charlie's 4th birthday from their grandparents, Becky & John te Velde.

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