



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF STILLWATER

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.
- ✝ Written prayer requests may be recorded in the notebook at the rear of the Sanctuary.

-Gathering Around the Word -

PRELUDE.....Toccata and Fugue in D minor, BWV 565 – attr. J. S. Bach

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Sharing Christ's Peace—To the phrases "The Lord be with you" and "Peace be with you", you may respond, "and also with you."

MINUTE FOR ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARINGEd Noltensmeyer

ORGAN INTRADA.....on Valet will ich dir geben - R. te Velde

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: In sunshine and shadow, joy or grief, this is the day which the Lord has made.

All: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

One: Look! Your Messiah comes to you;

All: Humble and seated on a donkey, he arrives.

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

All: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!

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

All: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!

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

****PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

KYRIE 425, v. 1
Take away our sinfulness, evil that imprisons us;
free us from what troubles us; give our souls release.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

****GLORIA PATRI** 447
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (repeat)

- Proclaiming and Sharing the Word -

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION .from the Book of Common Prayer of St. Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh, Sco

GOSPEL LESSON Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (OT, p. 534)

PSALTER LESSON Mark 11:1-11 (NT, p. 44)

TIME WITH CHILDREN "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna", 197

Sing verses 1 and 2 as the children come forward, verse 3 after Time with Children
Children and Worship for children 3 yrs. old - 3rd grade, meets after *Time with Children* in the
Westminster Room (south of Sanctuary)

ANTHEM "Ride On, King Jesus" – spiritual, arr. L. Harris

SERMON "Party Plans"

- Responding to the Word -

****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children, healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of
sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

****HYMN OF LOVE 215**....."What Wondrous Love Is This"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

You can contribute to this morning's offering at www.stillwaterfpc.org, or mail a check
to: First Presbyterian Church, 524 S. Duncan St., Stillwater, OK 74074

OFFERTORY SOLO....."Give Me Jesus" - spiritual

****DOXOLOGY**.....608

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.

****PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

- Bearing and Following Word into the World -

****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**

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

What Wondrous Love Is This 215



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing
 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to
 on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of
 I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful



bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
 AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
 be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!
 sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
 on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! 198

1 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the
 2 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
 3 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of
 4 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur -
 pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and
 pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to

sues its road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
 now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 mor - tal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

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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Holy Week at FPC

Palm Sunday

March 24

Worship @ 11:00 am

(Procession of Palms - Gather at 10:50am)

Maundy Thursday

March 28

Worship @ 7:00 pm

with Communion and Handwashing

Easter Sunday

March 31

Worship and Communion @ 11:00 am

Easter Celebration @ 9:45 am

Easter Monday - April 1

The Church Office will be closed



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 27th**.

1) Please PRINT below EXACTLY as you would like it to appear IN THE EASTER BULLETIN:

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by

(your name(s) as you want it printed)

(choose one) ☐ in memory of ☐ in celebration of ☐ in honor of

2) Include your payment marked "Easter Lily." (Make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church")

of lilies _____ X \$12.00 = \$ _____ total enclosed

Your Name: _____

3) Please check one:

☐ 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 *One Great Hour of Sharing* Offering.

Office use: Ck # _____ Cash _____ Amount \$ _____ Date _____

- 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:

- **The FPC History Project Group** 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.
- **Easter Lily Deadline** is Wednesday, March 27th. 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

- **Easter Sunday:** 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.
- **Chili Cook-Off & Trivia Night** 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	Heather Davidson	Ted Joy	Michelle	David Smith
Amanda	Sara Davies	Patty Keys	Nicholson	Ted Smith
Nick Amidon	Matthew Durham	Mary Jane	Pricilia Nkem	Perry Sneed
Shea Arnett	Lori Fagan	Kirchenbauer	Margaret	Jamie Stephens
Christopher	Jeanie Findahl	Margy Knox	O'Loughlin	Christine Stone
Aupperle	Mike Flowers	Pauline Kopecky	Marek Omast II	The Stuart Family
The Baker Family	Joyce Freeman	Dottie & Sam	Drew Osborn	Phyllis Taylor &
Luz Barber	Ed Gallegos	Kraemer	Our Service Men	Helen Brake
Baker	Lauren Glynn	Karen Krehbiel	& Women	Shirley Tearney
Debbie Barnes	Keith Good	Heather Lanners	Frances Phillips	Teresa te Velde
Betty Bays	McKenna Grimes	Roger Lantz	Jean Potts	Pat Thomason
Mandy Blackburn	Halana	Hank Lett	Daniel Powell	Tyler
Rose Marie Bligh	Ben Harris	Tracie Lively	Paul Quarles	Upendo Kids
Rita Breuninger	Kendall Harvey	Cheryl Lowther	Tim Rains	Nettie Vick
Helen Britton	Mary Ann Henley	Alyssa Matal	Lisa Reavis	Emily Walker
Belinda Bruner	Charla Hilger	Larry McDonald	Larry & Margaret	Darrell Warren
Wayne Cartwright	Charity Hitch	Stephanie	Redburn	Jim West
Paula Cavett	Carolynne	McMillan	Jack Reeves	Lynda Williams
Nancy Chapa	Hopkins	Philip Meadows	Dylon Reimers	Scott Williams
Allison Christy	Linda Houck	Steve Miller	Sara Roberts	<i>Bold means recently added</i>
Abby Clapp	Sharon Huckeby	Tresa Miller	Terry Robinson	
Darlene Collyar	Sandy Ives	Jean Moore	Virginia & Olin	
Andee and	Patty Jacobs	Anne Mullen	Rogers	
Kannon Cooper	Paul Dean Jenkins	Nora Nagaruk	David Schmidly	
Emberlee	Brenda Johns	Chancey	Karen Shippey	
Davidson	Joey Jones	Nickerson	Jeffrey Silver	

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





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 <https://stillwaterfpc.breezechms.com/form/a3c050>

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 SAN/Online/Radio
 4:30 pm PNC UR

MONDAY

1:00 pm FPC History Project YS
 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Zoom
 6:00 pm Stewardship & Finance UR

TUESDAY

11:30 am Preschool Chapel WC
 5:30 pm Adult Ministry LIB
 6:00 pm Children's Ministry Zoom
 7:00 pm UKIRK YS

WEDNESDAY

9:30 am Second Mile Sewing FH
 12:10 pm Midweek Prayer Zoom
 6:30 pm Capital Campaign Committee YS
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir WR

THURSDAY

8:30 am Trustees YS
 5:30 pm Youth Maundy Thursday Rehearsal .. SAN
 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship SAN

FRIDAY

11:30 am Preschool Chapel WC
 4:00 pm University Ministry HA

SATURDAY

11:00 am Saturday Brunch Ministry NFH

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 - EASTER SUNDAY

9:45 am Easter Celebration MPR
 11:00 am Worship SAN/Online/Radio

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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