

ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF STILLWATER, OK, PC(USA)
April 13, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.
Palm/Passion Sunday

- ✚ **Everyone is welcome here. God loves you, and so do we. God's grace abounds.**
- ✚ We welcome children of all ages in worship! We believe that all children are gifts from God and wiggles and giggles are part of that. Restrooms are equipped with changing tables. If parents prefer, our nursery is open for ages 0-4 in the Preschool wing (north end of the main building). All staff are background checked, as are our volunteers.
- ✚ Throughout the service, at the **, each person is invited to stand in body or in spirit.
- ✚ In the Narthex is a liturgical library with items to help worshipers of all ages engage with the service. Select which items you would like to use, place them in a small black bag from the left side if you wish, and please return your bag with the items to the basket beneath the display at the end of worship.

- The Gathering -

PRELUDE

WELCOME

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SCRIPTURE READING.....John 12:12-19 (NT, p. 100)

CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

One: Let all who fear the Lord say,

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

One: The Lord has answered our prayer and become our salvation.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Hosanna! Hosanna!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 196***All Glory, Laud, and Honor*
VALET WILL ICH DIR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *unison*

As we journey with Christ toward Jerusalem,
we find ourselves wanting to turn away:
to choose glory over suffering,
success over justice,
comfort over peace,
independence over discipleship.
We want to believe
that we will be loyal to Christ until the end,
but we fear that we will join the crowd
in shouting, "Crucify!"
Forgive us, God of life,
of all the ways we fail to answer your call.
Bind us in your love, free us by your grace,
and enliven us by your Spirit
to follow Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.** (*silence*)

KYRIE 551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us. (repeat)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN 197** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*
ELLACOMBE

- The Word -

TIME WITH CHILDREN (gather at the chancel/front)

Children and Worship, a worship experience for ages 3 years - 3rd grade,
meets in the Westminster Room, to the left as you exit the Sanctuary.

ANTHEM..... "Ride On King Jesus" - Howard Boatner
Nia Seir, soprano

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING John 12:20-33 (NT, p. 100)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

- The Thanksgiving -

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**adapted from *The Confession of 1967*

God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ
is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways.
It is called the sacrifice of a lamb,
a shepherd's life given for the sheep, atonement by a priest;
again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt,
vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty,
and victor over the powers of evil.
These are expressions of a truth
which remains beyond the reach of all theory
in the depths of God's love for humankind.
They reveal the gravity, cost,
and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.

HYMN 215***What Wondrous Love Is This*
WONDROUS LOVE

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL FOR THE OFFERING

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Or by mail: First Presbyterian Church, 524 S. Duncan St., Stillwater, OK 74074



OFFERTORY ANTHEM..... "Hide Not Thou Thy Face" - Richard Farrant

*DOXOLOGY*** (tune: *Puer nobis nascitur*)

**To God the Father, God the Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in one,
May every tongue and nation raise An endless song of thankful praise. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (concluding with *The Lord's Prayer* in unison)

**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.**

- The Sending -

HYMN 166***Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*
ERST. FLAVIAN

CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher **Diane Janssen Hemmen**

Liturgist **Courtney Savage**

Interim Organist **Dr. Lucia Unrau**

Interim Choir Director **Dr. Christopher Haygood**

Ushers **Parker Charter, Rusty Rex.**

Corinne Savage

Children & Worship Leaders **Lyle Eastman, Ann Houston**

Counters **William Cole, Lynn Osborn**

PRAYER CONCERNS

Health/Personal

Dorothy Akin

Ali Aresco

Betty Bays

Rita Brueininger

Pat Henderson (Cole)

Levi Hunt (Heath)

Margie Keener

Margy Knox

Dorothy Kraemer

Kevin Moore (Stangl)

Elodie Reavis

Margaret & Larry Redburn

Heather Rine (Seals)

Connie Stiegler

Bill Tearney

Lynda Williams

Military

Dan Brooks

Casey Campbell

Justin Fowler

Matt Krehbiel

Miles Smith

Bryn Williams

Names in italics indicate those with acute needs. Plain text indicates chronic/ongoing needs.

Names in parentheses indicate connection to FPC.

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All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

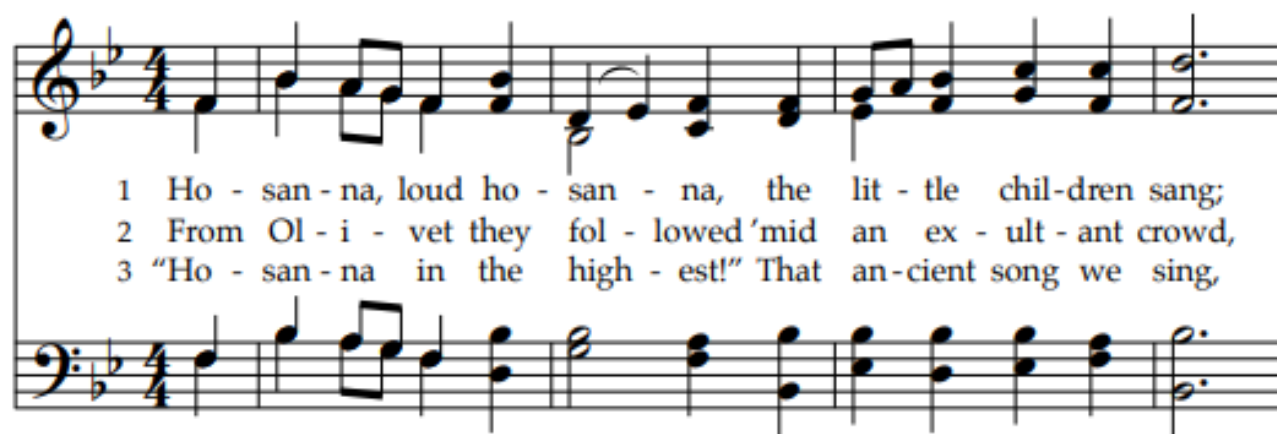
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

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,

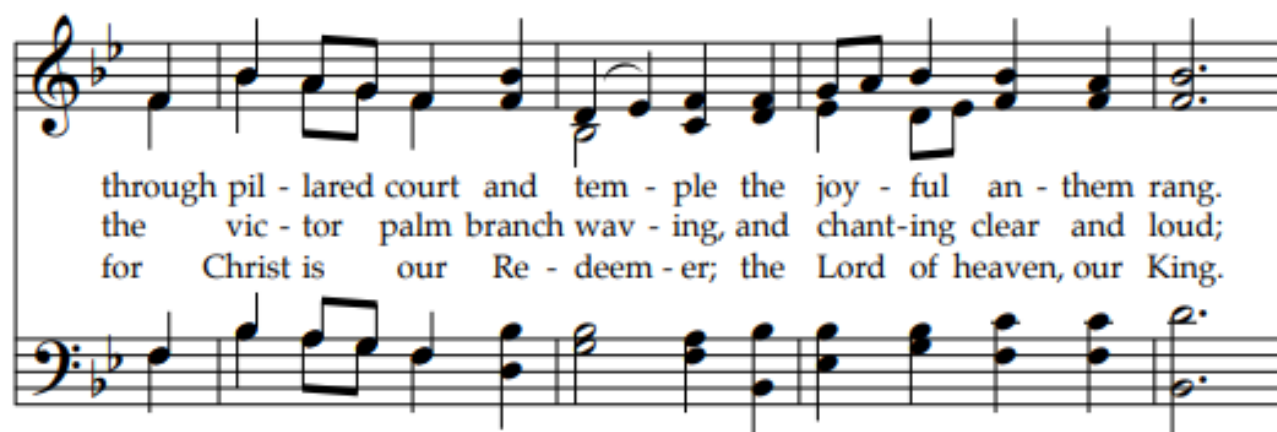
who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra-cious King!

to Refrain

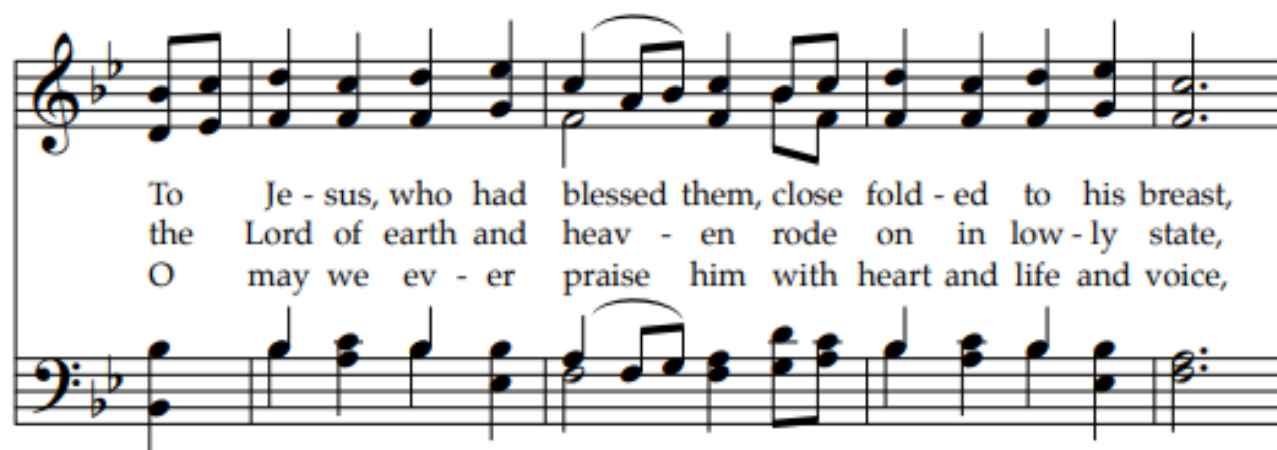
197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



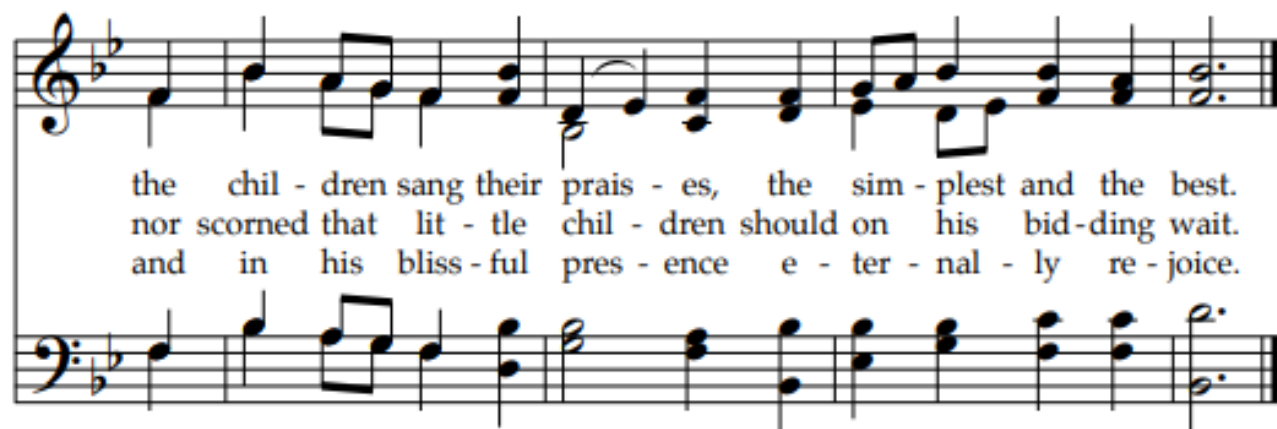
1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



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.

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



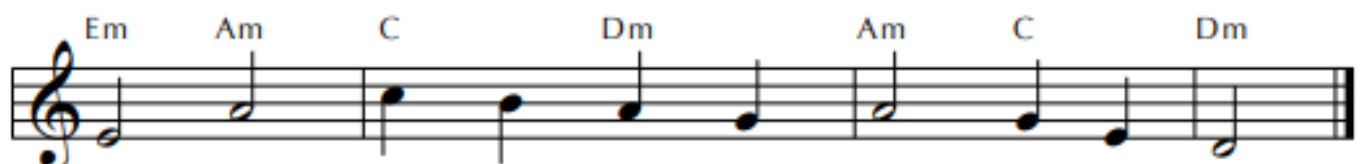
soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to
 on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and



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



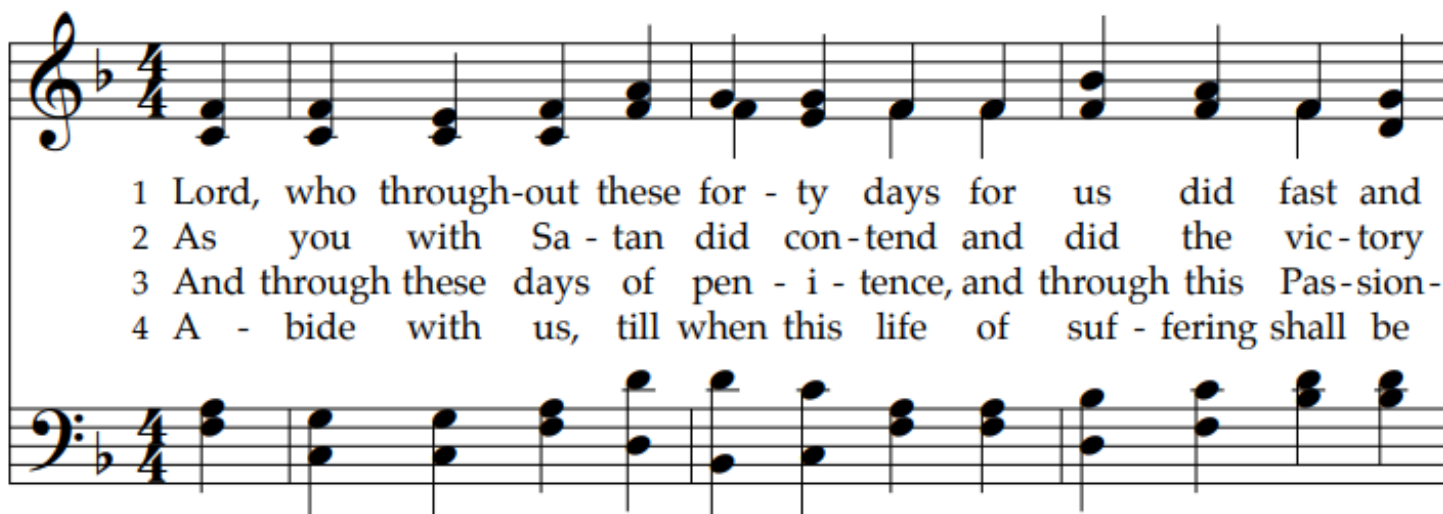
bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
 AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
 be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing



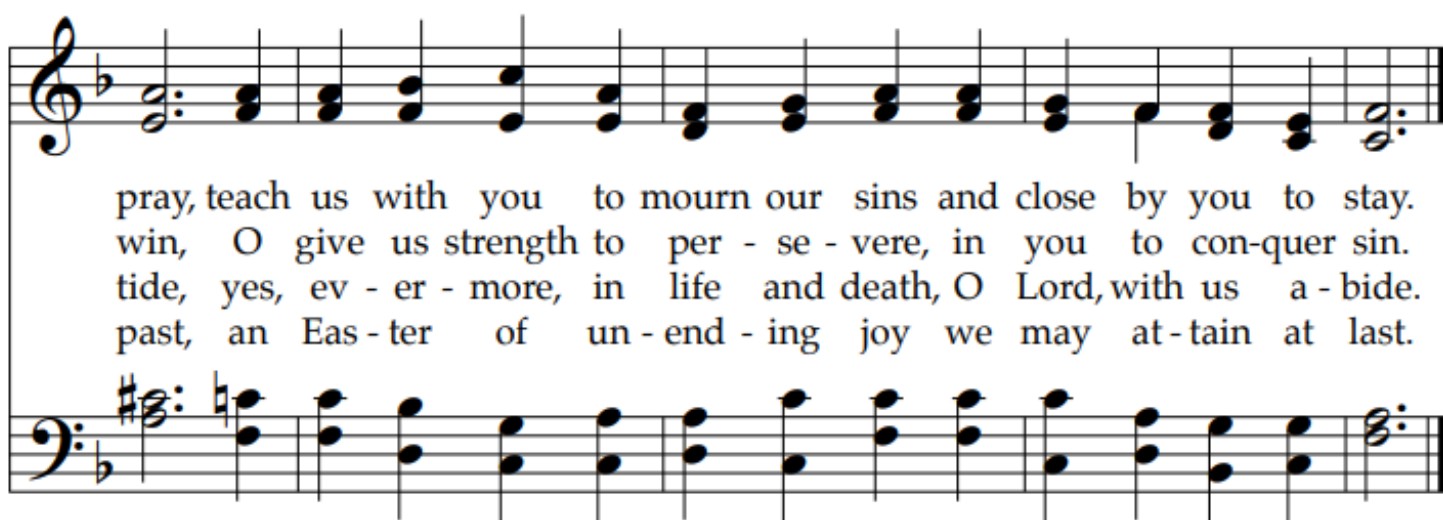
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 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!
 sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
 on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

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1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and
2 As you with Sa - tan did con - tend and did the vic - tory
3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas - sion -
4 A - bid with us, till when this life of suf - fer - ing shall be



pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con - quer sin.
tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bid.
past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.



FPC'S NEW SENSORY ROOM IS NOW OPEN

Team Neurodiversity has been hard at work preparing a sensory room on the 1st floor (in the old library) in order to extend our welcome to and inclusion of those who are neurodivergent.

A sensory room is a carefully designed space that minimizes overwhelming sensory input, offering a calm and controlled environment for individuals with sensory sensitivities or those who need a break from sensory overload. Sensory rooms help individuals manage stress, anxiety, and overstimulation by providing a safe and predictable environment. The room caters

to individuals with sensory processing differences, such as those with autism, ADHD, or other neurodevelopmental conditions. Sensory rooms can be used by anyone who benefits from a calmer, more organized setting. They are not meant to be playrooms for the general public, but rather a controlled environment that can improve focus and concentration by reducing distractions and can also help individuals work through emotions and develop coping mechanisms.

Our sensory room includes:

- Soft lighting options to reduce visual overstimulation.
- Noise-canceling materials to minimize auditory distractions.
- Comfortable seating options to promote relaxation.
- Small, comforting spaces like tents and pop-up tunnels.
- Neuro-affirming fidget tools and small manipulatives that promote regulation.
- Textures and weighted items for calming tactile input.
- Calming visuals like bubble tubes and colorful, neuro-affirming equipment to engage and soothe.
- Swings, rocking chairs, balance boards, and other tools to promote movement and body awareness.
- A television livestreaming worship to engage with the service.

Team Neurodiversity Term of the Month - April 2025

Sensory Processing Disorder

Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD) is a condition that affects how the brain processes sensory information (stimuli). Sensory information includes things you see, hear, smell, taste, or touch. SPD can affect all of these senses, or just one. SPD usually means someone is overly sensitive to stimuli that other people are not. But the disorder can cause the opposite effect, too. In these cases, it takes more stimuli to impact the individual.

To read an article with more information on Sensory Processing Disorder, scan the QR code below.

Team Neurodiversity is sharing a term of the month in an effort to educate our congregation on what neurodiversity is, encourage proper terminology and phraseology, debunk outdated and harmful views, and prepare our congregation to be openhearted, educated, and understanding as we hope to welcome more neurodivergent individuals and families into our church.



- THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH -

TODAY - SUNDAY, APRIL 13

9:45 a.m. Sunday School Classes for all ages
 10:50 a.m. Procession of Palms Gathering..... *WC*
 11:00 a.m. Worship..... *SAN/Online/Radio*
 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Scout Parking Patrol ... *Parking Lot*
 5:00 p.m. PYG (Youth Group)..... *YS*

MONDAY

TUESDAY

5:30 p.m. Session *MPR*

WEDNESDAY

9:30 a.m. Second Mile Sewing *FH*
 11:00 a.m. Adult Ministry Committee..... *LIB*
 11:30 a.m. Presbyterian Men's Lunch *Hideaway*
 12:00 p.m. ROMEOs Men's Group *HA*
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir *WR*

THURSDAY

12:00 p.m. Midweek Prayer *Zoom*
 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship* *SAN*

FRIDAY

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service* *SAN*

SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. 7th Day Adventist Worship *WC*
 11:00 a.m. Community Saturday Brunch *FH*
 2:30 p.m. OSU Choir Concert *SAN*

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

9:45 a.m. Children's Easter Celebration *MPR*
 11:00 a.m. Worship *SAN/Online/Radio*

MONDAY, APRIL 21 Church Office Closed

6:00 p.m. Seasoned Adults *FH*

FPC Room Abbreviation Key

FH= Fellowship Hall

HA= Hospitality Area

LIB= Library (201)

MPR= Multipurpose Room

PRE= Preschool

SAN= Sanctuary

WC = Worship Center

WR = Westminster Room

YS = Youth Suite

There is a map of the facility in the Narthex/main entry area on the signpost.

*Holy Week Services will be streamed on Youtube
and broadcast on KSPI Radio

*The Communion table flowers are given to the glory of God by
Dorothy Kraemer in memory of Samuel Kraemer.*

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