

ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF STILLWATER, OK, PC(USA)
April 6, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.
Fifth Sunday in Lent

- ✚ **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

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Kirsten Hoffman (Archer Fullerton)

MINUTE FOR MISSION.....

One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering - Kathy Thomas

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO WORSHIP.....** from Psalm 126

One: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
it was like a dream.

**All: Then our mouths were filled with laughter
and shouts of joy.**

One: Then it was said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."

All: The Lord has done great things for us! Let us rejoice!

HYMN 645.....** *Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above*
MIT FRUEDEN ZART

PRAYER OF CONFESSIONunison

Holy God, against you alone have we sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.
We lament the ways in which fear holds us captive,
and we confess its power in every corner of our lives.
Forgive us for drawing back.
Help us to see as you see.
Help us to do as you would do.
Help us to love as you love.
Help us to trust your Word in all things and at all times.
Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer we pray. Amen. *(silence)*

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI**581

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.

PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Briefly turn to those near you to exchange those words
or other signs of peace and reconciliation*

- The Word -

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

"Ancient Words", words/music - Lynn DeShazo, sung by Michael Smith
*We are grateful to our Youth for utilizing this sung prayer
as part of the worship service they prepared and led on February 23, 2025.
We will use it throughout the Lenten season.*

Holy words, long preserved, for our walk in this world.
They resound with God's own heart,
Oh, let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope,
give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where e're we roam
ancient words will guide us home.
Ancient words ever true,
changing me and changing you.
We have come with open hearts
Oh, let the ancient words impart.

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 43:16-21 (OT, p. 629)

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.

SCRIPTURE READING John 12:1-8 (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 sovereign love is a mystery
beyond the reach of the human mind.
Human thought ascribes to God
superlatives of power, wis-dom, and goodness.
But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ
by showing power in the form of a servant,
wisdom in the folly of the cross,
and goodness in receiving sinful men and women.
The pow-er of God’s love in Christ to transform the world
discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator
who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love.**

HYMN 223***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*
HAMBURG

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

*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***

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give thanks to you, O God, for your abundant, steadfast love.

The love that created the world and all that is in it also calls it good.

Your love dwelled with us in the first garden.

Even when we betrayed your trust and strayed from your path,
you made your covenant with us, promising steadfast love.

Each time we have failed to keep that covenant,

you have forgiven us and drawn us back into relationship with you.

In gratitude, we unite our voices with the saints
of every time and every place:

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in 2/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the Treble staff, with chords indicated by letters above the notes. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Em Em D Em B7 Em Em D Em B7 Em

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God of power and maj - es - ty,

D Em D7 G D C Em D Em D G D E

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry, O God most high!

We give thanks for Jesus Christ, your Son, our sibling and friend,
who, though born among animals, transforms our ideas
about where kings come from and what power looks like.

We give thanks that his life continues to reshape how we see the world.

A servant to those who were often unnoticed in his society,
Jesus calls us not only to gather as the beloved community
but to be sent out even to the margins here and now.

He humbled himself and died to reveal the depth of his love.
He rose that we might no longer suffer the pain of sin and death.
He will come again in glory to make all things new.

With thanksgiving, we celebrate this meal to remember
all that Christ has done, is doing, and will do,
proclaiming together the great mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God, upon these gifts and on all your people,
those gathered around this and every table. By your Spirit, unite our
hearts and minds in service, that we might truly act as Christ's own body in
the world. All this we pray to the glory of your holy name, O God, through
the gift of the your Spirit and in the grace of your Word, as we lift to your
hearing the prayer he taught us, saying...

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.

Agnus Dei

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All are welcome to share in God's good gifts . Please form two lines as you come forward down the center aisle.

We share the sacrament by intinction:

receiving a piece of bread and dipping it in the common cup.

A gluten free station is also available at the front, and sealed communion kits are also available. Both wine and grape juice are available in separate cups for dipping.

If you are unable to come forward, please motion to the elders and they will be happy to serve you at your seat.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"O Taste and See" - R. Vaughan Williams

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION.....in unison

Almighty God, we give thanks that by your Spirit

we have been united with Christ

through these gifts of bread and cup.

May they be fuel for our wilderness journeys

and may they empower us to follow Christ's example

of what it means to be your servants. Amen.

- The Sending -

HYMN 165** *The Glory of These Forty Days*
ERHALT UNS, HERR

CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher **Diane Janssen Hemmen**
Liturgist **Sarah Bennett**
Interim Organist **Dr. Lucia Unrau**
Interim Choir Director **Dr. Christopher Haygood**
Ushers **Dennis & Judy Ferrell,**
Maddox Krehbiel, Kirk Mittelstet
Children & Worship Leaders **Denise Rex, Debby Schoenecke**
Counters **Larry Caldwell, Courtney Savage**

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645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil-some way a - long I sing a - loud

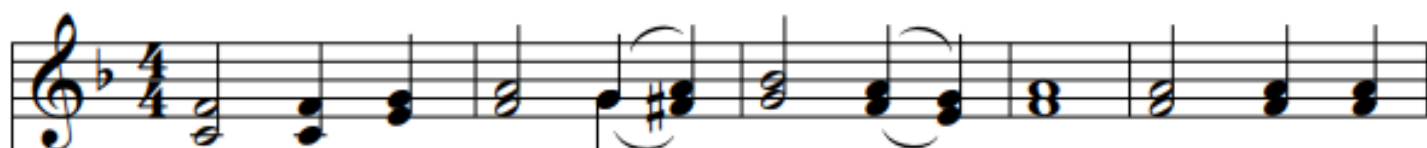
cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

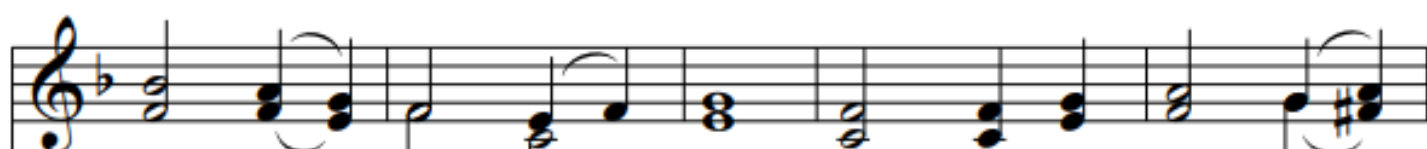
heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

mur - mur stilled:
 all is right:
 cho - sen band: to God all praise and glo - ry!
 take your part:

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 223



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

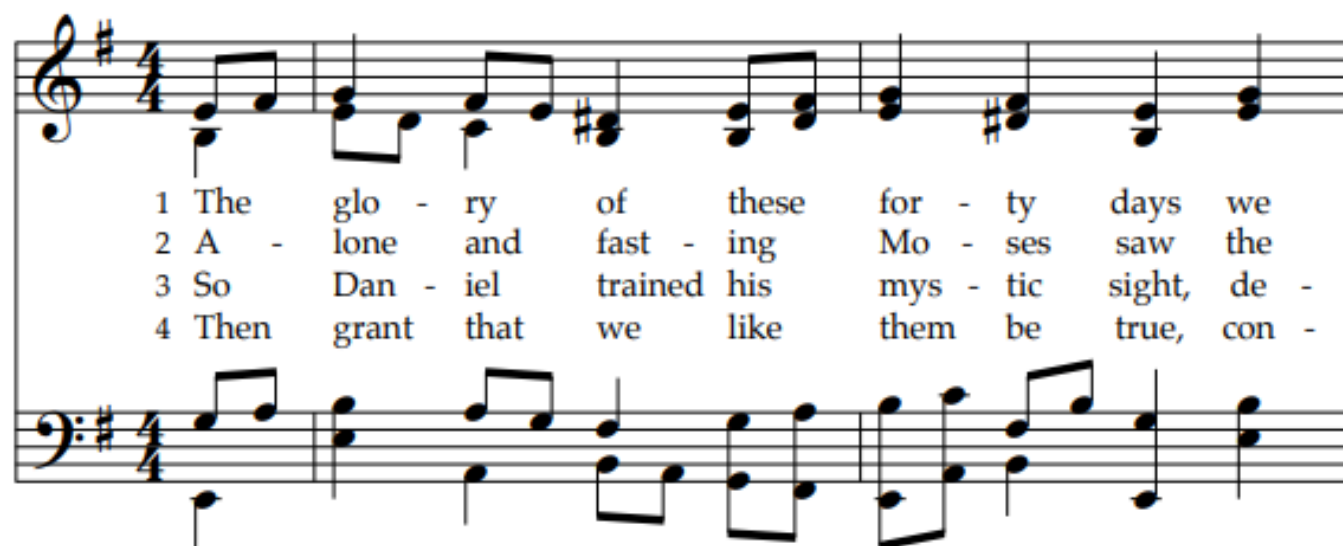


Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

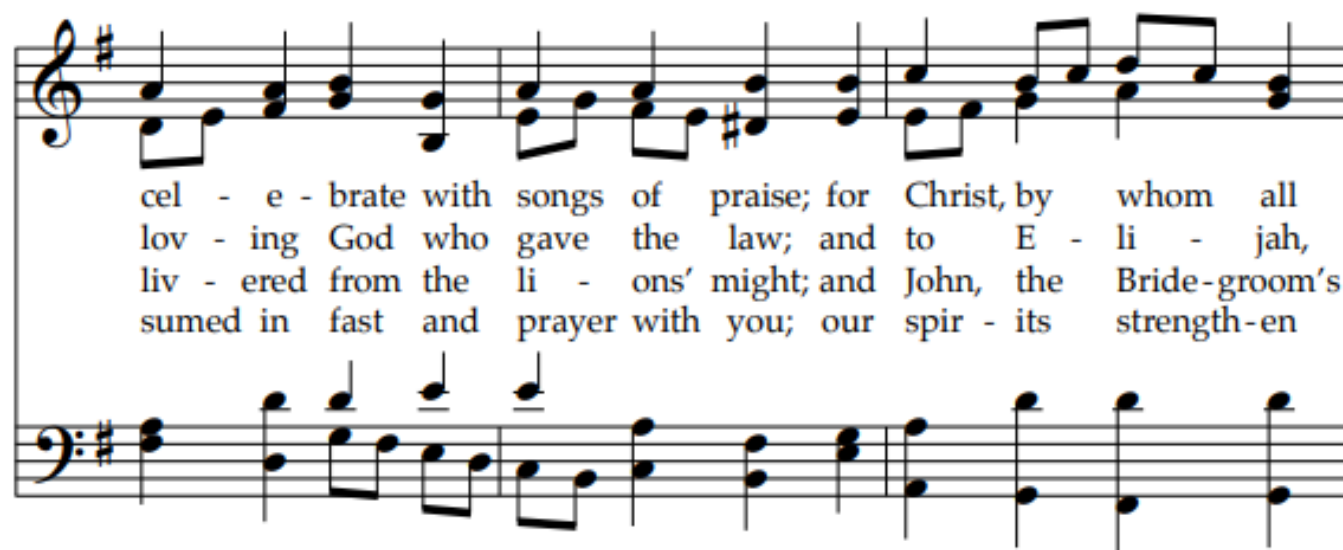


count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

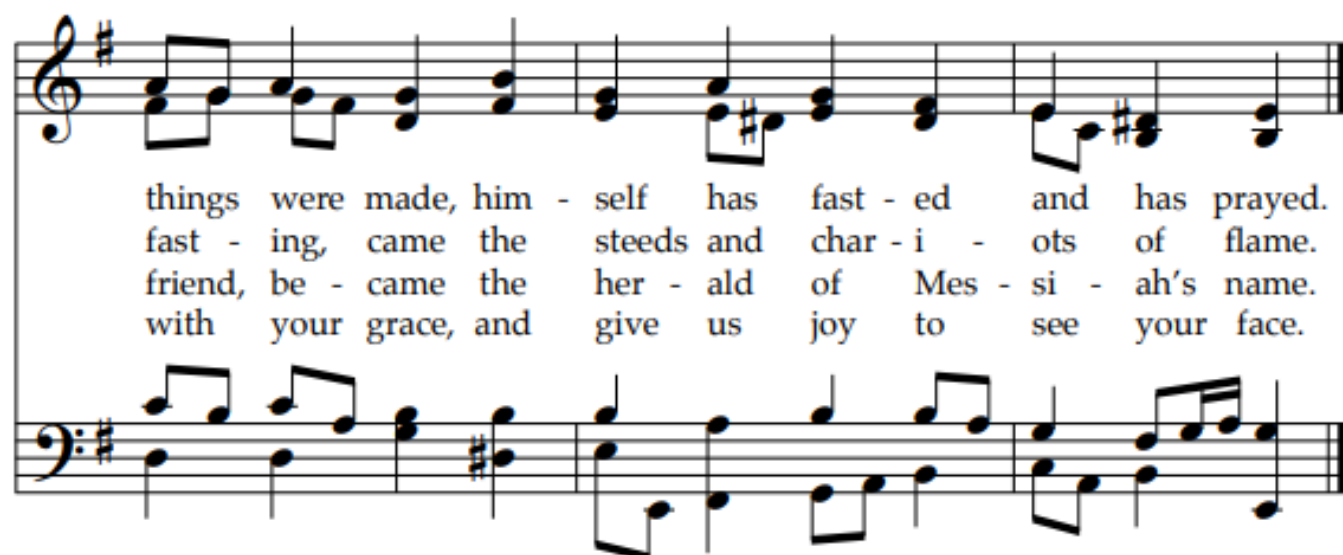
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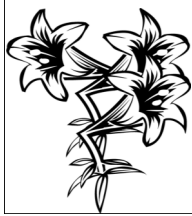
1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -
 4 Then grant that we like them be true, con -



cel - e - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, by whom all
 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride-groom's
 sumed in fast and prayer with you; our spir - its strength-en



things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.



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/cash in the offering plate or return to the Church Office by **Wednesday, April 9th**.

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 April 20.
- ☐ 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 _____

PRAYER CONCERNS

Health/Personal

Dorothy Akin
Ali Aresco
Betty Bays
Rita Brueininger
Pat Henderson (Cole)
Levi Hunt (Heath)
Margie Keener

Margy Knox
Dorothy Kraemer
Elodie Reavis
Margaret & Larry Redburn
Heather Rine (Seals)
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.



FPC'S NEW SENSORY ROOM OPENS APRIL 6TH!

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 6

9:45 a.m. Sunday School Classes for all ages
 11:00 a.m. Worship..... *SAN/Online/Radio*
 5:00 p.m. PYG (Youth Group)..... *YS*

MONDAY

5:45 p.m. Team Neurodiversity*HS*

TUESDAY

11:00 a.m. Legacy Coffee Hour*offsite*
 6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry.....*Zoom*

WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m. PW Bible Study *FH*
 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting.....*Library (201)*
 11:30 a.m. Presbyterian Men's Lunch..... *Hideaway*
 12:00 p.m. ROMEOs Men's Group*HA*
 1:00 p.m. Finance Committee..... *YS*
 4:00 p.m. Trustees..... *YS*
 5:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Committee *YS*
 5:45 p.m. Communications & Mission Committee.....*HA*
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir*WR*

THURSDAY

12:00 p.m. Midweek Prayer.....*Zoom*
 2:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision *YS*
 6:00 p.m. Deacons *YS*

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. 7th Day Adventist Worship*WC*
 11:00 a.m. Community Saturday Brunch.....*FH*

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*
 5:00 p.m. PYG (Youth Group) *YS*

FPC Room Abbreviation Key

FH= Fellowship Hall	SAN = Sanctuary
HA= Hospitality Area	WC = Worship Center
LIB= Library (201)	WR = Westminster Room
MPR= Multipurpose Room	YS = Youth Suite
PRE = Preschool	

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

The Communion table flowers are given to the glory of God.

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