



Palm Sunday

Worship of Almighty God

First Presbyterian Church of Warren, Ohio

March 29, 2026 **Those who are able, please stand.* **10:00 A.M. Worship**

WELCOME! It is wonderful that you have chosen to worship here today. We pray that you find encouragement, hope, and peace as we gather around the promise and the power of Jesus Christ.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PICK A SCRIPTURE TO PONDER AS WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Choose this day whom you will serve...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. *Joshua 24:15*

The Prophet Elijah said, "How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, then follow Him." And the people did not answer Him a word." *1 Kings 18:21*

Jesus said, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!" *Matthew 23:37*

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE "Worthy Is the Lamb" Zschech

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MESSIAH'S APPROACH Mark 11: 7-10

***HYMN** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" No. 197

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Psalm 118 and Zechariah*

Leader: Blessed is the One Who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

All: Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is He,

Leader: Humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

All: Blessed is the One Who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

***HYMN**

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”
Verses 1 and 2

No. 196

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

We praise You, O God,

for Your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ.

Today He entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph

and was proclaimed Messiah and king

by those who spread garments and branches along His way.

Let these branches be signs of His victory,

and grant that we who carry them

may follow Him in the way of the cross,

that, dying and rising with Him, we may enter into Your kingdom;

through Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns

with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

***GLORY BE TO THE FATHER**

No. 581

GOD’S PEOPLE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Worship Leader*)

FIRST BIBLE READING

Matthew 21: 1-11

ANTHEM

“Hosanna in Excelsis”

SECOND BIBLE READING

Philippians 2:5-11

SUNDAY MESSAGE

“Exalted: High and Lifted Up”

Rev. Greg Gillispie

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***WE PROFESS THE FAITH**

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God,

Whom Jesus called Abba Father.

**In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God’s image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.**

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

**Ignoring God’s commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,**

**exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.**

We deserve God’s condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love,

**the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.**

Hearing their cry,

**God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.**

Loving us still,

God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,**

God is faithful still.

***HYMN** “Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days” No. 166

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Congregational Responses: Hosanna, Lord Jesus. Come and save us!

THE LORD’S PRAYER Hymnal, page 35

INVITATIONS AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

WE MAKE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”
FPC Bell Choir

***DOXOLOGY** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” No. 606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Glory be to You, O God, for the gift of creation and its bounteous mercies.
Praise be to You, O Christ, for redeeming love and the promise of new life.
Thanks be to You, O Holy Spirit, for guidance, counsel, and abiding revelation.
O blessed Trinity, we honor and worship You in presenting our offerings. O
God, take our lives and let them be consecrated to You. Amen.**

*** HOLY WEEK HYMN** “When I Survey the Wonderous Cross” No. 223

***A CHALLENGE AND THE BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** “Amen”

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you
All: **And also with you.**

***POSTLUDE** “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” arr. Leonard

*Portions of today's worship liturgy were written by the Rev. Jason Elder
and the Rev. Michelle L. Torigian and are used with permission.*

AN EASTER EGG HUNT will be held outside **today** after worship. **All are welcome!**

RADIO MINISTRY was funded today by **Dave and Thelma Snyder**. Our service is broadcast at 10:00 a.m. Sundays on 1570 AM and 97.7 FM and talk 977.com. Donations for the Radio Ministry may be placed in the offering plate; contributions may also be mailed to the Church Office with "Radio Ministry" in the memo of the check.

THE DEACONS would like to thank all who remember the Deacons' Cupboard while shopping. They are requesting **shampoo, toilet tissue, and bar soap** for the month of **March**. You may leave your items in the Deacons' box in Fellowship Hall.

LENTEN PRAYER STATIONS: The stations are based on the Lenten practices of Prayer, Fasting, and Giving. Take time to look at these practices in a new light. They are available now through Good Friday.

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE is a mission that provides beds for children who are without. The Deacons and the Lenten Committee have decided to make this our mission for Lent. We are accepting monetary donations or twin-size sheets, comforters, blankets, and pillows. Please place your donations on the table in the Sanctuary or in the Church Office.

MIRIAM ESTHER CIRCLE will meet **Thursday, April 2, at 11:00 a.m.** in the Parlor. We will continue Lesson 7 of "Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity." Join us! Bring a bag lunch; dessert will be provided.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: There will be a special service on **Thursday, April 2, at 7:00 p.m.** to commemorate the Lord's Supper with communion by intinction. We will have a dinner at 6:00 p.m. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall so we know how many to plan for.

GOOD FRIDAY: Spend time on Good Friday to meditate during this solemn day. On **Friday, April 3**, we will hold a vigil from **noon to 2:00 p.m.** to honor the death of our Savior. At **2:00 p.m.** we will have a special **Good Friday service**. The congregation is invited to experience this event in part or in its entirety. Invite someone to join us.

FIRST SUNDAY SPEAKER SERIES MOVES TO THE SECOND SUNDAY: The next speaker will be Meghan DeGregory, part of the founding team and the Executive Director of Thrive 10:10, a nonprofit organization in Girard. Thrive 10:10 focuses on providing relief

and individual resource building through community outreach programs. Some programs include Ruth's Boutique Lunch and Learn, which offers hygiene and beauty products as well as meals and learning opportunities to families in need and Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World and Staying Ahead, which builds individual resources. She is also a Nationally Certified Mental Health First Aid Instructor as well as a National Consultant instructor for Bridges Out of Poverty. Meghan is the Ministry Coordinator at Girard First United Methodist Church and loves to write and share the important connections between faith and mental health. Join us for this inspiring speaker on **Sunday, April 12, at 11:15 a.m.** in the Parlor.

PASTOR:
 DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY:
 DIRECTOR OF FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY:
 WORSHIP LEADER:

*Rev. Greg Gillispie
 Melanie A. Vlad
 Marissa Welke
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*Julie Trowbridge
 Bob Stahl*

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sun, March 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Palm Sunday - Choir Rehearsal8:30 am - Worship10:00 am - Sunday School, B10:15 am - New Member Meeting, B.....11:05 am - Easter Egg Hunt.....11:15 am
Mon, March 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OA, P10:00 am - Girl Scouts, B5:30 pm - AA, MC7:00 pm
Tues, March 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Al-Anon, MC9:30 am - NA, MC7:00 pm
Wed, April 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crafters, B10:00 am - AA, MC6:30 pm
Thurs, April 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maundy Thursday - Miriam Esther Circle, P11:00 am - Maundy Thursday Dinner6:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Service7:00 pm

- Fri, April 3
 - **Good Friday**
 - **Church Office Closed**
 - **Good Friday Vigil.....12:00 – 2:00 pm**
 - **Good Friday Service.....2:00 pm**

- Sat, April 4
 - AA, MC11:00 am

- Sun, April 5
 - **Easter Sunday**
 - **Communion/2 Cents a Meal**
 - **Choir Rehearsal8:30 am**
 - **Worship10:00 am**