



Palm
SUNDAY

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

MATTHEW 21:9

April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

10:00 A.M.

"They who enter the way of life in faith bear the cross patiently. They who advance in hope bear the cross readily. They who are perfected in charity embrace the cross ardently."

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Prelude Improvisation on Hosanna arr. Matthew Zabiegala

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: The way has been prepared.

People: *For the crowds it is the way of celebration.*

Leader: For Jesus it is the way of completion

People: *Amid shouts and waving palm branches, he comes into the Holy City.*

Leader: Open your hearts this day to receive the Savior.

People: *We open wide our hearts and spirits to receive Jesus the Christ.*

***Processional Hymn 196** All Glory, Laud, and Honor VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Forgive us, Lord, for forgetting your sacrifice and for thinking your grace is cheap. Forgive us, Lord, for using the cross as a trinket and forgetting the agony it represents. Forgive us, Lord, for being nonchalant about injustice, for being callous to human cruelty and forgetting that every victim is a creature of God. Forgive us, Lord, for thinking that we have no role to play in bringing about your promised peace.

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn 583

Glory to God

GLORIA(Taizé)

(1st time - choir, 2nd time - all)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

Message For All God's Children

*(K-5th graders will go downstairs to their classrooms;
Breakfast club will meet in the Youth Suite)*

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson from the Psalter: Psalm 118:1-2; 25-29

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*Indicates that the congregation will please rise, in body or in spirit.

Anthem Blessed is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord! arr. Lloyd Larson
Chancel Choir

Lesson from the Gospels: Matthew 21:1-11

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Sermon "Hosanna – Save Us!"

The Reverend Thomas A. Brown

***Affirmation of Faith** (responsive)

Roddy Hamilton, *adapted*

Leader: **People:**
Some shout Hosanna, *some shout crucify.*
Some shout Jesus, *some shout Barabbas.*
Some are angry *some rejoice*
Some wave palms, *some shake their fists.*
All: Today we choose...

Some break bread, *some break silence.*
Some proclaim Jesus, *some deny Jesus.*
some carry the cross, *some run from the cross.*
some anoint with costly perfume, *some complain at the waste*
All: Today we choose...

To shout for life, *to follow the cross*
To hold belief, *to trust love.*
All: and tell the world, we choose to follow Jesus. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer "debts . . . debtors"

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Call to Offering

Offertory

Beach Spring
Sanctuary Ringers

arr. Jack Matheny

***Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

All who put their trust in Jesus are invited and encouraged to partake in Communion. Ushers will serve worshippers in the pews, first the bread, then the cup. Gluten-free elements are available in the center dish on each tray. The ministers will invite you to take the bread and cup all together after all have been served.

Prayer after Communion

***Recessional Hymn 197** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

*Benediction

Postlude

Fanfare and Cortège

Michael McCabe

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This morning's plate offering (gifts received in cash) is designated for the work of our Board of Deacons, which coordinates important ministries of congregational care and compassion. Please remember them in your giving today and on the first Sunday in the month.

Worship leaders today are The Rev. Thomas A. Brown and The Rev. Dr. Ellen C. Clémot.

Thank you to our greeter Cheryl Templeton and all of our ushers this morning.

Our tabulators and processor this week are Bob Eager, Gordon Leach and Ann Jadro.

Special thanks to Bob Eager, Gage Johnson and Carlene Pruitt
for their technical assistance today.

THIS WEEK AT PCCT: April 3 - 8, 2023

Monday

9:30 am Next Act, Theos Room
11:30 am A New Day, Halldorson Hall
6:30 pm Boy Scouts, Mulford Hall
7:00 pm Deacons, Halldorson Hall

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Halldorson Hall

Wednesday

5:00 pm Children's Bells, Bell Room, A-8
5:30 pm Children's Choir, Bell Room, A-8
7:30 pm Men's Fellowship Group, off-site

Thursday

7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion

Friday

7:30 pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service

NEXT SUNDAY, April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday

9:00 am **Worship;** Nursery Care & Pre-K, Rm. A-9 (in-person only)
11:00 am **Worship;** Nursery Care & Pre-K, Rm. A-9 (in-person & live streamed)
12:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt, Front Lawn (weather permitting)
6:30 pm AA, Theos Room

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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

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

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.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 2, 2023

We are delighted you've chosen to worship with us today. Please let an usher or a minister know if we can assist you in any way. Our Sanctuary is equipped with an induction loop system for those with hearing difficulties.

TODAY AT PCCT

- 9:15 & 11:00 am Confirmation Class, Youth Suite
- 10:00 am** **Worship**; Nursery Care & Pre-K, Rm. A-9
- 10:15 am Church School & Breakfast Club
- 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, Mulford Hall
Children's Choir, Bell Room/A8
- 1:00 pm Community Garden Spring Clean-up, Duke's Home
- 5:00 pm Middle School Youth Fellowship, Outdoor Game Night
- 6:30 pm AA, Theos Room



CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of our family and friends and in memory of Ute Bliemel, mother and grandmother, by the Bliemel Family.

COMMUNITY GARDEN: Today from 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Spring has sprung! Come one and all for our first garden work day - a spring clean-up of our Community Garden at 31 Long Hill Lane. We will have some supplies, but feel free to bring your own gloves and a water bottle. Hope to see you there. You can go to our website to sign up for future dates.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Outdoor Games Night

Tonight from 5:00 – 6:30 pm

Help us celebrate the return of Spring! Come for a fun night of outdoor games, dinner and a brief reflection. Friends are welcome!

FAITH FORWARD: LEGACY (AND OTHER) GIVING OPTIONS

Sunday, April 16, 11:15 am in Halldorson Hall

Rose Niles of the Presbyterian Foundation will share information about giving options available to us through the Presbyterian Foundation. She will discuss Legacy giving, Donor Advised Funds and other giving options. The seminar promises to be very informative. Please join us!

LYRICA CONCERT: Sunday, April 16, 3:00 pm

Tenor Matthew Zabiegala, our Music Director here at PCCT presents a delightful and innovative recital program of art song, accompanied by Co-Artistic Directors Ani Kalayjian and David Kaplan. Complimentary tickets are available to congregants. Please call the church office if you would like to attend.

BURGERS & BBQ - A YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

Sunday, April 30, 5:00 - 7:30 pm

Mark your calendars and be sure to join us for a delicious dinner and silent auction. The dinner - served from 5:30 - 6:30 pm - will feature "Build Your Own" Burgers, Pulled Pork, Mac & Cheese, Coleslaw and Apple Dumplings made from scratch. *The auction will close at 6:45 with winners announced by 7:15.* Adult Price is \$25; kids under 10 eat free!! Proceeds will help send 35 youth and adults to Charleston, WV, where they will build wheelchair ramps, repair porches and help with other home repair projects in partnership with C.R.O.S.S. Ministries. Sign up online at pcct-nj.org/ymt.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES: Beginning in April!

If you would like to make The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township your church home, please join our new member classes beginning on **Sunday, April 23, from 4:00 – 4:45 pm**. The first class is on Zoom or in person. Please speak with Pastor Clémot if you would like to sign up or if you have any questions. You can also sign up on our website.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: June 19 - June 23, 2023, 8:45 am - 1 pm

This year's Vacation Bible School will feature Fun and Creative activities, Lessons, Crafts, Breakfast and Lunch! The day will begin with a simple breakfast and the kids will then move on to stations including music & drama, crafts, recreation & games, and at the end of the day all of the kids will gather together for lunch. Sign up today!

CHILDREN'S CLUB CHAT & CHEW

Please join our mid-week Church school program for student fellowship and dinner. Parents are requested to donate \$10 per child per week to cover the cost of the dinners and craft supplies. In April we will meet on 4/12 & 4/19 from 5:45 pm – 7:00 pm for lessons, crafts, activities and dinner. Please contact our Director of Family Ministries Yvonne Anderson for more information.

ALPHA CLASS: Meeting on Thursday Evenings

You are invited to join Pastor Ellen Clémot, Visiting Pastor Mary Anne Collins-Stauffer, Father George Hundt, and lay leaders from both the Presbyterian and Roman Catholic churches in **the Alpha Course**, a dinner table conversation and class on Christian faith exploration. We meet at St. Vincent Martyr Church in Madison for dinner (free) on Thursdays at 6:30 pm with conversation and course materials ending at 8:15 pm. PCCT will be hosting this program on April 20th!

DISASTER RELIEF FOR MISSISSIPPI

Mission & Outreach recognizes that many of you may want to help alleviate some of the suffering of the victims of the devastating tornadoes in Mississippi. If you would like to donate to Presbyterian Mission Disaster Relief, you may do so by designating DR000015 online at pma.pcusa.org (change the ministry) or by calling 800-872-3283 or by sending a check to Presbyterian Church (USA) PO Box 643700 Pittsburgh PA 15264-3700. The Red Cross (www.RedCross.org) is also accepting donations (you will be taken immediately to Tornado relief).

CAMP JOHNSONBURG - Summer Camp Registering Now!

Johnsonburg is a place where all may gather and all are welcomed in God's beautiful creation...and we are registering for SUMMER CAMP! As New Jersey's only Presbyterian summer camp, we have been the highlight of summer for thousands of kids across our 63 years.

They have six 1-week overnight sessions for kids in rising 1st-12th grades from June to August. Their program has tons of activities, and their camp counselors are carefully hired, screened, and trained to be great role models for campers.

Summer camp has been shown to increase social and emotional wellness in children and youth, as well as teaching them to be more independent and helping them to make friends. Compliment the faith building you are doing in church and at home with what will be your child's favorite week of the summer. **For more information, visit campjburg.org/summer-camp**



HOLY WEEK

Today, Palm Sunday

Worship at 10:00 am

Thursday, April 6, Maundy Thursday

The Sacrament of Communion

Worship at 7:30 pm

Friday, April 7, Good Friday

Worship at 7:30 pm

Sunday, April 9, Easter

Two Worship Services 9:00 am (in-person only)

and 11:00 am (in-person and live streamed)

Egg Hunt on the front lawn following the 11:00 am service (weather permitting)

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Our special offering during the season of Lent is One Great Hour of Sharing which goes to the Presbyterian Church USA to be used for disaster relief and those suffering from hunger, poverty and oppression. If you would like to contribute, please use one of the envelopes found in the pews.



VIRTUAL COMMENT BOX

We're glad that you are here worshipping with us! Please share your worship experience with us today and every time that you attend worship. You may submit feedback via the QR code at any time! Open your camera app, hold your phone over the code, and follow the pop-up link. Thank you!

Managed by the Worship & Music Committee

CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY CONCERT!

Save the date for our Caring for the Community Concert on **Saturday, July 15, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm** on the front lawn of the church with music by Blue Soul. Plan to join us!



A note from the
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

MUSIC NOTES

You can read all the music notes for today's worship service by scanning this QR code

