



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Bill Pollack

† Processional Hymn with Palms

#197

Hosanna! Loud Hosanna!

Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to His breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.

The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on His bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,
and in His blissful presence eternally rejoice.

† Call to Worship

JT Norris

L: This is the day that the Lord has made.

P: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

L: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

P: This house of worship blesses You, holy God.

L: God has sent the Light of the World to us.

P: Let us celebrate God's gift with a procession of palms and shouts of "Hosanna!"

L: O give thanks to the Lord. God is good to us!

All: God's steadfast love endures forever! Hosanna!

† Processional Hymn

#196

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Refrain:

*All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!*

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One.

[Refrain]

The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems before Thee we present.

[Refrain]

To thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. [Refrain]

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King! [Refrain]

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

Lord Christ, we confess that even when we are praising You, part of us is also considering how we might betray You. Sometimes we betray You here at worship, when our minds drift to what is happening after we leave church. How soon can we rush back to our "real" lives and leave the unrealistic demands of discipleship behind? Sometimes we betray You at our workplaces, when our actions say, "I don't know Him." Sometimes we betray You in our families, when we let each other down for the sake of our own convenience. Forgive us, that we forsake You so soon after singing "Hosanna." We confess our sin and seek Your saving grace.

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

#182 (1)

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon My breast."

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;

I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

Children's Message

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Antonio Caldara | Arr. Alice Carpenter

Hosanna! Sing glory to God in the highest evermore.

Awake my heart to sing thy praise, Thou Prince of Life and Fount
of Grace, Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna forevermore.

Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: Zechariah 9:9–10,16–17 (NRSV)

Carli Weston

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter
Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and
victorious is He, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the
foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and
the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut
off, and He shall command peace to the nations; His dominion
shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the
earth. On that day the LORD their God will save them, for they are
the flock of His people, for like the jewels of a crown they shall
shine on His land. ¹⁷ For what goodness and beauty are His! Grain
shall make the young men flourish, and new wine the young
women.

L: The Word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 145

#42

Your Faithfulness, O Lord is Sure

Your faithfulness, O Lord, is sure in all Your words,

Your gracious deeds;

You gently lift all burdened souls
and well provide for all our needs.

The eyes of all are fixed on You;
by You their wants are all supplied;
Your open hand is bountiful,
and every soul is satisfied.

Lord, You are just in all Your ways,
and kind in everything You do;
forever near You stand to hear and
help all those who call on You.

My mouth shall speak Your praise,
O Lord. my soul shall bless Your holy name;
let all things living join the song of praise,
from age to age the same.

† **The Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 21:1–11 (NRSV)

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: ⁵ “Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and He sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of Him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” ¹⁰ When He entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹ The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

L: This is the Holy Gospel of Christ! **P: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Rev. Bill Pollack

The Journey to Answers

✠ **We Respond to God’s Word** ✠

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Saw Ye My Savior

Benjamin Harlan

Saw ye my Savior, saw ye my Savior and God? He died on Calvary
to atone for you and me, and to free us from sorrow’s great load.
He was extended, painfully nailed to the cross,

→

Then He bowed His head and died, thus my Lord was crucified,
To atone for a world that was lost. Jesus hung bleeding, three
dreadful hours in great pain. While the sun refused to shine,
when His majesty divine was derided, insulted, and slain.

† **Hymn of Passion**

#221 (1,3)

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

O sacred head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down;
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest Friend,
for this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.

† **Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come again to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering Acknowledgement

Special Offering: Organ Repair Fund

† Doxology

#711 (1, 3)

Lord of All Good

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to You;
Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill.
Tokens of love and pledges brought anew,
That our whole life is offered to Your will.

Father, whose bounty all creation shows;
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:
to You with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

† Prayer of Dedication

✠ We Are Sent in God's Name ✠

† Hymn of Sending

#166

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Lord, who throughout these forty days, for us did fast and pray,
Teach us with You to mourn our sins, and close by You to stay.

As you with Satan did contend, and did the vict'ry win,
O give us strength to persevere, in You to conquer sin.

And through these days of penitence, and through the Passion-tide,
yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

Abide with us till when this life of suffering is past,
An Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!

Postlude

Winchester Bells

Ah, Holy Jesus

arr. Susan Berns

† Charge & Benediction

† *Standing as you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Kelly Hanni*

Liturgist: *JT Norris*

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

► Sunday, April 13

Sunday Morning Study, 9:28 a.m.

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Harmony of the Gospels, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

EASTER JAM, Noon

Genesis Bible Study, 5:30 p.m. Cancelled

► Monday, April 14

Ministry Teams Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

► Tuesday, April 15

Finance Ministry Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

► Wednesday, April 16

Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans

Bells Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

► Thursday, April 17

Paper Angels, 1 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Service, 7 p.m.

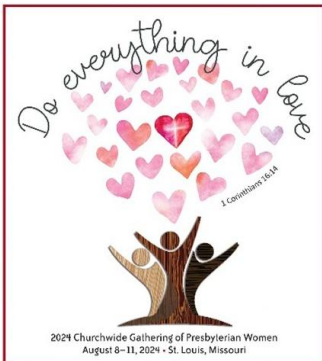
Earth Care Reception



Following morning worship on **Sunday, April 27**, there will be a Youth-led Earth Care reception in the narthex. Our youth will present details about their project and discuss ways our congregation can support their efforts.

College Care Packages

The Empty Nesters group is organizing a care package initiative for our college students during the month of April. We will have boxes available in the Narthex for anyone who would like to contribute. If you're interested in participating, please feel free to drop off a note of encouragement, a treat, or a gift card to help our students get through their final exams. Your support can make a big difference during this stressful time.



“Do Everything in Love”

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

2025 Spring Gathering

for All Women in Transylvania

Presbytery

Saturday, April 26, 2025

at The Cynthiana Presbyterian Church

**Please see
Bettie
George
for more
info.**

9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Registration
coffee & refreshments

10:00 a.m. Gathering including lunch

Lunch and Registration \$15.00 per person

Join in person in Cynthiana or join via Zoom.

Worship leader **The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Jones Powell,**
Pastor, First Presbyterian Church - Mt. Sterling

“Loving Our Neighbors” program,

Ginny Harville Baker, Volunteer, Kentucky Refugee Ministries and

Mizari Suarez, Exec. Director, Neighbors’ Immigration Clinic

► *Please bring Cancelled U.S. and World postage stamps
for the Stamp Out Hunger Program.*

(No non-profit stamps, please.)



PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending April 10, 2025

Bob Poore

Week ending April 3, 2025

Jimmy Hall

Mikayla Montgomery (Nanette's niece)

Week ending March 27, 2025

Barry Barbour

Family of Mark Marshall (David Murphy's uncle)

Francie Norris (JT Norris' sister)

Prayer requests will rotate off after three weeks. If you have an ongoing concern, please contact the church office.

Ongoing: Pastor Bill; Gretchen Dillon; Bill Gesling; Lee Hall; Charlie Holbrook; Dr. Matthew Lewis; Kenny McGill; Derek Payne; Nancy Payne; Bonnie Pettijohn; Tim Shephard; Kim Whitman; Jan Winans; Ann Wiseman

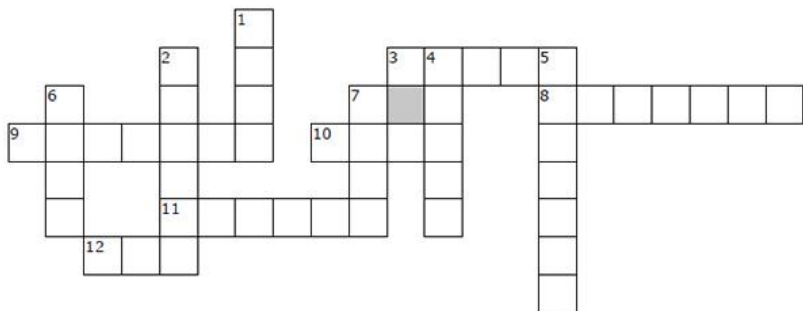
Kingsbrook Care Center: Barry Barbour

The Lantern: Carolyn Graber

Military: Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, son of Kris Adkins); Cadet Katie Brown (West Point, granddaughter of Kim & Mike Whitman); Greg Weston (Kuwait); Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lilly)

The Triumphal Entry

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"
 Luke 19:38 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. The Son of God
8. A word used for praise and adoration which means "save us"
9. A small town
10. A young animal of the horse family; especially one under one year
11. To stretch out over a large area
12. To secure with a piece of rope

DOWN

1. What a person is called
2. To express admiration or approval of something or someone
4. To go into a place
5. Said something in a loud voice; called out; yelled
6. A male ruler of a country
7. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals; a street or highway

VILLAGE
 COLT
 TIE

JESUS
 SPREAD
 ROAD

SHOUTED
 PRAISE
 HOSANNA

ENTER
 NAME
 KING

STAFF

Minister: *Rev. William Pollack*
Choirmaster/Organist: *Max Jackson*
Administrative Assistant: *Nanette Pollack*
Facilities Manager: *Glen Thomas*
Nursery Attendant: *Kara Adkins*

SESSION MEMBERS

President of Congregation: *Mitch Hall*
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: *Kelly Hanni*
Treasurer: *Cathy Wilson*

2025	2026	2027
<i>Kelly Hanni</i>	<i>Mitch Hall*</i>	<i>Jimmy Hall</i>
<i>Kim Whitman</i>	<i>Jan Holbrook</i>	<i>Lee McCloud *</i>
<i>Geri Willis</i>	<i>Ryan Whitman*</i>	<i>J.T. Norris *</i>
	*2nd term of service	

MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: <i>Glen Thomas</i>	Membership: <i>Kim Whitman</i>
Christian Education: <i>Lee McCloud</i>	Mission: <i>Geri Willis</i>
Congregational Life: <i>Cathy Wilson</i>	Personnel: <i>Janet Holbrook</i>
Finance: <i>Trish Hall</i>	Worship: <i>Ryan Whitman</i>

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