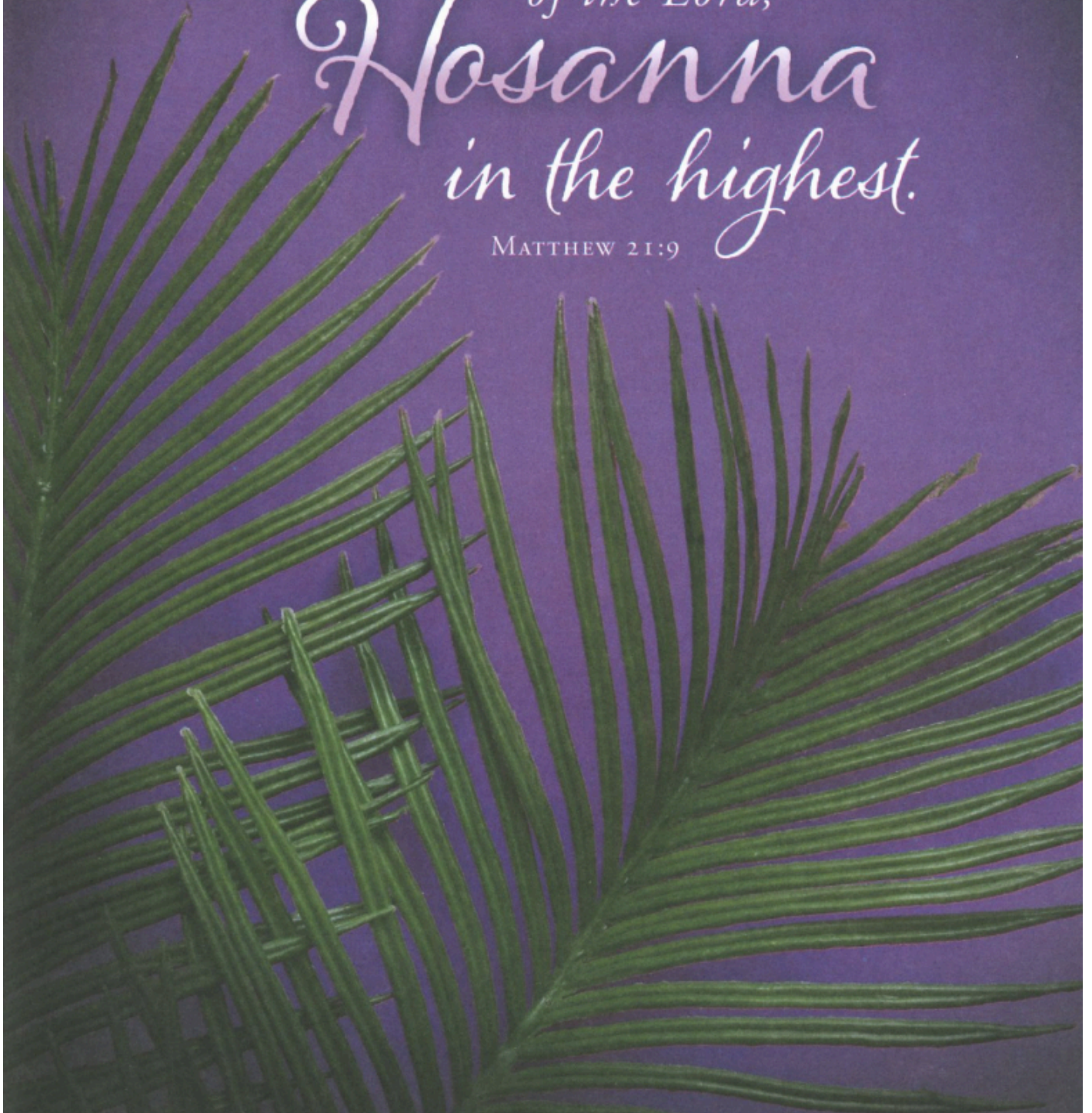


*Blessed is he that cometh
in the name
of the Lord;*

*Hosanna
in the highest.*

MATTHEW 21:9





First Presbyterian Church

CHRIST'S JOY, JUSTICE AND COMPASSION

IN ALL, THROUGH ALL, AND FOR ALL

Palm Sunday
March 24, 10:00 AM

GATHERING

Handbell Chimes – *The ringing of the chimes invites you to a time of Rest...Renewal...Hope*

Prelude- Improvisation on "Ride on, King Jesus" ~ Lucas Brown, Organ

Opening Sentences (Zech. 9:9)

One: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

All: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

One: Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,

All: humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

***Hymn #88 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"**

***Invitation to Experience God's Grace:**

One: Let us now confess before God our tendency, like the Jerusalem crowds, to profess our faith in moments of enthusiasm and deny our faith in moments of fear and stress.

***Laying Down Our Burdens**

ALL: Merciful God, as we enter this Holy Week of Lent, gathered at your house of prayer, we turn our hearts toward Jerusalem. We want to walk the way with Jesus, to be present each step from the Mount of Olives to the cross to the empty tomb. And yet we fall away. Forgive our stubborn resistance to Christ's work and witness. Inspire us by your Spirit to follow in his way, until we enter with him into the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

***Silent Prayer**

Declaration of Forgiveness

One: The one who rode into Jerusalem to cheering crowds knew that the cross awaited. In this way, we might know the great love of God for us. Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, has defeated sin forever. Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***We Celebrate God's Forgiveness**

SENDING

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Bless the Lord

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a half note F#4. The piano accompaniment starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G2, a quarter note A2, a quarter note B2, a quarter note C3, a quarter note B2, a quarter note A2, a quarter note G2, and a half note F#2. The second system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a half note F#4. The piano accompaniment starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G2, a quarter note A2, a quarter note B2, a quarter note C3, a quarter note B2, a quarter note A2, a quarter note G2, and a half note F#2.

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*Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

Cherub and Carol Choirs

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

–Michael Bedford

Children’s Message ~ Baptism of George Wilhelm Brannon

Reception of New Member Cheryl Federline

Celebrating the Life of the Church

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

All: **Eternal God, whose word silences the shouts of the mighty: Quiet within us every voice but your own. Speak to us through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may receive grace to show Christ’s love in lives given to your service. Amen.**

Scripture Reading: John 12:1-16

12 Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. **2** There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. **3** Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus’s feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. **4** But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, **5** “Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” **6** (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) **7** Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. **8** You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

9 When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 10 So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, 11 since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus. 12 The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. 13 So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord – the King of Israel!" 14 Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: 15 "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" 16 His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

One: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Senseless Acts of Beauty"

Rev. Marvin Lindsay

* Affirmation of Faith

Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus,
though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death –
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

GIVE THANKS

Prayers of the People

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 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.



Practicing Abundant Generosity

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† Offertory: Chancel Choir: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr., Gilbert Martin. "

* Doxology Hymn #592 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

* Prayer of Dedication

LEAVE TO SERVE

*Hymn #91 "Ride On! Ride on in Majesty!"

Charge and Benediction

Sending Music- Postlude on ELLACOMB - Robert J. Powell ~ Lucas Brown, organ

Please use the Postlude time and music to reflect on today's worship experience and how it will support you in the week to come.

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† WORSHIP NOTES

When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.
See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love, so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH! It is good to have you here in person or online. Please be in touch if you have news to share or would like more information or to talk to a pastor. Staff contact information is below. Read full announcements in our weekly [email newsletter](#), available on the church website. Subscribe on the [Contact Us](#) tab.

THE FLOWERS in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and In memory of Harold, and Caryl Haynes given by Bob and Janet Haynes Lehman. If you would like to place a live flower arrangement in the sanctuary, please contact Diane Thorne at dthorne31@comcast.net or 609-707-8122.

THE PALMS THIS MORNING are given in memory of Alice Chase and Loved Ones by Fred Chase and family. They come from an organization called Eco-Palms, whose palms are sustainably harvested and fairly traded. If you are interested in learning more, go to www.ecopalms.org.

NURSERY care is available during worship (9:30 - 11:15) for those with young children. The nursery is located in the Preschool (level 1R) in the Red Balloon Room near the Preschool office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Parents, please register your preK-5th graders for Children's Church using the QR Code. PreK-Kindergarten must be signed out from the Sunday School room. First-fifth graders will reunite with their families in the Bean Parlor after worship.

NEWS AND EVENTS

NEW COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE: If you have announcements for the bulletin or the Weekly News, please email them to this **new address:** comm@haddonfieldpres.org. Deadline for submissions is **Monday at Noon**.

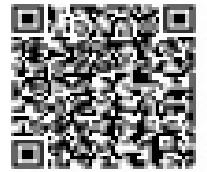
Pastor Nikki's bible study on the Letter to the Romans meets every Thursday at 6:30 on Zoom. All are welcome to attend. See website for more information.

Prayer Group meets the second Sunday of every month in the Hospitality Center. Contact Maggie Sell or Pastor Nikki for more information.

The Social Connection ministry, geared to special needs adults, will have a fun evening of chair yoga, Bingo, singing and cookie decorating on Monday, March 25, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. If you have questions about Social Connection or want to donate Bingo prizes, contact Deb Nussbaum (debranussbaum1987@gmail.com) or Joyce Stout (billandjoyce1@aol.com). Thank you to all who have generously contributed time, prizes and money.

The April Porch Bible Study will meet on Tuesday, April 23, at 7 p.m., via Zoom. We will be discussing forgiveness and the Book of Philemon. We will also have prayer time. All are welcome and there is no advanced preparation. If you would like to attend and are not on the Porcher email list, see Deb Nussbaum or Jill Mascena at church or email Deb at debranussbaum1987@gmail.com.

First Presbyterian, Haddonfield heads to the ballpark Sunday, May 19th at 1:35pm! We've booked 48 group tickets (max) that day for \$42 apiece, with details below. If interested, please pay via Venmo (@Paul-Sommers-2) or Cash/Check at an upcoming worship service (envelope with number of tickets and name listed). **The deadline to buy tickets is Sunday, March 24th.**



Glory to God Hymnal Update- This year, our church is changing hymnals from the old (blue) *Presbyterian Hymnal* to the new (purple) *Glory to God* hymnal, and we need your help! Session is asking that each family purchase 2 hymnals at \$25 a piece to contribute to this effort. So far, members of our congregation have purchased about 275 of the 400 hymnals needed to fill our sanctuary and chapel. Purchase your hymnals today by scanning the QR code below! We also encourage you to send a memorial or dedication to the office to be affixed to the inside cover of your hymnals when they arrive. Thank you all for your help and support!

Volunteers Needed for Prison Ministry: Those who participate in our ministry with the women of the Camden County Jail will tell you that the ministry is very rewarding and sorely needed. The time investment is minimal once you go through the approval process. If you are interested in volunteering or finding out more information, please email Judy Blank (jmblank451@verizon.net).

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY: Need a ride to and from worship? To request transportation to worship, call the church at 856-429-1960. When you hear the auto attendant message, press 103 and you will go directly to the deacon voice mailbox. Leave a message and a deacon will call you back regarding your request. **Transportation requests must be received no later than the Tuesday prior to the Sunday when the ride is needed.** Make sure to leave your phone number and a convenient time to call. Please take note: if you call later than Tuesday at 4:00 PM, there may not be a deacon or church member available to drive you. We look forward to seeing you in worship! Questions? Call the church office, or Joan Fiorella at 856-889-9185.

Good Morning! We wanted to take a moment and invite families to **the Annual Easter Egg Hunt**. This year, **the event will be immediately following the Palm Sunday service on March 24, 2024**. Families will gather outside the playground where there will be a blessing of the eggs and cross decorating. Then the kids will be split up to different places according to age to collect eggs. We request that you RSVP to Lindsay Sommers (lsommers514@gmail.com) or Meagan Farrow (meagan.r.farrow@gmail.com) so we can plan attendance. Also, we ask that each child bring their own bag for gathering eggs. During this time, the playground will be closed to Egg Gatherers only to make sure that the littles are able to participate safely.

We hope to see you after the Palm Sunday service on 3/24/2024

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Pledge Giving:	155,992	Budget: 460,000
Non-pledge giving:	21,394	Budget: 160,000
Per Capita:	4,857	Budget: 11,000
Loose:	2,537	Budget: 11,000

Note: The Session adopted a 2024 budget with a projected shortfall of approximately \$140,000. The shortfall will be covered by remaining Covid relief funds, small grants, and withdrawals from investment reserves.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE 03/17/24: 155 in person and 31 online.

Prayer List (3/24/24)

Please pray for these individuals and situations throughout the week. If you would like to add a personal prayer request, please contact one of the pastors. In making requests on behalf of others, please obtain the permission of the person needing prayer. The requestor will have their name printed as the originator of the request. Pastors will revisit these requests every 30 days.

Prayers for the Church

- Pray for the people, government, and country of **Ukraine** as war continues.
- Pray for **Gaza** and the **people of Israel and Palestine** as war continues.
- Pray for the **City of Philadelphia and the gun violence** that is destroying the lives of young men and women and entire families.
- **The Geiman and Scott families** are asking God to help them accept the tragic death of 3-year-old Maverick. Please pray for them **(3/18-D. O'Hara)**
- Pray for **Scott** on the challenging journey to sobriety **(3/10-P. Urian)**
- Pray for God's full provision, mercy, grace, and hope - for **Philip**
- **(3/9-pastors)**
- **Praise the Lord** for the birth of Sebastian Bryan, born on 3/3/24 to
- parents Sean Bryan and Coral Pistilli! Sebastian is the grandson of
- Becky & Michael Bryan **(3/7-B. Bryan)**
- Keep the **Reinicker family** in your prayers as they mourn the loss
- of Andy's Uncle Pete and Aunt Betty **(3/3-pastors)**
- Please pray for **Ken** who is in the ICU **(3/2-J. Goudy)**
- Continue to keep **Branson** in your prayers as he studies abroad this
- semester **(3/1-M. Wilson)**
- Continue in prayer for **Patrick and his family** **(2/29-pastors)**
- Please hold the **family of Erica** in your loving arms as they grieve
- for a beautiful wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt and many friends
- **(2/28-C. Carty)**
- Pray for Karen's father **Fred**, who has entered hospice **(2/23-K. Dante)**

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