

# PALM SUNDAY



“...BLESSED IS THE KING WHO  
COMES IN THE NAME OF THE  
LORD! PEACE IN HEAVEN,  
AND GLORY IN THE HIGHEST  
HEAVEN!”

Luke 19:38

April 13, 2025  
Palm Sunday

First  
Presbyterian  
Church of Northville

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# ***Welcome***

## **to First Presbyterian Church of Northville**

***Thank you for worshiping with us!***

We invite you to write your name and contact information on the Friendship Pad and pass it down the pew for others to sign.

If you would like a children's folder, large print bulletin, *wireless hearing assistance device* or back pillow, the ushers will be happy to assist you. We currently offer two types of hearing assistance devices: one with earphones, and one which works with "T" coil hearing aids.

If you are visiting with us, and don't have a Bible you can read and understand, please take one from your pew as our gift to you! Please also stop by the Welcome Center desk to receive a welcome bag.

Please join us for coffee or tea in Boll Hall after the service.

# ***We Believe***

We believe relationships are key to understanding God and enjoying life together.

We seek to create a community that mirrors God's unconditional acceptance and love.

We value and are centered in scripture.

We honor and worship a God who is constantly at work for the good of every person in every place.

We welcome all regardless of politics, gender, race, sexual orientation, or any other distinction.

We are called to love as God loves.

***We're glad you're here!***

## Order of Worship

~ The prelude is to be a time of reflection and preparation for worship ~

### Welcome

**Prelude**            *Improvisation for Palm Sunday*            A. Guilmant

### Announcements

### Centering Prayer

**\*Processional Hymn**            *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*            **#196**

**\*Call to Worship** (read responsively)

One: People of God, what do you need today?

**All: To be part of God's plan.**

One: Then come, let us worship God,

**All: who calls the faithful to holy work and who works  
in every offering.**

One: We worship in the name of our triune God,

**All: our generous host, our leader, our teacher  
and friend.**

### \*Opening Prayer

**\*Hymn**                            *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*                            **#197**

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

**We confess it is easier for us to follow the crowd than follow Christ; we prefer to avoid conflict rather than stand up for your mercy and understanding. We allow strident voices in our times to drown out your wisdom and truth. Forgive us, O God. Fill us with the courage to take up our cross and follow Jesus, even when the cost to follow is high, for we pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen.**

*(Silent Confession)*

# Assurance of Forgiveness

## Children's Message

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

## Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture Readings

### First Scripture Reading— Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29

<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever!

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel say,  
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

<sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup>This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

<sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

<sup>25</sup>Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!  
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

<sup>26</sup>Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup>The LORD is God,  
and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches,  
up to the horns of the altar.

<sup>28</sup>You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God, I will extol you.

<sup>29</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

## Second Scripture Reading— Luke 19:28–40

<sup>28</sup>After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup>When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup>They said, “The Lord needs it.” <sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying,

“Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!”

<sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” <sup>40</sup>He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Meditation

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

## Call for the Offering

### Offertory

*Amazing Love*  
Chancel Choir

Gerald Custer

## \*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Christ, all people here below  
Praise Holy Spirit ever more  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

## **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **Prayers of the People and 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.**

**\*Sending Hymn**                      *Filled with Excitement*                      **#199**

### **\*Benediction**

**\*Sung Response**                      *Stay with Me*                      **#204**

**Postlude**                      *King Rides On*                      Lani Smith

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## **Worship Leaders and Staff:**

### Program Ministry

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher, Senior Pastor  
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### Liturgist

Tim Doty

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Nancy Plumley, Te Deum Handbell Director  
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Zak Bugosh, Evening Sexton



IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

**Congregation:** Marilyn Atkinson; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta; Tim Doty & the family of Louise Fisher; Doris Edwards; Charlene Frellick; Zachary Fuller; Ron and Lois Housman; Donna Kennedy; Lucille Kimpel; Maxine Lapham; Norma Peltz; Karen Seaman; Darleen Sweeney; June Tervo; Vivienne Ward; Dick Werther; Debbie Wood.

**Friends and Family:** John Antone (friend of Wanda Moon); Kimberly Atkinson (family of Marilyn Atkinson); Mary Beckner (mother of Sharon York); Carolyn Blaszowski (friend of Deb and Tim Gammons); Anita Bradshaw (sister of Kathy Gricius); Jeff Brown (friend of Dick Werther); Judy Courtney (friend of Kathy Gricius); Peg Custer (mother of Jerry Custer); Brant Doty (brother of Tim Doty); Dave and Annette Duchamp (parents of Vivienne Ward); Jackie Fisher (mother-in-law of Tim Doty); The family of Bob Frellick; Rita French (mother-in-law of Sarah French); The family of Sally Garman (sister of Tim Doty); Connie Hassaballa (sister of Sandy Robison & Judy Russell); The family of Ginnie Heckler; The Henderson Family (relatives of Tammy Fulton); Sher and Bill Hunt (friends of Deb and Tim Gammons); Lynne & Mark Ivankovics (sister-in-law & brother-in-law of Tim Doty); Robert Kim (son of Mary Kim); Jackson Lindquist (grandnephew of Ann Werther); Makayla (granddaughter of Neyssa Gill); Radu Marginean (grandson-in-law of Marilyn Atkinson); Dave Nickel (son-in-law of Kathy Gricius); Nina & Nikolai (residing in Ukraine relatives of Marcia Booth); Chris Nikonowicz (friend of Kelly & Guy Sartorius); Barbara Onofrio (friend of Georgeann Stringer); The family of Billie Ratliff; Billy & Trish Stamper (family of Neyssa Gill); Sandy Craig Taylor (friend of Beth & Gary Heberlein); Terry Wingblad (friend of Darleen Sweeney); Randy Wisner (cousin of Darleen Sweeney); Lynn Zelek (daughter of Charlene Frellick).

### **All Caregivers**

**All Military Personnel** currently serving here and abroad.

*To add a name to this list, please call your Deacon, or the Church office at 248-349-0911. Please note that names are added to the Prayer Ministry list only with the individual's permission. This list will be purged and reprinted periodically. **Kindly let us know when to remove a name. Thank you.***

Cards are available for the congregation to sign on the **third Sunday** (or occasionally the second Sunday) of each month.



# The Bulletin Board



*Maunder Thursday*

**Maunder Thursday Worship**—Maunder Thursday remembers Jesus' final night with his disciples. They gathered around the table, celebrated the Passover holiday, and received Christ's gifts of foot washing and communion. To honor that night, we will worship around the dinner table, enjoying conversation among friends and sharing in communion. All are welcome. We will worship and dine in Boll Hall on Thursday, April 17 at 7 p.m. Please contact Pastor Jackie or the church office if you have any dietary restrictions.

**Hospitality House Volunteer Opportunity**—FPC is working with our Mission Co-op group at the Hospitality House on Saturday, April 26. Hospitality House is a food pantry in Commerce. If interested in joining us, please register for an account at <https://www.hhfp.org/volunteer/> or scan the QR code. Then, click on the orange sign-up button and sign-up for the Saturday, April 26 date reserved for "Crossroads Presbyterian Church Day of Service". The shift runs from 9:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you have any questions regarding this event, please email [missionfpc@gmail.com](mailto:missionfpc@gmail.com) or talk to anyone from the Mission and Outreach Committee.



**Wonders of the Night Sky: Friday, May 2**—Save the date and join us for our Wonders of the Night Sky event, a photographic journey of the night sky. On Friday, May 2, attendees will enjoy a dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by a presentation at 7:00 p.m. Sign ups will be available in the coming weeks.

**Chancel Flowers Sign-up**—Please review the dates and sign up for a Sunday to provide flowers during the worship service. This is a lovely way to make a special dedication in honor or memory of someone and enhance our worship. Sign up through this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084FA8AA2FA5FE3-53410225-chancel> or using the QR code. If you aren't able to use the online sign-up, please call the office to reserve an open date.



**Civic Concern**—Currently, the most needed items are tuna, canned fruit, packaged pasta and rice, cereal, and toilet tissue. Thank you so much for your generosity.



# *Annual Pancake Breakfast*

**YOUTH FUNDRAISER**



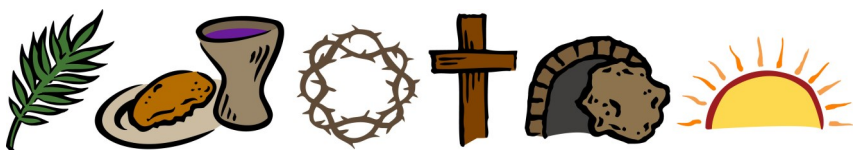
**Join us  
TODAY!!**

**TODAY, After Worship**

**Join us in the CLC for a delicious  
breakfast of pancakes, sausage,  
fruit, juice, and coffee.**

**All free will donations support  
youth mission work.**

# Lent and Easter Events 2025



## Weekly Worship:

**Sundays** at 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Facebook

## Holy Week

**Palm Sunday**, April 13 at 10:00 a.m.

**Maundy Thursday** with dinner and  
communion: April 17 at 7:00 p.m., Boll Hall

**Good Friday**: April 18 at 7:00 p.m.

## Easter Family Fun

**Pancake Breakfast**, Sunday, April 13,  
11:15 a.m., Christian Life Center

**Egg-stravaganza**, Saturday, April 19,  
10 a.m.-12 noon, Welcome Center

## Easter Sunday, April 20

**Sunrise Worship**: 6:30 a.m.

Church courtyard on the corner of  
Church & Cady Sts.; communion served

**Traditional Worship** with strings: 10:00 a.m.

## Daily Devotionals:

Provided in the weekly Friday e-mail

*Watch our website and Facebook page  
for additional events*

## WEEK OF APRIL 13, 2025 — APRIL 20, 2025

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Sun. 4/13		<b>Palm Sunday</b>
	8:45 am	Kerygma, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live
	10:15 am	Children's Sunday School, Children's Wing
	11:00 am	Pancake Breakfast, CLC
Mon. 4/14	6:00 pm	Crew 755, CLC
	7:00 pm	Scout Troop 755, CLC
	7:00 pm	Scout Parent Meeting, Boll Hall
Tue. 4/15	7:30 pm	Session, Library & via Zoom
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting, CLC
	8:00 pm	AI-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall
Wed. 4/16	8:00 am	Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
	10:00 am	Walking Group, Ford Field (Northville)
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thurs. 4/17		<b>Maundy Thursday</b>
	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service, Boll Hall
Fri. 4/18		<b>Good Friday</b>
	7:00 pm	Good Friday Service, Sanctuary
Sat. 4/19	10:00 am	Eggstravaganza, Welcome Center
Sun. 4/20		<b>Easter Sunday</b>
	6:30 am	Sunrise Worship, Church Courtyard
	8:45 am	Kerygma, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live
	10:15 am	Children's Sunday School, Children's Wing
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour, Boll Hall