



# First Presbyterian Church

Tullahoma, Tennessee

Palm Sunday April 13, 2025

Vision Statement:

Worshipping God, growing together, serving others, and welcoming all

**Service for the Worship of God – 10:30 a.m.**

## Welcome and Announcements

*If you are visiting with us and would like to leave your contact information, please fill out the “Welcome” card (located in the pew rack) and drop it in the offering plate.*

**Lenten symbol – palm branches**, commemorating the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem

*Still your heart and prepare to worship God.*

*Water is poured into the baptismal font calling us to remember our baptism.*

*The acolytes symbolically bring the light of Christ into the service.*

**Call to Worship** (responsively)

Pastor

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Opening Prayer** (responsively)

Led by Liturgist

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. (*Remainder of the Prayer read by Liturgist*)

**Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem:** Luke 19:28-40

Pastor

**Procession and Opening Hymn No. 197**

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

*Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple the joyful 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.*

**Liturgy for Lent – *The Way, the Truth, and the Life*** (See insert)

Arayla Smith

*This week we are extinguishing the light of **six** candles,  
progressing from light to darkness throughout the season of Lent.*

**Time for Young Disciples**

**Special Music**

Chancel Choir

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Lesson:** Isaiah 50:4-9a

Found on page 681 in the Old Testament of the pew Bible

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom

**Thanks be to God.**

**Second Lesson:** Philippians 2:5-11

Found on page 197 in the New Testament of the pew Bible

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** Drop it!

**\*\*Affirmation of Faith** (unison)

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.**

**Hymn No. 196**

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

**Minute for Mission**

**Prayers of the People (Leader) and The Lord's Prayer (unison): 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.**



## Presentation of Ourselves and of our Gifts

Call to Offering

Liturgist

*Contributions can be made online at [www.fpctullahoma.org](http://www.fpctullahoma.org)*

*You are invited to help bring the Good Sam offerings to the chancel.*

**\*\*Doxology, No. 607**

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

**\*\*Prayer of Dedication**

Liturgist

**\*\*Hymn No. 157**

*I Danced in the Morning*

**\*\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*\*Postlude**

***\*\*All who are able are invited to stand.***

Ministers – Our entire congregation

Stephen G. Yates, Pastor

David Hiebert, Organist

Bethany Sterling, Minister to Youth

Katie Prasser, Minister to Children

Robert Wright, Choir Director

Bethany Sterling, Liturgist



# Holy Week

## Announcements for April 13, 2025

### Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday and Mission Sunday

8:00 Men's breakfast in Fellowship Hall

9:00 **Palm Walk** – Gather in the church parking lot to participate in a palm walk to Caboose Park for a brief service.

10:00 **Fellowship Time** in Williams Family Center hosted by the Worship Committee after the Palm Walk and prior to assembling for the **palm procession** into the sanctuary for the Palm Sunday Service.

10:30 Palm Sunday worship service in the sanctuary

### Monday, April 14

8:30 Learning Place Preschool

11:00 Learning Place Preschool Board meeting in the parlor

11:45 Learning Place Preschool staff meeting in the parlor

1:00 p.m. Family Activity and Outreach Committee meeting in Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, April 15

8:30 Learning Place Preschool

1:00 p.m. Chair yoga in Williams Family Center

### Wednesday, April 16

8:30 Learning Place Preschool

5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Kingdom Kids for children Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Presbyterian Youth Connection 1 for middle school students

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Presbyterian Youth Connection 2 for high school students

### Thursday, April 17

8:30 Learning Place Preschool, including chapel

**NO chair yoga** today because of set-up for the Maundy Thursday potluck dinner and worship service

6:00 p.m. **Potluck Dinner and Maundy Thursday Service** in Williams Family Center

### Next Sunday, April 20 – Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day

9:00 Sunday School for the classes that plan to meet

10:30 Easter worship service in the sanctuary

**Liturgists needed** - There is a list on the lectern in the narthex for signing up to serve as liturgist for the worship services. If you are willing to serve, please sign the list on dates that suit your schedule. All the information you need to serve will be provided during the week prior to that date.



# The WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE



## THE SIXTH WEEK OF LENT

### THE LIFE OF SACRIFICE

Melody..... Dundee CM

*Sing or speak in unison:*

You are the life; the rending tomb  
Proclaims your conqu'ring arm;  
And those who put their trust in you  
Not death nor hell shall harm.

- ℒ *Jesus is the Lamb of God,*
- ℄ *who takes away the sin of the world.*
- ℒ *He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth;*
- ℄ *like a lamb that is led to the slaughter and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.*

You are the life; you gave your all  
That we might ever be  
The people who obey your call  
To live life selflessly.

- ℒ *See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up and shall be very high.*
- ℄ Just as there were many who were astonished at him—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—
- ℒ *so he shall startle many nations;*
- ℄ kings shall shut their mouths because of him,
- ℒ *for that which had not been told them they shall see,*
- ℄ and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.
- ℒ *Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases,*
- ℄ yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.
- ℒ *But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities;*
- ℄ upon him was the punishment that made us whole.
- ℒ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God.
- ℄ Let our lives be a fragrant offering to Christ.

You are the way, the truth, the life;  
Grant us that way to know,  
That truth to keep, that life to win,  
Whose joys eternal flow.

### THE LIFE OF SACRIFICE

*Daily readings for the week*

Sun .....	John 12:12-16
Mon .....	1 Corinthians 10:16-17
Tues.....	Colossians 2:13-14
Wed.....	Romans 6:1-8
Thurs.....	1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Fri.....	Matthew 27:45-50
Sat.....	Luke 23:46-56

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## Church-Wide Earth Day Clean Up

For many years, FPC has hosted an Earth Day clean up of the church grounds and surrounding area. Our tradition will continue with picking up trash on **Wednesday, April 23, from 6:00-?**

We would love for you to join us in caring for the small part of God's beautiful creation entrusted to our care.

We will provide trash bags, but please bring any gloves, grabbers, etc. that you may want to use.

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I will help with the Earth Day Clean Up on April 23!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_



**Vacation Bible School  
Welcome to the Marketplace**

**Join us as we travel to the first-century marketplace and  
get first-hand experience hearing  
Jesus' stories and miracles.**

**Children will learn stories about Jesus that are placed in  
the marketplace. They will hear about the miracles, the  
testimonies, the friends and enemies he had. Each child  
will receive a biblical time costume and have the  
opportunity to visit different marketplace stalls such as  
pottery, weaving, dying cloth, making jewelry, and  
woodwork. Each marketplace stall will be run by a  
volunteer (also in biblical attire) and will have an activity  
that ties into the biblical lesson.**

**JUNE 4, 2025 - JUNE 6, 2025  
5:30 P.M- 7:30 P.M**

**If you are interested in assisting with VBS this year,  
please see Katie Prasser.**

**Some of the areas we will need assistance in are**

- **Set up/tear down**
- **Running a marketplace stall (this would mean you help  
with the activity they are working on in your stall)**
  - **Storyteller**
  - **Class Leader**
  - **assistant**

**We also need donations of old sheets or fabric, and large  
sticks that are 5 to 7 feet long and 2 to 3 inches thick  
(roundabout, they will be poles for our marketplace  
tents). Ms. Katie can pick them up from your home  
or you can drop them at her house.**

