

Palm Sunday



First Presbyterian Church Arlington

1200 South Collins St.
Arlington, TX 76010

The people gather for the Worship of God
Sunday, March 29, 2026

Preaching: Rev. Chris Campbell
Lay Leader: Susan Malone
Organist: Sandra Davis

Mission Statement:

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington is transforming life by glorifying God,
following Jesus, and loving our neighbor.

About our service

Please silence all phones and devices.

Please fill out the Friendship Pad in your row.

Words in **bold** are spoken by the congregation.

§ Invites all to stand in body or spirit

Our communion grape juice is alcohol-free.

FPCA follows the liturgical calendar. This week we begin the season of Lent. We use purple paraments to signify a solemn, forty-day season of penitence, prayer, and preparation for Easter.

If you are a guest today, please stop by the narthex for information and a warm FPCA welcome!

Gathering

Prelude Fugue Alexandre Guilmant

The Light of Christ

Prayer for Preparation

Holy God, you reveal the truth about your people and the ways of our world in the suffering of the Son and his steadfast love. Show us again the image of humility you desire for us, and teach us obedience, so that self-emptying may be our pathway, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Palm Processional

Introit

Hosanna to the Son

Jody Lindh

Children's Music Ministry Singers Emily Ledesma, director
Ring of Praise Handbell Choir

*Hosanna to the son of David. Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna to the son of David. Glory be to God on high.*

*The people heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.
Riding on a donkey's colt, he came, palm branches spread before him.*

*The disciples didn't understand what was happening at first,
But when Jesus the King was glorified, then they remembered, it had all been written!*

Call to Worship

Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!

Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!

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

§ Hymn 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLECOMBE

Voluntary

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

arr. Laura Farnell

Children's Music Ministries Chimes Shannon Annen, director

Children's Time

Children, age 3 to fourth grade, are invited to go to Kids For Christ (KFC).
For safety reasons, parents must pick up their children in the Children's Area

§ Prayer of Confession

Holy God, sure of your faithfulness even in your dying, comforted by your compassion toward your people in every age, we beg your mercy for our imperfect gratitude.

We have looked to you for trivial favors, when you have given everything.

We have withheld from your people, our neighbors, and from your creation, the care and tending they deserve.

We have rejected the cornerstone you sent to build a people of righteousness even here, today. Forgive our failings. Heal what we have broken, nurture what we have neglected, and lead us to your vision, so that we may know the peace of wholeness in you; in Jesus' name. Amen.

§ Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel! **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

§ Gloria Patri

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Proclaiming

Psalm 18:1–2; 19–29

Responsive Reading

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

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

We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has given us light.

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

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

§ Hymn 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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Gospel Reading

John 19:17–42

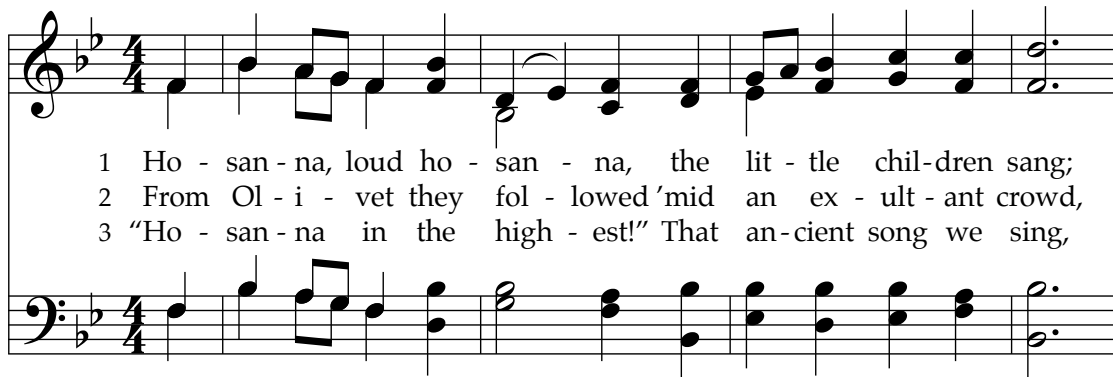
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Sermon

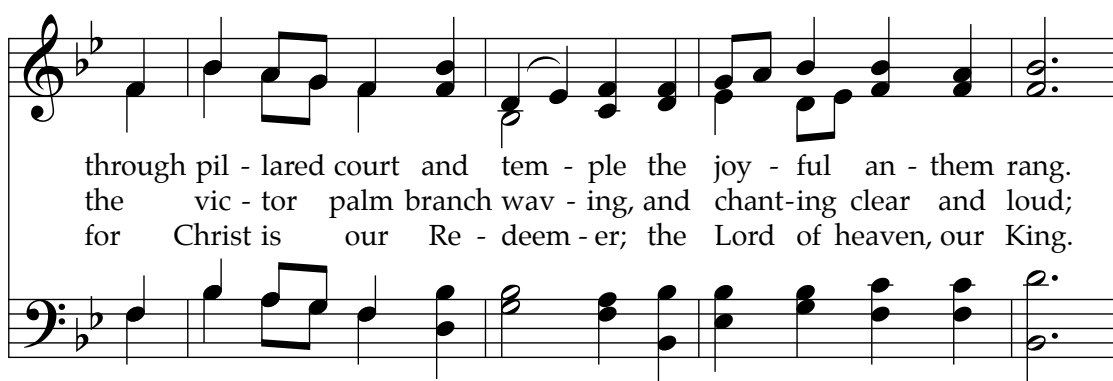
Were You There: Joseph and Nicodemus

Rev. Campbell

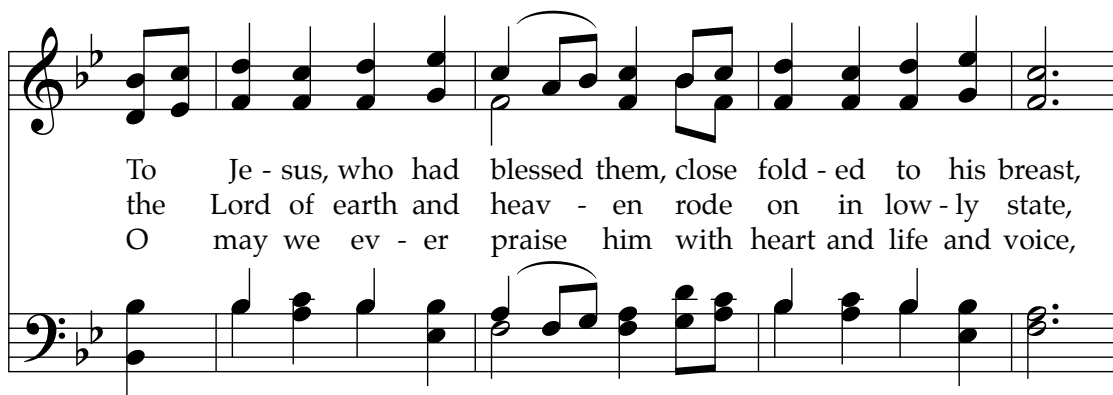
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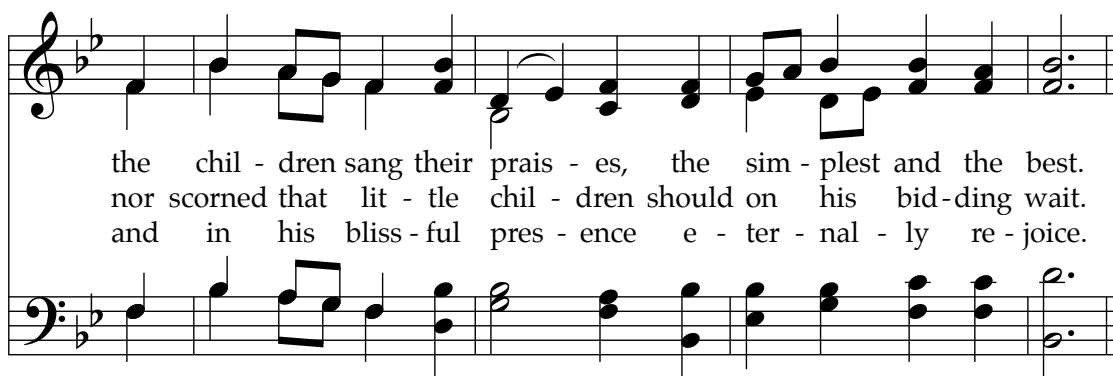
1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



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.

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

Were You There

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? (Were you
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (Were you
 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (Were you
 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine? (Were you
 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (Were you

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O! Some-times it caus - es me to

trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble. Were you

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The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: "there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? (Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine? (Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (Were you". The music ends with a double bar line.

Opt. 6 Were you there when he rose up from the dead?

This week:

Sunday, March 29

- Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. in classrooms
- Worship Service - 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary
- Luncheon for Families with Children or Youth - noon in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 31

- Senior Flexibility Class - 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study - 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- HOPE Tutoring - 6:30 p.m. in room 218

Wednesday, April 1

- Men's Bible Study - 8 a.m. in the Parlor
- Quilting - 10:30 a.m. in room 204
- Ring of Praise Handbell rehearsal - 6 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m.
- CWF Bible Study - 7 p.m. online

Thursday, April 2

- Senior Flexibility Class - 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Maundy Thursday Service - 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel

Friday, April 3

- Good Friday Service - 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary

Saturday, April 4

- Spring Festival - 3 p.m. on the playground

Sunday, April 5

- Easter Morning Breakfast - 9 to 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Easter Worship Service - 11 a.m. in the sanctuary

Community:

But God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. - Romans 5:8

HOLY WEEK

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday (March 29):
11 a.m. in the sanctuary

Maundy Thursday (April 2):
7:30 p.m. in the Chapel

Good Friday (April 3):
7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary

Easter Sunday (April 5):
11 a.m. in the sanctuary

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Spring Festival will be April 4

FPCA will host our Spring Festival Saturday, April 4 from 3 to 4 p.m. on the playground. We'll have giant bubbles, an Easter Egg Hunt, and lots of fun and fellowship. Stay tuned for more details and for how you can get involved.



Blood Drive scheduled for April 19

We need your type! Join us and donate at our blood drive with Carter BloodCare on Sunday, April 19. The drive will take place in Fellowship Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. To sign up and schedule your appointment, scan the QR code, click on the link in this week's E-News, or reach out to Bob Dawson at 214.415.5396.



Get  connected:



@fpcatx on social media

Online at firstprestexas.org Scan to give

Prayer Ministry:

Send prayer requests to prayer@firstprestexas.org

Charles Arnold, Carol Browning, Jimmy Chefor, Judy Crowell, Cyprain Engwenyi, Betty Farrell, Ken Floyd, Bobbie Fowler, Ivone Franzolin, Marshall Gesner, Jay and Susan Graham, Nancy Guerry, Elaine Keefer, Bob and Beverly Koch, Lisa Landolt, Margaret Landolt, Pat May, her son Tim Karnes, and her son-in-law Coleman Rabourn, Richard Price, JoAnn Quick, Carole Ray, Judy Reck, Debbie Richardson, Lisa Scrabeck, Tonya Scrabeck, Drew Stephenson, Susie Thurston, Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Patrick Welborne, Sherry and Shelby Wolfe, Danny Womble

Prayers for family in the armed forces:

Jeff Grimes, Nathan Haerer, Wolfgang Van Wie, Christopher Young

Prayers for our home-bound members:

Bettye Burdett, Madge Casselman, Judy Crowell, Margaret Fite, Bobbie Fowler, Lila Glenn, Jay and Susan Graham, Teresa Hanson, Marcia Rober, Ann Scarr, Becky Speck, Leonard and Mary Jane Tibbetts, Dee Uhri, Biddie Walker

Pray for those who do not know Christ.

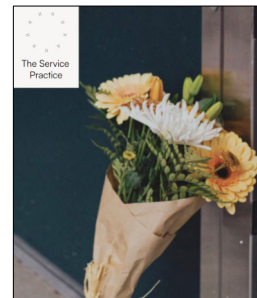
If you have any congregational care needs, contact Parish Associate Jim Shroyer at 682.445.0155 or jim@firstprestexas.org.

No Sunday School next week. Join us for Easter Breakfast instead!

The Fellowship Team invites you to the Easter Morning breakfast April 5 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be serving home-cooked breakfast casseroles, fruit, and more. Everyone is invited!

Women's Spring study begins April 14

Join the Women's Ministry Team Tuesdays from April 14 to May 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor where we will explore a four-session study called, "The Service Practice." We will walk through Scripture and explore what it means to allow ourselves to be interrupted by unexpected needs, and overlap our lives with those on the margins. To join, please sign up on the FPCA website under the Adult Ministries tab and let us know you're coming. Attendance is free.



Give God One Percent

Beginning Monday, April, we will "Give God One Percent." One percent of your 24-hour day is 15 minutes. Let's take 15 minutes – from 10 to 10:15 a.m. each Monday – to be in prayer, wherever we are. You will have the satisfaction of knowing that others are praying with you at that time. If you would like a reminder call before 10 on Monday mornings, please call the church office and register your participation.

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