



# SUNDAY, MARCH 29

MAXWELL STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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For our final piece of bulletin art celebrating Women's History Month, this week's art is a portion of an unfinished mural by A. Lois White, a New Zealander artist, circa 1935. It depicts Jesus riding triumphantly into Jerusalem on a donkey. His supporters spread cloaks before him.

Welcome to Maxwell Street! We hope you will consider wearing a nametag so that we might get to know one another better. They can be found in the lobbies outside the sanctuary. You can find more helpful information inside this bulletin.

## GREETING (ON THE PORCH)

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
**Hosanna!**

## PROCESSIONAL 196 - All Glory, Laud, and Honor

## CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the Lord has made  
**Branches and shouting, longing for justice!**  
This is the day that Christ rode in with majesty  
**provoking, encouraging, redeeming tradition!**  
This is the day when God's Word can look dangerous  
**risking transition and shaking foundations!**  
This is the day when the humble is holy  
**and God speaks through loud children and the trees bid Christ welcome!**

## SCRIPTURE READING - Matthew 21.1-11NT pg 23 (NRSVUE)

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ **HYMN 197** - *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

## + CONFESSION & PARDON

**Holy Christ, we confess that amidst all the Palm Sunday crowds, we find ourselves in more turmoil than triumph. Our faith is unsteady. Our wisdom is eroding. Our resolve is shaken. Our mercy is hardening. Our hope is weakening. Come again and save us from these sins. Give us strength to follow you, our humble Savior, our wise fool, our all in all. Hear now our silent prayers of confession...**

• **RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS:** Hymn 581, (*Gloria Patri*)

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

## PRAYER FOR OPENNESS

**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 - Genesis 49.8-12 OT pg 46 (NRSVUE)

Judah, your brothers shall praise you; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons shall bow down before you.

Judah is a lion's whelp; from the prey, my son, you have gone up.

He crouches down, he stretches out like a lion, like a lioness—who dares rouse him up?

The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him, and the obedience of the peoples is his.

Binding his foal to the vine and his donkey's colt to the choice vine,

he washes his garments in wine and his robe in the blood of grapes;

his eyes are darker than wine and his teeth whiter than milk.

This is the written testimony to the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM - *God So Loved the World*, John Stainer, Chancel Choir

## SCRIPTURE READING - Matthew 21.12-17 NT pg 23 (NRSVUE)

## SERMON - "Who Is This?" - Rev. Matt Falco

## + STATEMENT OF FAITH - From *The Brief Statement of Faith* (PC(USA) 1983) Lines 52-57 and 65-71

**Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, 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 that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

## + HYMN 200 - *A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

### OFFERING

• OFFERTORY - *The Palms*, arr. Lani Smith, Susan Carey, piano

+ • DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore; One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

+ • PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SCRIPTURE READING - Matthew 27.11-50 NT pg 31 (NRSVUE)

## + HYMN 198 - *Ride On! Ride On In Majesty!*

## + CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Today we have hailed you as our champion.

**Tomorrow distractions will overtake us, and our enthusiasm may fade.**

Help us keep our eyes on you this week: on Monday, when you clear the temple of greed and deceit;

**on Tuesday, when you challenge our comfort and ease;**

on Wednesday, the last day before the world tilts;

**on Thursday, when you wash your disciples' feet, and promise us a new covenant of your own body and blood, and are betrayed and arrested while you pray;**

on Friday, when you are examined, found guilty, and executed and plead with your last breath for our forgiveness;

**on Saturday, when you lie dead in the tomb, and it seems all is lost.**

The story is ancient, but the promises are fresh.

**So keep our eyes on you this week, and bring us back together on Sunday, when we will see what**

## God has done.

And wherever you go, may you be kept in the love of God, the mercy of Christ, and the power of the Spirit, now and forevermore. Amen.

### + **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** - Hymn 702, *Christ Be Beside Me*

**1 Christ be beside me; Christ be before me;  
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.  
Christ be within me; Christ be below me;  
Christ be above me, never to part.**

**2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising, Light of my life.**

### **POSTLUDE** - *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*, William Gardner's Sacred Melodies of 1815

This German hymn depicts the salvation we have because of the events of Passion Week as well as our final resurrection in Christ. John Wesley translated it in 1740, and the hymn is currently published in 506 hymnals.

*Thank you to Lucy Ernst for arranging the palms for today's service.  
Please join us for a special Palm Sunday Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt following today's service.*

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## **JOYS & CONCERNS**

Warren Waxham, John Cantrell, Nancie Field, Joan Colborn, Greg Harper, Kenny Leatherman, Carolyn Hale, Martin Hendrix's mother; Kenny Way, Kaye Morgan's son-in-law

## **PARTICIPANTS**

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Matt Falco, Sharon Townsend, Janet Lump, Rob Wethington, Ted Gentry, Chancel Choir

ACOLYTE: Clara & Eli Cooper

USHERS: Tracy Bruno, Matt McMahan, Heidi Robbins Hall, Elizabeth Tremoulis

VIDEO AND SOUND CREW: Rich Copley, Jim Lump, Bill Smith, Jay Vessels, Jonah Falco

## **Revised Common Lectionary Readings for March 29, 2026**

### *Palms*

Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29

Matthew 21.1-11

### *Passion*

First Reading: / Isaiah 50.4-9a

Psalm: 31.9-16

Second reading: Philippians 2.5-11

Gospel: Matthew 26.14-27.66 or Matthew 27.11-54

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

Welcome to Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church. We're so glad you've chosen to be with us today for worship. This bulletin will be a helpful guide to our service, but here is some additional information we hope will help you feel at home. Maxwell Street Presbyterian is a More Light Congregation. More Light Presbyterians are dedicated to allowing the full participation of LGBTQIA+ people in the life, ministry, and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and in society. We strive to use inclusive language that reflects the beauty of God's diversity. You are welcome here, and you are loved.

+ Indicates that the congregation is invited to stand in body and/or spirit.

**BOLD TEXT indicates that you are invited to join the congregation in unison.**

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• Please be aware that today's service is being live-streamed and recorded. Portions of the service, including video and audio, may be shared online. By attending, you acknowledge that your image and/or voice may appear in these recordings.

• **LARGE PRINT BIBLES** and **BULLETINS** are available from the ushers.

• Hearing help is available with a personal amplification device from the ushers.

• For your convenience, an elevator is located in the Lobby off the parking lot/playground.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **Sunday, March 29**

#### **Palm Sunday**

9:15am - Confirmation  
9:30am - Adult Sunday School  
10:30am - Palm Sunday Service  
10:45am - Children's Sunday School  
11:30am - Children's Choir  
11:45am - Palm Sunday Brunch & Easter Egg Hunt

### **Wednesday, April 1**

6:30pm - Chancel Choir  
7:00pm - UKirk Campus Group

### **Thursday, April 2**

5:30pm - Thursday Night Meal  
7:00pm - Maundy Thursday Service

### **Friday, April 3**

#### **Good Friday**

6:30pm - Words & Wine

### **Sunday, April 5**

#### **Easter Sunday**

8:00am - Sunrise Easter Service  
9:30am - Adult Sunday School  
10:30am - Easter Communion Service

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### **WORDS & WINE**

#### **Friday, April 3**

Words & wine will meet to discuss this month's book, "The Atomic City Girls". They will meet next on May 1 and will be reading "The Many Lives of Mama Love", by Lara Love Hardin. Please contact Lauren Falco (laurenefalco@yahoo.com) for more information.

#### **MSPC Young Adults**

Thursday, April 9, 7pm

The Maxwell Street Young Adults will be meeting for fellowship and discussions of faith. They will meet at Heidi and Noah's home. Please contact Heidi (heidierobbins@gmail.com) for the address and other information.

## FELLOWSHIP

### **PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH & EASTER EGG HUNT**

#### **Sunday, March 29, after worship**

Join us for a festive brunch and Easter Egg hunt this afternoon following Palm Sunday worship service. Brunch will be held in the Fellowship Hall with the egg hunt afterwards on the playground.

## MISSION

### **RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS**

During the month of April, we are gathering non-perishable food items to distribute between Big Blue Pantry and Nathaniel Mission. Nathaniel Mission is an incredible mission-driven organization that frequently collaborates with Maxwell to ensure our neighbors receive the necessary hygienic and financial support. You can drop off any items at the office during regular hours or leave them in front of Ashlee's door at the Social Work office.

### **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

Throughout the Lenten Season, we are participating in the One Great Hour of Sharing. Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The work done in support of the causes supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees — serves individuals and communities in need. This Easter Special Offering helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations.

## EASTER SERVICES

### **Sunday, April 5, 8:00am & 10:30am**

Join us for two special Easter services! At 8:00am on Easter morning, we will meet in the gardens at the Mausoleum in Lexington Cemetery for a sunrise worship service. At our regular 10:30am service we will celebrate Easter with a communion service.

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES & LUNCH

### **March 30-April 1, 2026 | 12 PM**

#### **First United Methodist Downtown**

Together with other churches in the Downtown area, we will come together at noon to worship and reflect, followed by a time of lunch and fellowship.

Matt will be preaching on Tuesday at First United Methodist Downtown.