

Worship



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MARCH 29, 2026



10:30 A.M.

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Gathering in Praise

(*) Denotes to stand, if able.

Gathering Music *Enter His Gates With Songs of Thanksgiving* Rochelle Parker
R. Clatterbuck

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg

Prelude & Palm Processional *The Holy City* Ryan Stem
(*process during verse 2*) Music by Stephen Adams

Litany of Praise (the people read the **bold**) Dan Gieseke

Jesus entered into Jerusalem humbly on a donkey,
seeking to transform the people.

**People gathered from everywhere to wave palm branches
and praise him as royalty.**

Jesus enters into our lives humbly,
seeking to transform our hearts and lives.

**Let us worship Jesus Christ together,
and receive him into our presence.**

Hosanna in the highest!

*Hymn #192 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

*Invocation (the people read the **bold**) Dan Gieseke

Let us pray. **Holy God, open our ears, our eyes and our hearts today
as we re-tell the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem. We yearn to feel
the excitement, the wonder and the expectation of the crowds who
greeted him with shouts of "Hosanna!" Walk with us in this hour, as
we welcome him into the Holy City and into our hearts. In every
moment of Holy Week, help us recognize Your presence with us.
Amen.**

*Gloria Patri #35

Proclaiming the Word

The Children's Moment Rev. Dr. Topher Endress
(see the "notes" section of the bulletin for Children's Worship information)

The Prayers of the People Dr. Stagg
Pastoral Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11 (NT p. 23)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* Chancel Bell Choir
Linda R. Lamb

Sermon *The People We Encounter On* Dr. Stagg
Our Way to The Cross: The Crowds

Response of Great Thanksgiving

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn #191 *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

Invitation to Stewardship Dr. Stagg

Offertory Music Rochelle Parker

*The Doxology #46

Invitation to the Table Dr. Endress

Communion Hymn #108 *Lift High the Cross*

Prayer for Offerings Vicki Johnson

Words of Institution

Prayer for Communion and Lord's Prayer Hayley Batterson

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.

*Our time of communion is open to all followers of Christ, regardless of denominational affiliation. Pass the trays to the middle of the pew, then back to the deacon. Hold the elements in the cups for unison partaking at the minister's invitation. **Gluten free** communion elements can be found in the Narthex. All communion elements are **non-alcoholic**.*

Receiving the Bread and Cup Dr. Endress

Departing in Service and Joy

Congregational Meeting Mark Mills

Benediction Dr. Stagg

**Into the city I'd follow the children's band,
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing
loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King!"**

Postlude

The Palms
Jean B. Faure

Rochelle Parker

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayers for Support, Hope, and Healing: Sherry Kaye Dobbs; Mary Ann Atteberry; Lainey Bowman

A longer prayer list of ongoing requests is on the yellow sheets in the narthex. Requests for prayer may be submitted via the yellow cards in the narthex, e-mailed or called into the church office.

The Chancel Flowers for this morning are given by **Ben & Katie Carrier and family** in memory of Katie's grandmother, Anna Mae Schlotzhauer.

Serving Today

Office Receptionist: Debbie Potthast

Welcome Station: Carrie Batterson

Flower Ministry: Mary Daugherty & Jacki Davidson

Coffee Fellowship Hosts: Marcia Smith

Communion Prep: Holly & Dan Gieseke

Greeters: David Potthast (N. Door), Debbie Potthast (S. Door),
Dan Gieseke (Atrium), Holly Gieseke (Portico)

AV Team: Tiger Li

Liturgist: Dan Gieseke

Deacon Team: The Underwood Team

Elders: Vicki Johnson, Hayley Batterson, Dan Tevis (Balcony)

Children's Worship: Holly Gieseke

Offering Counters: Janelle Patterson and Jerry Miller



Palm Processional

10:30 Worship Processional

Line up at 10:25 a.m. in the Narthex

Join us to celebrate Palm Sunday by processing into worship! The procession will begin during the second verse of this morning's prelude.

This Week in the Life of the Church

Palm Sunday, March 29

- Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am
- Congregational Meeting (Nom Com Slate), 9:30 & 11:45am, Sanctuary
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Quiet, Meditative Time, 9:30am, Church Library
- Adult Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor Cinema
- K-5 Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor Classrooms
- 6-12 Sunday School, 9:30am, Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Palm Sunday Processional, 9:45am, Meet in the Bell Tower
- Easter Egg Hunt, 12:30pm, Yonker Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 31

- Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Staff Meeting, 2pm, Morris Parlor

Wednesday, April 1

- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Bible Study, 12pm, Morris Parlor
- Coffman-Watson Meeting, 2pm, Pam Hunsaker's Home
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, 3rd Floor
- Officers Meeting, 5:30pm, Zoom

Maundy Thursday, April 2

No Bell Choir Rehearsal

- Maundy Thursday Service, 6:30pm, Sanctuary

Good Friday, April 3

- Ecumenical Good Friday Gathering, 12pm, First Baptist Church

Easter Sunday, April 5

Easter Break for Sunday School & Youth Group

- Easter Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Easter Brunch for Musicians & Pastors, 9:30am, Yonker Fellowship Hall

Easter Lilies—Deadline Tomorrow! Monday, March 30

This upcoming Monday is your last chance to submit an order for easter lilies! Using the forms in the Narthex, you can purchase an easter lily for \$8 per lily in honor or in memory of a loved one for Easter Sunday on April 5. All lily order forms are due to the office by Monday, March 30.

Maundy Thursday—Thursday, April 2

Join us for this year's Maundy Thursday service, a service of Holy Communion and Tenebrae. This year's Maundy Thursday service will fall on Thursday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Childcare will be available in the second floor nursery. This service will be livestreamed and the link will be distributed the following day for those who cannot make it in person.

WELCOME

Welcome Visitors! We are glad you are with us. Please take a moment to visit our website, firstchristian.org to find out more about the ministry and mission of First Christian Church. Feel free to say hello to a host at the *Welcome Station* in the Narthex following worship and receive a folder of church-related information.

During Worship: Afghans, large print hymnals and children's bulletins with crayons are available from a greeter or are found on the shelf in the narthex. Hearing devices are available in the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary. Please talk to the AV Team if you need assistance.

Children: A nursery is located on the 2nd floor of the Education Building for infants through Kindergarten-aged children. Our nursery is staffed by Mother's Day Out teachers from 8:15am until pickup following the service.

Children's Worship: Following the Children's Moment in 10:30 worship, children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to go with leaders to the 3rd floor of the Education Bldg. for their own worship time followed by constructive craft, reading and play time. Parents need to pick up children from the 3rd floor following worship.

Christian Education: Christian Education for all ages is held during the 9:30 hour on Sunday mornings from Labor Day—early May. Children (grades K-5) and youth (grades 6-12) meet on the third floor of the Education Building. Adults meet in the Cinema on the third floor of the Education Building.

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