

*Hosanna*  
in the



*Highest!*

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 24, 2024

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude – *Prelude on Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Neil Harmon

Prayer of Preparation (*you may prepare for worship by praying silently*)

God Most High, gracious and glorious, blessed is the one who comes in your name.  
Lead us now on the road to the cross. May we follow with faithfulness and joy,  
shouting hosanna in the highest heaven; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Carolyn McLarnan

Call to Worship (responsive)

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good,  
**whose steadfast love endures forever.**

Blessed is the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

Let us worship God.

\* Hymn of Praise 196 – *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

\* Call to Confession

In the name of Christ, I urge you: Be reconciled to God. Trusting in **God's** grace, let us confess our sin.

\* Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. We join the parade and shout hosanna, then deny our Lord in his hour of need. We wave the palms and sing praise, then hand our Savior over to die. Forgive us, God of grace. Our lives are in your hand—deliver us from evil. Save us, by your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(time for silent confession)

\* Declaration of Forgiveness (responsive)

Listen, the time has come at last. Look, now is the day of salvation! In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

\* The Congregation's Response: *Gloria Patri* Hymn 581

**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, amen.**

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time with Children

Tommy Suttle

Prayer for Illumination

God of all glory, by the wisdom of your Word and the pouring out of your Spirit, let the same mind be in us that is in Christ Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading – Mark 11:1-11

pew Bible pg. 823

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Anthem – *Hosanna to the Son*

Ed Harris

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna to the Son.

Hosanna to the Son of David, Hosanna to the Holy One; hosanna to the Son,

The long awaited One, Hosanna to the Holy Son.

O blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord; blest is He.

Hosanna, in the highest, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the Son of David,

Hosanna to the Holy one; hosanna to the Son, the long awaited One,

Hosanna to the Holy Son.

O blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord, blest is He.

Hosanna, in the highest, hosanna, hosanna, Lord, blessed is He.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna.

Second Reading – Mark 15:1-39

pew Bible pg. 828

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon – *He Entered Jerusalem*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

- \* Hymn of Thanksgiving 226 – *There in God's Garden* (verses 1-4)
- \* Affirmation of Faith: Adapted from the PCUSA Study Catechism, Q. 8 (responsive)

How do you understand the love and power of God?

**Through Jesus Christ. In his life of compassion, his death on the cross, and his resurrection from the dead, I see how vast is God's love for the world—a love that is ready to suffer for our sakes, yet so strong that nothing will prevail against it.**

Prayers of the People (responsive)

Out of the ashes, up from the dust we bring our prayers to God, saying: In your steadfast love, O Lord, **have mercy on us.**

God of all mercy, we pray for the church . . . On this day of triumph and tragedy help us to bear witness to the saving grace of our suffering Lord. In your steadfast love, O Lord, have **mercy on us.**

God of all mercy, we pray for the world . . . Help the victims of violence in every land. Give peace to those who live in fear and dignity to those who are despised. In your steadfast love, O Lord, **have mercy on us.**

God of all mercy, we pray for this community . . . Teach us the self-emptying way of

Jesus Christ. Humble the proud and lift up the lowly until we know that all are equal in your sight. In your steadfast love, O Lord, **have mercy on us.**

God of all mercy, we pray for loved ones . . . Be gracious to all who are in distress. Hold their lives in your hand and look upon them with healing. In your steadfast love, O Lord, **have mercy on us.**

Restore in us, O God, the joy of your salvation; renew and sustain our spirits, so that we may live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, our hope and strength. **Amen.**

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.**

Invitation to Offering

Jesus says: Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Let us offer the gifts of our lives in love and service to the Lord.

Offertory – *Near the Cross*

Robert J. Powell

\* The Doxology – Hymn 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**We praise and thank you, Lord God, for the majesty of your work, the wisdom of your word, and the generosity of your grace. You have shown us, O God, the sacrifice that you desire. Now use these gifts—and use our lives—to liberate the oppressed, to break the bonds of injustice, to feed the hungry, welcome the poor, and unite the human family; all in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\* Hymn of Consecration 213 – *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

\* Blessing and Charge (responsive)

May the steadfast love of God, the abundant grace of Jesus Christ, and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: If any wish to be my disciples let them take up the cross and follow me. **Amen.**

\* Postlude – *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

Robert J. Powell



\* Please stand at the \* as you are able. Unison readings are **printed in bold**.

The liturgy for this service was drawn from the *Book of Common Worship* (2018)  
and *Call to Worship Lectionary Aids for 2014-2015, Year B*.

# PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

*(\* new added prayers)*

*Terri Banks, friend of Pam Love – at UAB with reaction to chemo*

*Linda Basden, neighbor of Janeil Harris – Alzheimer's*

*Melissa Boivin, Jan Bozeman's family friend – at home, upcoming facial cosmetic surgery*

*Jan Bozeman – constant pain*

*Margaret Breland, friend of Jan Bozeman – at home, in therapy*

*Janet Burke – Bedford Care (Medical Blvd)*

*\*Laura Pearce Cureton, Nancy Johnson's goddaughter – nerve block therapy continues*

*Vida Davis, sister of Ruthie Davis – dementia*

*\*Cindy Dawson, Catherine Sampson's daughter – cancer treatment at MD Anderson*

*Cathy Dudley – Bedford Care (Medical Blvd) no visitors*

*Bill and Louise Edwards, friends of Charles Brown – strength and endurance*

*Teresa Ginn, Michael Ginn's aunt – dementia*

*Wendy Graham, Jan Bozeman's sister – at home on hospice*

*Kenny Harrell*

*\*Anderson Hembree, son of a friend of Nancy Johnson – prayers for successful physical therapy*

*Ann Johnson*

*Geraldine Jones*

*Roger Kuyrkendall, Carrie Creel's father – Alzheimer's*

*\*B.J. Lambert – pain from fracture of vertebra*

*Glenn Nobles – endurance and strength*

*\*Cala Raborn – recovering from car accident*

*Fergus Reid, Carolyn McLarnan's nephew – severe pain*

*Dena Faye Robertson, Glenn Nobles' sister – hospice for Alzheimer's*

*Ray Robinson – finished treatment*

*Zach Ross, friend of Althea Jerome – at UMMC with serious head injuries from car accident*

*Jeannette Russell, Janet Burke's twin sister – serious health issues*

*Louise Traxler, Karen Reidenbach's mom – Bedford Care (Medical Blvd)*

*Dr. Joe Washburn, Jan Bozeman's doctor – cancer, taking chemo*

*John Watkins, Rose Marie Yore's brother – prayers for healing*

*Sandra Young, mother of a friend of Carolyn McLarnan – on hospice*

*\*SuAnne (Gallagher) Young, longtime assistant for Robin Roberts – ICU at Forrest General*

## PRAYERS OF COMFORT

*For the family and friends of Kem Reid, Ryan Reid's father*

### Holy Week Summary

Thursday, March 28 Maundy Thursday Service at 5:30 p.m.

Friday, March 29 Good Friday Service at noon

Easter Sunday, March 31

Sunrise Service at 7 a.m.

Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.

Worship at 10:30 a.m.





# Greeting and Announcements

**Welcome to Westminster!** We're very glad to see you in worship. We hope you will sense Christ's presence. If you are looking for a place to grow and serve, we'd love to tell you more about us. Please silence cell phones during the worship hour.

**Youth and Children** will not meet today.

**Brown Bag** will meet Tuesday at 11 a.m.

**Choir** will meet Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday at 7 a.m. at Loblolly Bakery.

**Breadbasket volunteers are needed.** Westminster has Breadbasket March 25-28. Please call Martha (601-584-7574) to volunteer.



**It is time to purchase Easter lilies. A signup sheet is on the narthex cabinet. The cost is \$15 per lily. Deadline is today. Please leave money or check in a brown envelope and put in the pink box on the narthex cabinet. This is a fundraiser for the youth and children's summer camps.**

**There will be a congregational meeting April 7.** The purpose of the meeting will be to hear a report from the church officer nominating committee and to elect new officers for the class of 2027.

Giving to **One Great Hour of Sharing** enables the Presbyterian Hunger Program to help transform lives and enrich communities. (see insert)  
The offering envelopes will be in next Sunday's bulletin.



**SPECIAL OFFERINGS**  
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

*Thank  
you*

*Thank you for all your prayers, support, phone calls, visits, cards and food during our mother's illness. We are grateful for the many blessings we received from Westminster. It was wonderful all the love that our mother had for her church and in return, all the love her church had for her.*

*The Herring Family*

You are cordially invited to  
**Jackson Creel's senior organ recital.**

It will be held at Provine Chapel  
on the campus of Mississippi College  
in Clinton

Sunday, April 7, at 3 p.m.



**Articles for the  
April newsletter**

are due to Wes by  
Thursday, March 28,  
by noon.

Our choir will  
present  
**Eternal Light  
A Requiem**

on Good Friday  
at noon.  
Everyone is invited.

Just as the human body needs eyes, hands, ears, lungs, etc., so does the Body of Christ. We have many small group opportunities for growth, fellowship and service here at Westminster. We encourage members to use their gifts to participate in the mission of this congregation and to invite others to join us in serving Jesus Christ.

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**The Seal of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

A Symbolic Statement of the Church

The Cross – Christianity

The Transept – Bible and Pulpit

The Dove – The Holy Spirit

The Intersection – Baptismal Font or

Communion Cup

Flames – Implied triangle, the Trinity

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**Class of 2024**

Erik Graham  
Randall Harris  
Carolyn McLarnan

**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2025**

David Daves  
Dan Davis  
Beth Richmond

**Class of 2026**

Iris Easterling  
Jeff Haydel  
Rhoda Pickett

**THE TRUSTEES**

Robert Cummings, Jr.   Althea Jerome   J T Johnson

**Class of 2024**

Kathy Cain  
Mary Cromartie  
Chad Edmonson  
Jacob Suttle

**THE DEACONS**

**Class of 2025**

Alice Crotwell  
Pam Dossett  
Susan Higgs  
Howard Keever

**Class of 2026**

Dixie Coats  
Christopher Cox  
Carrie Creel  
Michael Yore

**Youth**

Sam Haydel

**Representative**

**CHURCH STAFF**

Christopher Crotwell, Minister  
Sinclair Lundy, Financial Secretary  
Kay Guiles, Organist  
Katie Ginn, Youth and Children Director

Tommy Suttle, Director of Discipleship  
Martha Davis, Church Administrator  
Wes Brooks, Communications  
Ray Robinson, Sexton

Michael Ginn, Chancel Choir; **Children's Music Director**