



## First Presbyterian Church

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March 24, 2024

10:00 AM

### Palm Sunday

#### GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

\* = Please stand in body or in spirit

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN: # Blue 88      *"All Glory Laud and Honor"*

Melchior Teschner

#### GREETINGS TO THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

\* CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

One: We gather together, waving palms of joy,

**All: Waving branches of peace, eager to see Jesus, anxious for his healing touch, hoping to receive a blessing.**

One: We gather together, waving palms of joy,

**All: Waving branches of praise; longing to know abiding peace in the midst of pressing worry and hurry.**

One: We gather together, waving palms of joy,

**All: Waving branches of peace; hoping we are ready to walk with Jesus through the upcoming darkness.**

One: We gather together waving palms of joy,

**All: Waving branches of prayer, walking toward Easter.**

#### INVITATION TO SEEK GOD'S GRACE

A PRAYER FOR PALM SUNDAY: (In unison)

**Walking on the path, following Jesus, sometimes there is joy in our step. Sometimes we are not so sure, what may lie ahead? Hosannas or angry crowds? A prayerful garden or a stark cross? A holy meal or an empty place at the table? Journeying through this season, we invite you Lord Jesus, to walk with us.**

#### SILENT REFLECTION

#### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In unison)

by Ann Siddall (edited)

**As we hear these words of Holy Scripture today, we ask the Holy Spirit to open our hearts to help us to see how and where Jesus enters our world today, and what Jesus asks us to lay at his feet, and how we may welcome him into our lives. Amen.**

#### GOD'S WORD TO US

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 118:20-27

p. 565

ANTHEM

*"Like a Flower in the Desert"*

Joseph Martin

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 11:1-11

p. 47

**All: “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”**

SERMON

*“Celebrity Status”*

Pastor Carie Morgan

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

(A quiet time for contemplation on the preached scripture.)

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

\* HYMN # Blue 145

*“Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart”*

Arthur Henry Messiter

(At this time, ushers will receive any written prayer requests. Blank prayer request cards are available in the racks within each pew. Please feel free to fill one out and give it to an usher or email office@fpcboonton.org)

TIME FOR MISSION

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER: (In unison) **“forgive us our sins, as...sin against us”**

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*“Crown Him With Many Crowns”*

arr. Cathy Moglebust

Hand Bell Choir, Marjorie Roller – soprano saxophone  
*(Please remain silent during this time of worship, dedication and prayer)*

\* PRESENTATION / DOXOLOGY: (In unison)

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

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## GOD’S PEOPLE GO INTO THE WORLD

\* HYMN # Blue 91

*“Ride On! Ride On, in Majesty”*

Henry H. Milman

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*“Postlude on Ellacombe”*

arr. Michael Helman

Hand Bell Choir

**Pastor:** The Rev. Carie Morgan

**Organist/Choir Director:** Sarah Jane Zollner

**Lay Reader:** John Crozier

**Ministers:** All the People of the Church

# FIRST FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## March 24 – March 30 ~ *Palm Sunday*

Sunday	8:15 am	<b>Handbell Rehearsal</b> (Sanctuary)
	9:00 am	<b>Palm Breakfast and Parade with St. John's</b> (Reighart Hall)
	9:15 am	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	<b>Worship</b> (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	<b>Coffee Hour</b> (Library)
	11:15 am	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Tuesday	4:00 pm	NJ Conservatory (Choir Room)
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts (Reighart Hall)
Wednesday	10:30 am	<b>Lent Bible Study</b> (Library)
	3:00 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	4:00 pm	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
Thursday	6:30 pm	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> (Sanctuary)
	7:30 pm	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> (Sanctuary)
Friday		<b>Good Friday – Office closed</b>
	6:30 pm	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> (Sanctuary)
	7:30 pm	<b>Good Friday Service</b> (Sanctuary)
Saturday	8:00 am	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	9:00 am	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

## March 31 – April 6 ~ *Resurrection of the Lord/ Easter*

Sunday	9:15 am	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	<b>Resurrection Sunday - Worship</b> (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	<b>Coffee Hour</b> (Library)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday	6:30 pm	NA PIC Meeting (Reighart Hall)
	7:00 pm	LG Board Meeting (Choir Room – Whitley)
	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Tuesday	4:00 pm	NJ Conservatory (Choir Room)
	6:30 pm	<b>Deacons</b> (Library)
Wednesday	3:00 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	4:00 pm	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
Saturday	8:00 am	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	9:00 am	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
	10:00 am	Scouts (Library)

\*The calendar can also be found on our website under news and events:

[Click here](#)

## Announcements

**We are glad you are worshipping with us today!**

**HEARING AIDS/RECEIVERS** – We have hearing aid receivers available during the worship service. Please ask an usher if you would like to use one. **PEW PILLOWS** – are available during worship for those of you who would like additional back support. Feel free to pick one up or have an usher bring one to you!

**LAY READER** – **John Crozier** and his wife Marisa have three adult children; Chelsea, Andy and Vicki. John is a retired VP of IT in the Insurance industry. Marisa is a special ed teacher in Montville and recently completed her doctoral thesis. John has been a member of the church since 1991, and has served several terms on Session as part of the Mission and Stewardship and Personnel. John sings in our chancel choir and currently co-chairs the Committee on Ministry for The Presbytery of the Highlands of NJ.

**WORSHIP FLOWERS NEEDED** You can sign up on the chart by the Sanctuary doors. One or both of these arrangements are delivered to the sick and homebound each week and bring connection and cheer. The office will contact you regarding the \$40 flower donation and bulletin dedication

**MISSIONS** - We are always accepting Mission Donations through Breeze or they can be mailed to or dropped off at the office.

**MEAL TRAIN** is an opportunity to provide a meal for a person or a family in their time of need. Please email Martel Roberts at martelroberts@gmail.com or call or text 973-216-0787 if you would like to volunteer to provide a meal or if you are in need of a meal.

**COFFEE HOUR** is hosted today by Congregational Life. Please join us in the library for this great time of fellowship. \*Please consider **sponsoring or hosting** coffee hour. You can sign up on the board next to the office (or consider donating to the jar in the library). Congregational Life will provide coffee.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** Our theme for 2024 is **Lift High the Cross** and **the goal is \$2024**. OGHS funds/supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Self-Development of People and the Presbyterian Hunger Program which unite us in caring for the hungry, the weak and the vulnerable. Donations can be left in the offering plate, given through Breeze or mailed to the church (please put OGHS in the memo or note when giving through Breeze). **Last Day to contribute!**

**EASTER MEMORIAL PLANTS DEADLINE is Today.** If you'd like to honor or remember a loved one on Easter, you can either mail in a check, use the envelopes in the pews and place in the offering plate (indicate in the memo 'memorial plants') or pay through breeze. They are \$10/plant (payable to First Presbyterian Church Boonton) After the Easter service you may pick up your plant(s) or have it distributed to a homebound person or one going through difficult times.

**This Week...**

**Thursday, March 28 at 7:30 pm - Maundy Thursday**

**Friday, March 29 at 7:30 pm - Good Friday**

**Sunday, March 31 at 10:00 am - Easter Sunday**



### 2024 PER CAPITA

Congregations pay an annual amount of money per church member — per capita apportionment — to their respective presbyteries. It is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together, by sharing the benefits of the system of government and operational expenses.

The per capita amount is a combined total of requests from the presbytery, the synod in which the presbytery is located, and the General Assembly — based on their respective annual budgets.

We ask all those who are able to consider covering your per capita charges for 2024. The Presbytery Per Capita fee is \$42.50 per member. This includes youth who have been confirmed. Ex: For a couple, the per capita amount is \$85 and for family (where 1 youth is also a member) the per capita would be \$127.50.

As a connectional church, we are obligated to pay this to the Presbytery of the Highlands early each year, to cover operational expenses. A small portion (a total of 10%) also gets allocated for General Assembly and Synod expenses.

We ask that you prayerfully consider making your per capita contribution. Every per capita cost that is not paid comes out of the overall endowment (or savings) of the church. By paying your per capita will allow us to allocate all of our

donations to the missions of this church. You may use the special envelopes in your offering boxes or you can simply mark your contribution with the words "Per Capita." *-Mission Interpretation & Stewardship Committee*

**Handbell Ringers**

Wendy Clarkson

Lisa Hordnes

Donna Keoppel

Denise Nickel

Ken Nickel

Mira Nickel

Shavaun Pizar

Marjorie Roller

Leslie Smith-Ficaro

Roxanne Tavakkol

Mandy Thompson

Nancy van Dyke