



First Presbyterian Church
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April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

10:00 AM

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

* = Please stand in body or in spirit

WELCOME! We are glad you can join us for worship here and online.

Visitors, please sign the guest book located in the narthex. Prayer request cards are available in the racks within each pew. Please ***remember to turn off all devices as we turn towards God.***

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 88

"All Glory Laud and Honor"

Melchior Teschner

GREETINGS TO THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

* CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

by Christine Sine

One: Let us enter the city with God today, and sing hosannas to our king,

All: Let us turn our backs on the powers that grasp and control, and open our hearts to the son of God riding on a donkey.

One: Let us join his parade, and follow the one who brought freedom and peace, and walk in solidarity with the abandoned and oppressed.

All: Let us shout for joy at Christ's coming and join his disciples, welcoming the broken, healing the sick, dining with outcasts.

One: Let us touch and see as God draws near, riding in triumph towards the Cross.

All: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

INVITATION TO SEEK GOD'S GRACE

A PRAYER FOR PALM SUNDAY: (In unison)

Merciful God, we are confounded by this season. The contradictions are so difficult for us to hold. There is death which brings life, there is suffering which brings redemption, there is betrayal which begets faithfulness. How are we to understand such blatant contradictions flowing through one event? Grant us peace, O Lord, to live with the duality of these days. Grant us compassion for those who travel with us, and near us. Grant us forgiveness for our failures.

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

MUSICAL RESPONSE # 85

"What Wondrous Love is This"

American Folk Hymn

(verse 1)

***What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss, to bear the heavy cross for my soul,
for my soul, to bear the heavy cross for my soul.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In unison)

Worship@North website

God of all peoples, through the scriptures raise our vision of hope for the world. Teach us your ways of acceptance and show us how to walk your path of peace with Jesus Christ our brother and guide. Amen.

GOD'S WORD TO US

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 118:19-29

p. 565

ANTHEM

"Hosanna to the King of Kings"

Mary Kay Beall

Hosanna to the King of Kings, Hosanna! Blessed is He!
Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna to the King of Kings, Hosanna! Lift up your heads, O ye gates,
that the King of Glory may come in. Lift up your heads, O ye gates,
that the King of Glory, the King of Glory shall come in.

Hosanna to the King of Kings, Hosanna! Who is this King of Kings?
He is the Lord! He is the King of Kings!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 19:28-40

p. 83

SERMON

"What Would Jesus Drive?"

Pastor Carie Morgan

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN # 145

"Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart"

Arthur Henry Messiter

(At this time, ushers will receive any written prayer requests or you can email the church office: 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

"Ride On!"
Hand Bell Choir

Michael Ryan

* 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 # 91

"Ride On! Ride On, in Majesty"

Henry H. Milman

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"O Worship the King"
Hand Bell Choir

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

Pastor: The Rev. Carie Morgan
Organist/Choir Director: Sarah Jane Zollner

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 Mission and Personnel, and currently on the Finance & Stewardship Committee. John sings in our chancel choir and serves on the Committee on Ministry for The Presbytery of the Highlands of NJ.

Hand Bell Ringers

Wendy Clarkson
Lisa Hordnes
Denise Nickel
Ken Nickel
Shavaun Pizar
Marjorie Roller
Leslie Smith-Ficaro
Roxanne Tavakkol
Mandy Thompson
Nancy van Dyke

Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church of Boonton
We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

Mission Outreach:

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 Lois Merritt at loisann139@optonline.net if you would like to volunteer to provide a meal or if you are in need of a meal.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING - Our theme for 2025 is **Sparkling Regrowth** and **the goal is \$2500**. 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).

Worship:

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. **4/13, 4/27, and all dates in May are open!**

HEARING AIDS/RECEIVERS – We have hearing aid receivers available during the worship service. **PEW PILLOWS** are also available for those of you who would like additional back support. Please ask an usher if you are interested in these items.

Fellowship:

NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY - 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).*

BIBLE STUDY And PRAYER GROUP – will not meet this week.

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.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL - *Water for a Thirsty Soul*. If you need a hard copy, email the office or read online - see link in the Inspire, our weekly newsletter.

JOHNSONBURG SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP - The Deacons are offering a \$300 scholarship for any youth of our congregation (members' children/grandchildren/relatives) who are interested in attending a week of summer camp at Camp

Johnsonburg this summer. Please reach out to Natalie Pisarcik if you are interested in taking advantage of this wonderful experience. natpisarcik@yahoo.com

STEWARDSHIP - Please make sure you fill out your 2025 commitment and place it in the offering plate, mail it to the church, or email a confidential email to donrothrock@gmail.com



Breeze online giving code

Maundy Thursday
April 17th at 7:30pm



GOOD FRIDAY
April 18th at 7:30pm



Easter Sunday
April 20th at 10 am



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 13 – April 19 ~ *Palm Sunday*

Sunday	8:15 am	Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	9:00 am	Palm Breakfast with St. Johns (Reighart Hall)
	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary and online) No Coffee Hour
	11:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Wednesday	3:00 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	4:00 pm	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
Thursday	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)
Saturday	8:00 am	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	9:00 am	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

April 20 – April 26 ~ *Easter Sunday*

Sunday	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour (Library)
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*The calendar can also be found on our website under news and events