



PALM
SUNDAY

THE SERVANT KING, WHO CAME



First Presbyterian Church
Portsmouth, Ohio

April 13, 2025
11 o'clock Worship Service

Rev. Ronald Johnson, Pastor, Minister of Word and Sacrament
Elder Diane Boster, Liturgist
Ms. Michele Imes, Director of Music
Dr. Phillip Roberts, Organist/Musician

We are glad you came...



Palm Sunday

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

GATHERING TOGETHER AS COMMUNITY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Ron Johnson

WELCOME

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

PRELUDE

Dr. Phillip Roberts

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Elder Diane Boster

L. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

P. Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

L. Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

P. Hosanna! Blessed is our King who comes in the name of the Lord!

L. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and given him the name that is above every name.

ALL: Blessed is Jesus, our Saviour and our friend!

Glory to the Creator and the Spirit, ever three and ever one!

***PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

Elder Boster

***HYMN OF PRAISE** #196 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" **GTG**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Boster

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

We confess it is easier for us to follow the crowd than Christ, we prefer avoiding conflict rather than standing up for your mercy and understanding. We allow strident voices in our times to drown out your wisdom and truth. Forgive us, O God. Fill us with the courage to take up our

cross and follow Jesus, even when the cost to follow is high and reputations are at stake, for we pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen. *(Invitation to silent confession and reflection)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Johnson

****GLORIA PATRI*** *(all sing)*

Ms. Michele Imes

**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.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Rev. Johnson

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 19:28-40 NLT

Elder Boster

²⁸ After telling this story, Jesus went on toward Jerusalem, walking ahead of his disciples. ²⁹ As he came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples ahead. ³⁰ "Go into that village over there," he told them. "As you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying that colt?' just say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

³² So they went and found the colt, just as Jesus had said. ³³ And sure enough, as they were untying it, the owners asked them, "Why are you untying that colt?"

³⁴ And the disciples simply replied, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ So they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it for him to ride on.

³⁶ As he rode along, the crowds spread out their garments on the road ahead of him. ³⁷ When he reached the place where the road started down the Mount of Olives, all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen.

³⁸ "Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the LORD!
Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!"

39 But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, "Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!"

40 He replied, "If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!"

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ms. Michele Imes

THE MESSAGE

The Servant King

Rev. Ron Johnson

****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH***

We trust in God, the source of all hope, Even as we call on God to meet us in places of hopelessness. We commit to be disciples of 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 and was born in human likeness. 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 ever 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. Amen.

HYMN

#724 "O Jesus, I Have Promised" **GTG**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven. Hallow 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Elder Boster

OFFERTORY INSTRUMENTAL

Dr. Roberts

****The Doxology***

**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.**

****THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION*** *(spoken in unison)* Elder Boster

In glad thanksgiving for all the blessings we know in this life, we give you our praise. We thank you for the gifts of music, art, poetry, and science and for all the ways you reveal your wisdom to us. Accept our offerings and use them and us for the building of your kingdom in this world. In Jesus's name, we pray, Amen.

CALL TO MISSION

**** CLOSING HYMN*** #725 "O, Lord My God" (How Great Thou Art) **GTG**

****CONGREGATIONAL CHARGE AND BLESSING***

Rev. Johnson

ACOLYTE RECESSIONAL

****SENDING SONG*** #543 "O Christ, Surround Me" v. 1 only **GTG**

POSTLUDE

(Please be seated for the postlude)

Dr. Robert

***The asterisk indicates when we rise to our feet in spirit,
as we are able in body.**

In the event of worship being postponed due to inclement weather conditions
an announcement will be sent to your email and the FPC's Facebook page



Will you lend a hand? There is an urgent need for hygiene products for the disadvantaged and unhoused individuals in Portsmouth. The church is working to collect as many bottles of 3-in-1 shampoo, conditioner, and body wash liquid soap as possible,* which can be found at great prices in any town. You can contribute to this initiative by dropping off your donation at First Presbyterian Church (FPC) or by making a special contribution to the deacons for purchasing supplies. First Presbyterian Church operates a Food Pantry that relies entirely on the generosity of its members and friends and serves as a hub for emergency assistance and weekly food distributions. Together, we can make a meaningful impact! **We recommend shopping at the Dollar Store.*



**AN UPDATED PRAYER LIST IS LOCATED ON
THE EDUCATION ANNEX BULLETIN BOARD**

Our Church and Community Calendar April-May 2025

The Food Pantry is closed every first Thurs. of the month. Open Thurs. 12-2P

- Apr. 13: Palm Sunday (First Day of Passover), 11A
Apr. 13: Lilly orders can be placed for Easter (*see insert or call Office*)
Apr. 15: Volunteer Breakfast, Hillview Oak Manor Portsm., 8:30A
Apr. 17: FPC hosts Maundy Thursday w/ 2PC & Pleasant Grn. Bapt., 5:30P
Apr. 18: Lenten Lunch, United Methodist Ch., Waverly, 12P
Apr. 18: Good Friday an Ecumenical Serv., A Service of Shadows 7PM (2PC)
Apr. 20 Easter Sunday Worship, 11A
Apr. 23: Community group in FPC Conf. Rm.
Apr. 27: Guest, Retired Missionary to Indonesia, Rev. Dudley Bolser, 11A
Apr. 29-May 5: Pastor away at PCUSA CREDO
May 4: Worship in Music, 11A
May 6-12: Pastor Away on Vacation (returns May 13)
May 7: Mission and Congregation Life meets, 4P
May 11: Dr. Marsha Smith, guest speaker, Mother's Day, 11A
May 14: Board of Session Meets, 1P (Guest: Jodi High)
May 15: Community meets in Conf. Rm., 5P
May 20: PSV meets, 3:30P (Loc. TBA)
May 25: Pastor preaches at Hillview Manor, 3P
May 26: Labor Day – Office Closed

Church Contact Information

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SERMON NOTES

SERMON TITLE _____

SCRIPTURE VERSE(S) _____

WHAT DID I HEAR THAT RAISED QUESTIONS? _____

HOW CAN I APPLY THIS TO MY LIFE? _____

WHAT WOULD I LIKE TO STUDY FURTHER? _____

MY HEART-FELT PRAYER TO GOD FOR THOSE IN MY LIFE AND MYSELF