

Hosanna!

Blessed
is he
that
cometh
in the
name
of the
Lord.

Palm Sunday

Interim Pastor: Rev. Jessica Malek

Organist: Sandy Albano

Worship Assistant: Lou Mastro

Audio & Visual Support: Alannah Bailey/Dona Lewandowski

 **Prelude**

 **Welcome & Announcements**

Called by God

Call to Worship (*Worship Assistant*) Psalm 118:25-29

Leader: Hosanna, Lord, hosanna! Lord, send us now success.

**People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord; we
bless you from the house of the Lord.**

Leader: God is the Lord, who has shined upon us; form a procession with
branches up to the horns of the altar.

**People: You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I
will exalt you.**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good; whose mercy endures
forever. Let us worship God!

 **Hymn 196**

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”


Forgiven by God

 **Call to Confession** (*Worship Assistant*)


If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess
our sin to God and others.

 **Prayer of Confession**

God of each new day, we confess that we join the crowds who insult and alienate and blame. We disgrace ourselves. Forgive us for listening too intently to all voices of the world that clamor for our attention. Make us bold to speak up for the downtrodden, the oppressed, those captive to their fears. O God, who sustains the weary, open our hearts to see each other as you see us. Open our ears to hear your voice and give us Christ-like steadfastness in living our faith, serving others and bringing rest to the weary. In Jesus' name we pray.

 **Silent Confession** *(A time of silence will be observed for personal confession.)* **Assurance of Pardon**

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

 **Gloria Patri Hymn 577** *(All)* *Avery & Marsh*

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. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. Amen.

Upheld by Christ

 **Prayers of the People -** *Sharing Joys, Concerns and Thanksgivings* **Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer** *(debts & debtors)*

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.

Taught by Christ



Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵“Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” ¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God



Sermon

“Who Is This?”



Hymn 198

“Ride On! Rode On in Majesty!”

Responding to the Word



Affirmation of Faith

Apostle's Creed (Modern English)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



Committing Our Lives, Gifts and Talents

Offertory

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above the heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.



Prayer of Dedication

God of grace and mercy, we sing your praises, we recite our confessions, and we offer our commitment in response to your love. You did not spare your only son, but gave him up so that we may be saved. We pledge our trust in Christ to deliver us worthy of your call to discipleship. Accept what we give you as signs of obedience, and bless our efforts as we seek to be faithful. Amen.



Sharing the Peace of God

Pastor: Be kind to one another, and tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(You are invited to remain in your pew and wave to those around you as a sign of peace and reconciliation.)

(Please remain standing for the Closing Hymn)

Sent Out by The Spirit



Hymn 197 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"



Charge and Benediction



Congregational Response "Surely the Presence"

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel His mighty power and His grace. I can hear the brush of angel's wings. I see glory on each face. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.



*** Welcome ***

We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior! We want to know you were here! Guests and visitors are invited to sign our Vestibule Guest Book or fill out the Welcome Card in the pew and put it in the collection plate. If you are interested in becoming a member of this Church, please call (732) 257-6353 and speak with the church secretary for further information. Make sure to "like" our page at www.facebook.com/FPCSayreville, and check out our website at FPCSayreville.org. Donations can be made to the website.

Weekly Attendance: 3/22/26 – 42

Weekly Giving: 3/22/26 – \$577.00

*** Prayer List ***

Manona Smith
Special Friends in Need
Howard Merritt
Prudy DeLap
Beth DePinto
Kim Barone
Becca & Hazel Laikowski
Joe & Marilyn Zakrzewski
David Zito
Stacia Drotar
The Haney Family
The Magee Family
Barbara Busch
Christine Brower
Kathy Walker

Martha Saltzman
Frank Martino
Vincent Prestigiacomo
Roxanne Parks
Ken Adams
The Boley Family
The Laikowski Clan
Russell Hayek
Charles Gilke
Gary & Diane Spsychalski
Jennifer Martin
Jorge Barreiro & Family
Keith Carney
Timothy Newsome
Dona Lewandowski

If you or a loved one would like to be removed from the Prayer List, please let the office know. Thank you.

Our Calendar of Events can be found on our website FPCSayreville.org

Monday, 3/30	5:30pm	Office Open
Tuesday, 3/31	7:00pm	Troop 777 (Sunday School Area)
Wednesday, 4/1	7:00pm	AA (Hall)
Thursday, 4/2	7:00pm	Troop 96 (Sunday School area)
Friday, 4/3	5:30pm	Office Open
Sunday, 4/5		HAPPY EASTER!
	8:45am	Prayer Service
	9:15am	Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt
	10:30am	Easter Flowering Cross Worship Service
	1:00pm	Ghana Church (Sanctuary)

**** Announcements ****

Per Capita \$42: The per capita assessment this year is \$42 per active member. In a family of four confirmed members, that would be \$168 for that family. Children baptized but not yet confirmed are not assessed.

Fundraiser: We have a fundraising initiative called Spiral through Amboy Bank. You can now donate to First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville by using a digital banking account, you can access the Giving Center, locate the church's name and make a donation. If you are not an Amboy Bank account holder, check with your bank and see if they are associated with Spiral. All donations are tax deductible and you will be able to get a statement of your contributions.

Food Pantry: We have a separate phone and email address for the Deacons Food Pantry. The phone number is (848) 280-1927 and the email is FPCShelpinghand@gmail.com. If you or someone you know is in need, please contact the Deacons to arrange assistance. Our food pantry is available throughout the year for any community member in need.

Headphones: There are headphones available for anyone wishing to enhance hearing during worship services. Please see Gary Spychalski or the Pastor for more info.

Join the Choir! Choir rehearsals are held on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in the sanctuary. No experience is necessary, and training will be provided. Not only will you build long-lasting friendships with other choir members, but you also build your relationship with God through worship music.

Pastoral Care Emergencies: If you have a pastoral care emergency, please call (732) 403-4160. This is a dedicated phone line for emergencies. You

can also contact Rev. Malek by emailing her at revjessicamalek@gmail.com. This is a confidential email that is read only by the pastor.

We ask that ALL FOOD PANTRY requests be made by contacting FPCShelpinghand@gmail.com or (848) 280-1927 only.

General Church Information: The office is generally open Mondays & Fridays at 5:30pm and Sunday mornings from 9:30-11:30am. PLEASE CALL before you stop to verify if someone is here. Emails and phones will be checked on Wednesdays when the office is closed. You can reach the office by using the church's email churchoffice172@optimum.net, or by calling the office at (732) 257-6353.

**** Online Giving ****

We have online giving available through the Presbyterian Foundation and Vanco Giving Solutions, on our website FPCSayreville.org! Simply click on the "Give Now" button, and you will be directed to our giving page. Once there, create a profile and you can then make a one-time donation or schedule auto-payments monthly, weekly, etc. to major church accounts.

You can also donate through the app "Give Plus". Download the app, enter the church zip code of 08872, and click on our church. You can make either a onetime donation or set up recurring donations, depending on which you prefer.

You can also scan the following code with your smartphone camera to be connected to our giving page.



PENDING CHURCH IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

CAPITAL PROJECT

	Estimated Cost
1.Kitchen Dishwasher	7,000 10/25 \$6,000 Completed
2.Church AC Units 2@\$6,000 each Then replacement schedule of 1 new unit each year for the next six years	\$12,000 10/25 \$9650 Completed
3.AC for CE Hall	\$20,000
4.Steeple Refinish	<u>\$60,000</u>
	\$80,000

OPERATIONS MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

1.Replace church altar lights	\$1,500 funded, awaiting installation
2.Replace parking lot light on CE Hall	\$2,500 funded, awaiting installation
3.Replace door and frame to church office	\$7,000
4.Seal area along back wall of church	<u>1,500</u> 8/25 donated
	\$12,500

GRAND TOTAL \$92,500

The above list is revised from our prior posting since a number of its projects have been completed. Thank you one and all for your ongoing and continuing support of our church. Without you, none of this would be possible.

As you can see, we have a number of costly projects left that we need to fund. If you or anyone you know would be willing to support any of these important items, please let the Pastor or any of the church officers know.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

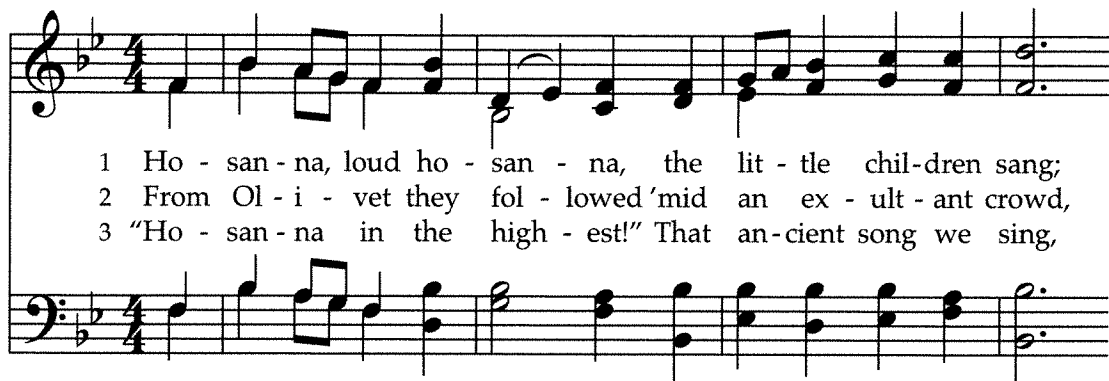
1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

to Refrain

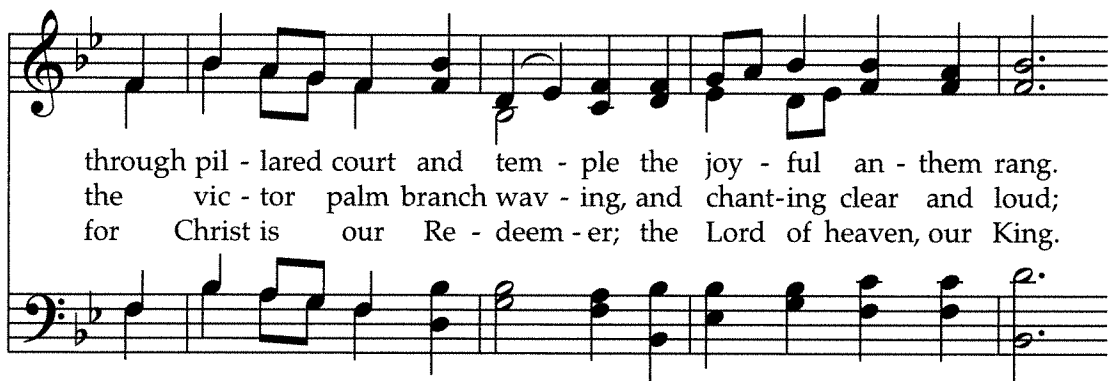
who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

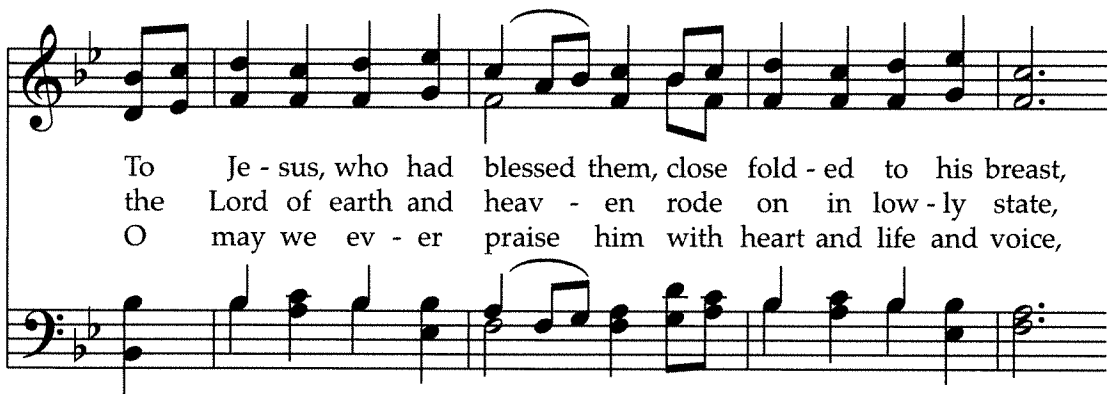
197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



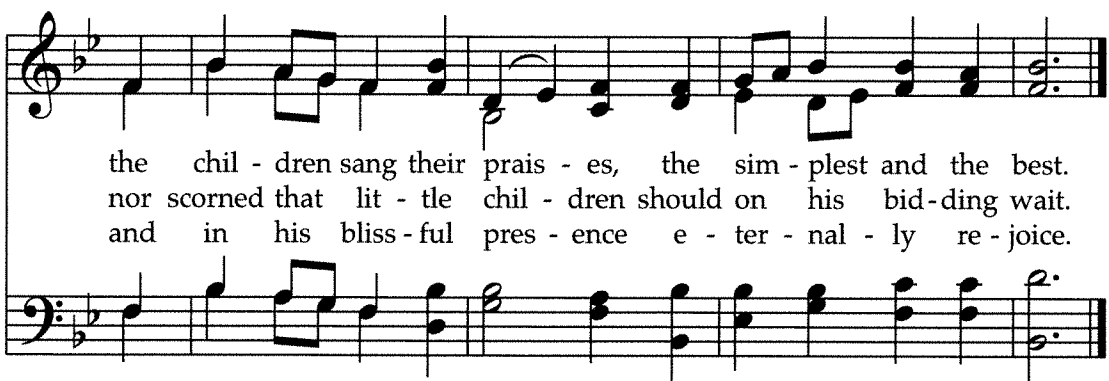
1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! 198

1 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the
 2 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
 3 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of
 4 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur -
 pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and
 pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to

sues its road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
 now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 mor - tal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

This 19th-century Palm Sunday text is better understood as the reflections of someone standing outside the event rather than as coming from those participating in the actual procession. This poignant text is set to a tune written especially for it later in the same century.

First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville

Annual Flea Market

Space Rental Agreement

e-mail churchoffice172@optimum.net call 732-257-6353

Saturday June 6th, 2026 8am-2pm

Rain Date 6/13/2026

Rain out will be determined on Thursday by 7pm prior to flea market.

Date ___/___/___

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ cell phone _____

E-Mail _____

Please make checks payable to **First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville**

#of spaces (_____) space \$25 or 2for \$40 Total \$_____

#of table's (____) \$8ea limited to one per/space depending on availability Total \$_____

Payment Check _____ or Cash _____ Total payment \$_____

What type of items are you selling _____

I _____ have received and accepted the rules and regulations from the First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville as outlined on attached page.

Signature _____ Rental fees are not refundable after May 22 ,2026

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We will call you and post it on our Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/FPCSayreville>.

Rules and Regulations

One space = 1 parking spot

1-Alcohol is not allowed on church property.

2-you may not sell any food items during flea market

3-you may arrive at 7am to set up your space

4-You need to provide your own table unless prior arrangements have been made (\$8/table).

5- All items must be cleaned up and removed from the rental space upon departure.

(no dumpsters service available)

6- DO NOT block any fire lanes (use only parking spaces)

7- no vehicle traffic in lot after 7:50 am

8- if you must leave before 2pm see the church associate to safely assist you out of lot

9-Rental space fee is not refundable after May 22nd (all refunds are by church check only- no cash)

Each vendor will get one spot to park a car next to space (please avoid parking across the street to give buyers ample places to park. If you need another car to park, see church associate. We have limited parking spaces available.



Sing a New Song!

“Glory to God” hymnals have been placed back in the pews, thanks to a very generous donation from the Plainsboro Presbyterian Church.

The Worship Committee would like to invite you to help us obtain additional hymnals which you can dedicate in memory or honor of a special loved one.

The cost of each hymnal will be \$30.00, covering the purchase cost of the hymnal as well as shipping and handling.

If you are interested in donating a hymnal or hymnals, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate. Checks may be made out to First Presbyterian Church, Sayreville for the total amount of your order. Any questions may be directed to John or Mary Beckhusen at 732-651-5952.

Name: _____

Contact information (email or phone #): _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____