

First
Presbyterian Church
Port Charlotte, FL



Sunday, March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

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God Calls Us to Worship



CHIMES, APOSTOLIC GREETING & PRELUDE *The Holy City*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

His Name is Wonderful

EXCHANGE OF PEACE✝

CALL TO WORSHIP✝

One: What will we lay down as Christ passes by?

All: We have no cloaks today, but we will lay down our hearts, our hopes, and our lives.

One: As the crowds in Jerusalem cried out long ago, we echo:

All: Hosanna! Save us! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

One: Let us worship God in the name of Jesus Christ, our Servant Lord.

OPENING HYMN✝

#297 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

We Renew Our Relationship With God

PRAYER OF ADORATION

LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ our Redeemer, try as we might, we do not follow Your example. We do not empty ourselves, we do not humble ourselves, we are not obedient. You simply ask us to care about this world You created, but we fail to do even that.

Forgive us. You have given us the greatest, clearest example of love. Heal us, and help us to follow You.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We Respond to God's Grace

MINOR DOXOLOGY†

#813 Glory Be To The Father

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH†

Apostles' Creed

ANTHEM-CHANCEL CHOIR

Hosana To The King

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

OFFERTORY

The Palms

DOXOLOGY†

#815 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN OF DEDICATION†

For The Life That You Have Given





God Speaks to Us



SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:1-11 (NRSVue)

1 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples,

2 saying 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.

3 If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.”

4 This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

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.”

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them;

7 they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them.

8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

9 The 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!”

10 When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?”

11 The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”





PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People (1st Stanza)

THE PREACHED WORD

“Save Us, We Pray”

HYMN OF RESPONSE✝

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People (2nd Stanza)

God Sends Us Into the World

COMMISSION & BENEDICTION✝

SENDING HYMN✝

#764 The Trees Of The Field

NOTES



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thomas Allesee

July 11, 1936 - September 29, 2025



Tom Allesee's Memorial Service

April 1, 2026

11 AM



Maundy Thursday Meal Service

April 2, 2026

7 PM



Good Friday Tenebrae Service

April 3, 2026

7 PM



Easter Sunday Service

April 5, 2026

9 AM

February Birthdays

February 1 – Marjorie Lotz

February 7 – Alzie Lee

February 16 – Joan Barry

February 21 – Carolyn Brox

February 24 – Jeanne Fell

February 26 – Jackie Witt

March Birthdays

March 29 – Weldon DeGroot

March 20 – Claudette McLennon

March 29 – Susan Littrell

March 30 – Barbara Soine

March 30 – Ambrose Woods

PRAYER LIST

Bernadine Allesee & Family	-	<i>strength & comfort</i>
Ray & Eric Bittinger	-	<i>health & strength</i>
Hazel & Jerry Brown	-	<i>health needs</i>
Carolyn & Charlie Brox	-	<i>health needs</i>
Carol Dunkak-Dunekirchen	-	<i>health needs</i>
Barbara Edwards	-	<i>health needs</i>
Jean Heim	-	<i>health needs</i>
Marjorie Hill	-	<i>health needs</i>
Carolanne Hoehle	-	<i>health needs</i>
Alzie Lee Family	-	<i>strength & comfort</i>
Sue Littrell	-	<i>health needs</i>
Violet Logan/Green	-	<i>strength & comfort</i>
Richard Lund	-	<i>health needs</i>
Courtenay Mason	-	<i>health needs</i>
Brad Messick	-	<i>health needs</i>
George Mothershed	-	<i>health needs</i>
Paul Heins & Ann Boubant	-	<i>strength & comfort</i>
Julie Nunez	-	<i>health needs</i>
Valciana Officer	-	<i>health needs</i>
Ray Omar	-	<i>health needs</i>
Holly Parkin	-	<i>health needs</i>
Mavis Powell	-	<i>health & comfort</i>
Amy Rupert	-	<i>strength & comfort</i>
Sue Thompson	-	<i>strength & comfort</i>
Bernardo Vieira	-	<i>health needs</i>
Danny Webb	-	<i>strength needs</i>
Debbie Webb	-	<i>health needs</i>

FPCPC FAMILY -

If you know of any shut-ins or anyone who may need our prayers,
please call the church office at 941-625-5045.



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ELDERS

CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027	CLASS OF 2028
Amy Rupert	Sandy Asaro	Cathy Asaro
Nancy Sharpless	—	Ambrose Woods
Donna Young	Claudette McLennon	—

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027	CLASS OF 2028
Carol Dunkak-Dunekirchen	Holly Parkin	Hazel Mason
Carol McLennon	Patti Bevens	—
Norma Campbell	Veronica Walters	—



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