

*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**



† Please stand in body or in spirit.





## **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 (1<sup>st</sup> Stanza)*

**THE PREACHED WORD**

*“Save Us, We Pray”*

**HYMN OF RESPONSE †**

*Open Your Ears, O Faithful People (2<sup>nd</sup> Stanza)*

*God Sends Us Into the World*

**COMMISSION & BENEDICTION †**

**SENDING HYMN †**

*#764 The Trees Of The Field*



# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



***Prayer Group***  
Every Wednesday  
12 noon



***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 &amp; comfort</i>
Ray & Eric Bittinger	-	<i>health &amp; 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 &amp; comfort</i>
Sue Littrell	-	<i>health needs</i>
Violet Logan/Green	-	<i>strength &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; comfort</i>
Amy Rupert	-	<i>strength &amp; comfort</i>
Sue Thompson	-	<i>strength &amp; comfort</i>
Bernardo Vieira	-	<i>health needs</i>
Debbie Webb	-	<i>health needs</i>
Danny Webb	-	<i>strength 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.



## **CHURCH STAFF**

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## **ELDERS**

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

## **DEACONS**

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



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Liturgy Sources: [calltoworshipjournal.org](http://calltoworshipjournal.org) & [presbyterian.ca/worship](http://presbyterian.ca/worship)