

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSTOWN, NJ



10:00 AM

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 2, 2023

*\* Please stand if you are able.*

### GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE: *Cantata BWV 29 by J.S. Bach*

WELCOME, AFFIRMATION OF MISSION STATEMENT & ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pete Peterson  
**As disciples of Jesus Christ, led by the Holy Spirit, we experience God's unconditional love, and we witness to others by discovering and sharing our gifts.**

CHORAL INTROIT: Chancel Choir

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

**People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. You are my God, and I shall praise you.**

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, for God's love endures forever.

**People: With great praise on our lips and with joy in our hearts, let us worship God.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE: *No. 89 Hosanna, Loud, Hosanna (last verse acapella)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *In silence then unison*

**Passionate God, we join the crowds of ages past and time present in shouting your praises. While our lips proclaim your glory and we sing your praises, we confess the times our lives have failed to mirror Christ's life and love. We often view Jesus as our best buddy, yet we are not as appreciative of his passionate death on the cross.**

**Forgive us and have mercy upon us. Ride into our hearts with healing grace and give us courage to live as his pilgrim people in the world today. Lord Jesus, save us, Hosanna. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF CHRIST'S FORGIVENESS:

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the one who comes to us and has done for us what we could never do for ourselves, offering us abundant life and eternal love. This is the good news!

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Let us forgive one another.**

\* GLORIA PATRIA: *No. 370 Just As I Am, Without One Plea*

***Just as I am, without one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou biddest me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!***

\* EXCHANGE OF CHRIST'S PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:



~ Children may go downstairs for Sunday School following the message ~  
~ Usher(s) & Greeter(s) please come forward to assist with the Offering ~

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERTORY:

Offertory Music: "Obsecro Te by Josquin des Prez"

- \* DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION: *No. 592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
***Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

## DECLARING GOD'S WORD

GOSPEL LESSONS:

Matthew 21: 1-13	Jesus enters Jerusalem as a humble king and tips the tables of the money-changers.	Erika Wulster
Matthew 26: 14-27	Jesus is violently crucified.	Bill Olivier
Matthew 27: 11-31	"	Pete Peterson
Matthew 27: 32-54	"	Pastor David Harvey

ANTHEM: *Palm Branches - by Jean-Baptiste Faure*

Chancel Choir

MEDITATION: *Love Your Enemies:  
4) Palms, Prayers, and Passion*

Pastor David Harvey

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

- \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Philippians 2: 4-11*

**Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in 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, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, 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 every 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: *No. 88 All Glory, Laud and Honor (last verse acapella)*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, OF THE PEOPLE, & THE LORD'S PRAYER

## DEPARTING IN GOD'S NAME

- \* HYMN: *No. 91* *Ride on, Ride on in Majesty!* *(last two verses acapella)*
- \* CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE & BENEDICTION
- \* CHORAL BENEDICTION: Chancel Choir
- POSTLUDE: *In Paradisum*

*Our Worship has ended — our Christian Witness begins!*

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### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

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**The Human Family:** Persons and individuals impacted by the COVID-19; essential workers; the homeless; people of Afghanistan, Haiti, and the Ukraine; families impacted by gun violence

**Men & Women Serving in the Armed Forces & America's Veterans**

**Those in elected office:** The President, the Congress, State Assembly, local community servants

**Healing for Friends & Families with:**

**Cancer:** John Abney, Judy Dales, Gordon Dugan, Samantha Elwell, Olivia Hollis, Adam Hubble, Tracy Lance, Troy Lutz, Caitlyn McMorro and her family, Jay Ohland Jr., Bill S., Andrew Shan, Robert Talmadge, Gerry Walker, Tracy Wolfe, Molly Grace Young, Alicia, Audrey, Darlene, Eva, Gail, Liza

**Illness & Injuries:** Les Ashburner, Sue Bonkowski, Derek Cameron, Elaine Canonico, Kyle Canonico, Lucy Cuipa, Noah Haiduc-Dale, Cameron McIntyre, Carol McLain, Jan Smith, Margaret Stephens, Betty Ann Weir, Ann, Tracy, Carter

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### TODAY'S WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSISTANTS

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**Greeter:** Bill Olivier

**Ushers:** Stephanie Burke & Gail Weber

**Pastor:** Rev. David Harvey

**Sunday School:** Deb Albrecht,

Lesson: Palm Sunday & Easter

*Mark 11: 1-11, Luke 24: 1-12*

**Worship Leader:** Pete Peterson

**Sound System:** Theo Padavano

**MIDI:** Frank Wilson

**DLP:** Jen Plut

**Ministers:** The Congregation



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## Holy Week Schedule

- ❖ **Palm Sunday, April 2:** Church Sanctuary at 10:00 AM  
*Easter Egg Hunt for Sunday School Students following worship*
  - ❖ **Maundy Thursday, April 6:** Church Sanctuary at 7:00 PM
  - ❖ **Good Friday, April 7:** United Methodist Church at 7:00 PM
  - ❖ **Easter Sunday, April 9:** Blair Lake at 7:00 AM (*weather permitting*)  
Church Sanctuary at 10:00 AM
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### THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

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**Palm Sunday, Apr. 2**

8:30 AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 AM Worship  
10:15 AM Sunday School/FH  
11:15 AM Easter Activity &  
Children's Choir

**Monday, Apr. 3** *Office Closed*

**Maundy Thursday, Apr. 6**

7:00 PM Worship

**Good Friday, Apr. 7**

7:00 PM Worship @FUMC

**Easter Sunday, Apr. 9**

7:00 AM Family Worship @Blair Lake  
8:30 AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 AM Family Worship &  
Communion

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS):** Your gift to the Special Mission offering, *One Great Hour of Sharing*, enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. We will receive the OGHS Special Offering through Easter, Apr. 9. You may contribute to OGHS electronically on the church website: [fpcb-nj.org](http://fpcb-nj.org) (donate through "PC(USA) Special Offerings") or by sending your offering to the church.


**Habitat for Humanity:** Our church will be providing a hearty lunch for about 12 to 15 volunteers at their work site on Sat., Apr. 8. The deacons are asking for donations of fruit, iced tea, water, sandwiches, chips, and some baked goods to be dropped off at the Outreach Center no later than 10 AM on Apr. 8. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall for those who would like to donate. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Cameron at (908) 459-9068. The lunch is greatly appreciated by the Habitat volunteers so any assistance would be greatly welcomed.

**FPCB Book Club:** The next meeting of the Book Club is scheduled for Wed., April 26 at 7 PM. We will be discussing the heartbreaking, page-turning new historical novel by Lindsey Hutchinson: [The Runaway Children](#). The Book Club meets every 6–8 weeks, and we read a variety of titles: fiction and nonfiction; mysteries and suspense. New members are always welcome. If you have any questions or would like a copy of our reading list, please speak with Teri Harvey or Kaye Evans.

# Easter Flower Dedications



Continuing with the tradition of placing Easter flowers *in memory, in honor, or in celebration of*, you may do so by returning this order form and payment in Sunday's offering plate or by dropping it off at the church office by April 5. The cost of each dedication this year is \$12, and donations should be made to "Presbyterian Women."

Easter dedications may also be ordered at our website. Simply visit [fpcb-nj.org](http://fpcb-nj.org) and select  (or scan the QR Code below); contribute through "Presbyterian Women" and leave your dedication in the Notes section!

**The deadline for dedications is Wed., April 5.**

**\$12 PER EASTER DEDICATION**

(checks payable to PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN)



- A. In Honor of      B. In Memory of  
C. In Celebration of      D. Other (specify)

(A., B., C., or D.)	Dedication

*Please print clearly. Thank You!!*

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