



# PALM SUNDAY

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

1 Main Street, Blairstown, NJ 07825

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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSTOWN, NJ

10:00 AM

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 13, 2025

\* Please stand if you are able

### GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE: *Cantata BWV 29 by JS Bach* (3-56)

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & AFFIRMATION  
OF OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Lisa Besser

**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: (Psalm 118: 1, 8-9, 26, NIV)

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**P: It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in humans.**

L: It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

**P: Blessed in the one who comes to us in the name of the Lord.  
From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

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

\* HYMN OF PRAISE: *No. 88 All Glory, Laud and Honor* vv. 1, 3, 4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *In silence then unison*

**Triumphant Lord, we rejoice in your entry into the world and into our lives! Forgive us when our hearts fail to worship you in spirit and in truth, when our minds fail to fully adore you, and when our lips which often praise you also deny and decry you.**

**Lord, Jesus, forgive our capricious discipleship. Grace our hearts this day with your humiliation. Restore within us the joy of your salvation; make us mindful of your saving work which attests to your glorification that we, like the disciples, may joyfully sing your praises and proclaim your Lordship unto all the earth. In your name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF CHRIST'S FORGIVENESS:

L: Blessed is the one who has done for us what we could never do for ourselves, dying for us that his love may live abundantly and eternally in us.

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

\* CELEBRATION OF CHRIST'S FORGIVENESS: *No. 370*

v. 1

\* EXCHANGE OF CHRIST'S PEACE:

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

*Welcome one another with Christ's peace.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:



~ Children may go downstairs for Sunday School following the message ~

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS & OFFERTORY

\* DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION: *No. 577 Glory Be to the Father*

## DECLARING GOD'S WORD

PSALTER READING: Psalm 31: 9–16, 23–24 NRSVUE (responsive)

Love and trust in the Lord.

<sup>9</sup> Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.

<sup>10</sup> **For my life is spent with sorrow and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.**

<sup>11</sup> I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.

<sup>12</sup> **I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.**

<sup>13</sup> For I hear the whispering of many—terror all around!—as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

<sup>14</sup> **But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God."**

<sup>15</sup> My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

<sup>16</sup> **Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.**

<sup>23</sup> Love the Lord, all you his saints. The Lord preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who acts haughtily.

<sup>24</sup> **Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.** (KJV)

GOSPEL READING: Luke 19: 28–44 NRSVUE

Jesus ride into and weeps over Jerusalem.

ANTHEM: *King Triumphant by Ruth Elaine Schram* Chancel Choir

SERMON: *Human Cries* Pastor David Harvey

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

- \* HYMN: *Take on the Mind of Christ the Lord* vv. 1 & 2  
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***Take on the mind of Christ the Lord who gave up life in heaven above; he chose to suffer with the poor to make us rich in God's great love.***

***Take on the way he chose to live; he put ambition to the side. He gave us all he had to give, then on a cross he humbly died.***

- \* 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: *Take on the Mind of Christ the Lord* vv. 3 & 4  
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***Take on the gift that we've been given: God raised him up in love to reign; and now he's Lord of earth and heaven. Accept this gift and praise his name.***

***One day the world will sing and pray and Christ will always be adored. Until that great and glorious day, take on the mind of Christ the Lord.***

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

## DEPARTING IN GOD'S NAME

- \* HYMN: *No. 91 Ride on, Ride on in Majesty* vv. 1 & 4

- \* CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE & BENEDICTION

- \* CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *In Paradisium* (2-26)

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

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## ASSISTING DURING TODAY'S WORSHIP

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**Greeter:** Robin Kasprenski  
**Choir Leader:** Maggie Morokutti  
**Worship Leader:** Lisa Besser  
**Pastor:** Rev. David Harvey  
**Ministers:** The Congregation

**Ushers:** Mandy Burke & Judy Trigg  
**Sound System:** Theo Padavano  
**Altar Flowers:** Judy Trigg  
**DLP:** Jennifer Plut  
**MIDI:** Frank Wilson  
**Coffee Hour:** Teri Harvey

**Children & Worship:** Stephanie Burke; *Jesus the King*  
**Faith Works:** Deb Albrecht; *People Welcome Jesus* (Mark 11: 1–11)

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## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

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**The Human Family:** Persons and individuals who struggle with food insecurity and homelessness, the people in the Ukraine and the Middle East; families and communities impacted by gun violence; by severe weather; and those affected by airline disaster

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

**Those in elected office:** The President, the Congress, State Assembly, Municipality officials

**Healing for Friends & Families:**

**Cancer:** Judy Dales, Gordon Dugan, Samantha Elwell, Noah Haiduc-Dale, Olivia Hollis, Adam Hubble, Tracy Lance, Trisha Lenarze-Garmoe, Troy Lutz, Caitlyn McMorrow & her family, Henry Parsons, Peter Porzio, Andrew Shan, Robert Talmadge, Addie Wasserman, Molly Grace Young, Audrey, Chet, Eva, Gail, Liza, Joan

**Illness & Injuries:** Emily Arena, Robert Benz, George Burke, Derek Cameron, Elaine Canonico, Kyle Canonico, Lucy Cuipa, Christine Hengel, Jan Smith, Betty Ann Weir, Ann, Carter, David, Evelyn, Tracy, Valerie

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## THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

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**Sunday, Apr. 13**

10:00 AM Worship  
10:15 AM Sunday School  
11:15 AM Children's Choir / Egg Hunt  
4:30 PM Conf. Class/OC  
5:45 PM Lenten Study/OC

*The Chosen / Seasons 3 & 4*

**Monday, Apr. 14** Office Closed

7:00 PM Water Gap Singers

**Tuesday, Apr. 15**

10:00 AM Bible Study/OC  
1:00 PM Library Book Group/OC

**Thursday, Apr. 17**

7:00 PM MT/GF Worship

**Friday, Apr. 18**

6:30 PM 4-H/OC

**Saturday, Apr. 19**

9:30 AM Food Pantry/OC

**Sunday, Apr. 20** Easter Sunday

10:00 AM Family Worship with  
Communion

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Today's Altar Flowers** have been placed by Judy Trigg in celebration of family and friends.

**Egg Hunt Today! Bring Your basket!** There will be an egg hunt for kids at church today (rain date Easter) after the worship service. All kids are invited to participate!

**Adult Christian Education DVD Series "The Chosen":** Join us today at 5:45–7:00 PM (following Confirmation class) at the Outreach Center for our Lenten Study using *The Chosen* (Seasons 3 & 4).

**Volunteers for VBS wanted!** We are considering holding a week-long vacation Bible school this summer if there is sufficient interest. We will need adults and teen helpers. Possible weeks are July 21-25, Aug 4-8 or Aug 11-15. If you are interested in helping out, please let me know which week or weeks you are available. You can email Deb Albrecht at [debalbrecht20@gmail.com](mailto:debalbrecht20@gmail.com)

There will also be a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

**Worship Helpers Needed:** You are invited to sign up online through Sign-Up Genius — pick a date that works for you! Visit [fpcb-nj.org](http://fpcb-nj.org) for the sign-up link on the home page.

**Gift Cards Are an Eggs-Cellent Way to Help Fill an Easter Basket!**

Tuck them inside the baskets with all the eggs and other treats, or you can tie a gift card to the handle for a nice presentation! Through our Loaves & Fishes RaiseRight program (formerly ShopWithScrip), we have **\$10 Panera Bread, Dunkin, Chipotle, Subway, and IHOP** cards available in addition to Acme and ShopRite! Hop to it and stop by the church office at the Outreach Center between 9:30 AM until 1:30 PM if you would like to purchase a card(s) or speak with Gail Weber.



**Johnsonburg Summer Campships:** Presbyterian Women support children from our church who are interested in attending Johnsonburg summer camp. Any child interested in attending should write a letter to Presbyterian Women indicating their reason for wanting to attend camp. Letters should be in the church office by the end of April. More information may be found at [fpcb-nj.org/summer-campships](http://fpcb-nj.org/summer-campships).

**One Great Hour of Sharing:** Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through OGHS to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities. We will receive the OGHS Special Offering through Easter, Apr. 20 and may contribute electronically on the church website: [fpcb-nj.org](http://fpcb-nj.org) or by sending your offering to the church. Envelopes are in the narthex and by the elevator entrance.

## Community News:

**Blood Drive:** Saturday, April 19 between 9 AM and 3 PM at the Lion's Den, 505 Rt. 94, Columbia, NJ. For more information and to register (recommended), please visit [www.blairstownrotary.org](http://www.blairstownrotary.org). Blood drive is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Blairstown.

**Blairstown Rotary 50/50 Raffle Tickets** are available from church member & Rotarian, Jen Plut (ph: 973-296-2156), or at [blairstownrotary.org](http://blairstownrotary.org). This raffle supports the NWR scholarship program and other community services, including their Community Center project that is getting close to finished. The drawing and dinner event will be Friday, Apr. 25 at 6 PM at the Blairstown Hose Company firehouse on Stillwater Road. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize is \$10,000. A maximum of 600 tickets will be sold and there are 60 chances to win on each ticket. The ticket price remains \$100, which includes entry for one person to the drawing event and dinner. An optional \$20 2<sup>nd</sup> guest dinner ticket is also available for purchase with your raffle ticket. Thank you for your support!



### **Sunday, April 13**

Palm Sunday Service  
(Church Sanctuary), 10 AM  
*Easter Egg Hunt for  
Sunday School Students*

### **Thursday, April 17**

Combined Maundy Thursday &  
Good Friday Service  
(Church Sanctuary), 7 PM

### **Sunday, April 20**

Easter Sunrise Service  
(Blair Lake, weather permitting), 7 AM  
Easter Worship (Church Sanctuary), 10 AM

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## 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 16. 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 16.**

**\$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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