



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

Mar. 29, 2026

* Please stand if you are able; **bold text spoken** and *bold/italic sung* by all.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE: *Cello Concerto No. 9 in B Flat Major by Luigi Boccherini – performed by Jacqueline Du Pre (6:51) BT*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, &

AFFIRMATION OF OUR MISSION STATEMENT: 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: *(Psalm 118:24,26)*

This is the day on which the Lord has acted.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

With grateful hearts and with lips of praise, let us worship God.

* HYMN OF PRAISE: *Christ Jesus, on Sunday, You Rode into Town* p. 7
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *(In silence then unison)*

Lord Jesus Christ, as you rode a donkey and her foal amid the crowds while people shouted your praises, your royal monarchy was displayed as one of humility and peace. We confess our lack of humility and our reluctance to live drawn to your peace. Our wills are often rebellious, and our faith is often more show than substance. Our attitudes and actions need your cleansing power.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins, Lord Jesus, Son of David. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, that we may sing your praises, know the joy of your salvation, and delight in living your will in our daily lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF CHRIST'S FORGIVENESS:

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, the one who comes to us and has done for us what we unable to do for ourselves.

Blessed is the One who offers us abundant life and eternal love. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Let us forgive one another.

* SONG OF CHRIST'S FORGIVENESS: *No. 370* v. 1
Just as I Am, Without One Plea

* EXCHANGE OF CHRIST'S PEACE: The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you. *Welcome one another with the peace of Christ.*

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 & OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION: *No. 592 Praise God*

DECLARING GOD'S WORD

HEBREW LESSON: Zechariah 9: 9–10
Zechariah proclaims the Lord's coming.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 21: 1–13
Jesus comes riding triumphantly into Jerusalem.

ANTHEM: *"Hail to the King Triumphant"* Chancel Choir
by Ruth Elaine Schram

SERMON: *What King Is He?* 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: *We Long to Know Peace!* p. 8
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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, 2
- * CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE & BENEDICTION
- * CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *String Quintet in E Major, Op. 11 No. 5 III Minuetto*
by Luigi Boccherini

Our Worship has ended — our Christian Witness begins!

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Submitted by Jan Swift

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

The Human Family: 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: Angela Balogach, Judy Dales, Gordon Dugan, Samantha Elwell, Julie Harvey, Olivia Hollis, Adam Hubble, Tracy Lance, Trisha Lenarze-Garmoe, Brad Gross, Ed Jones, Troy Lutz, Caitlyn McMorrow & her family, Henry Parsons, Andrew Shan, Robert Talmadge, Molly Young, Audrey, Eva, Liza, Joan

Illness & Injuries: George Burke, Derek Cameron, Elaine Canonico, Kyle Canonico, Lucy Cuipa, Christine Hengel, Michael Kelly, Jan Smith, Jan Swift, Judy Trigg, Jim Walsh, Ben Weber, Betty Ann Weir, Ann, Annie, Carter, Dave, David, Evelyn, Mia, Tracy, Valerie

ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY

Greeter: Gary Albrecht

Ushers: Mandy Burke, Robin Kasprenski

Worship Leader: Pete Peterson

Pastor: Rev. David Harvey

Ministers: The Congregation

Choir Director: Maggie Morokutti

Sound System: Theo Padavano

MIDI: Frank Wilson

DLP: Jen Plut

Coffee Hour: Teri Harvey

Children & Worship: Joan Cameron; Jesus the King

Faith Works: Lisa Besser; Jesus Enters Jerusalem (Matthew 21: 1–11)

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

Sun., Mar. 29

8:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM Worship

10:15 AM Sunday School

11:15 AM Easter Egg Hunt

11:15 AM *The Chosen*/FH

Mon., Mar. 30 Office Closed

7:00 PM WGS/Sanctuary

Tue., Mar. 31

10:00 AM Bible Study/OC

Thu., Apr. 2

7:00 PM MT-GF Worship

Easter Sun., Apr. 5

7:00 AM Family Worship/Blair Lake

8:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM Family Worship



Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday Service
(Church Sanctuary), 10 AM

*Easter Egg Hunt for
Sunday School Students*

Thursday, April 2

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

Sunday, April 5

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Study—“The Chosen”: Selected episodes will be shown after church in Fellowship Hall on Mar. 29, Apr. 26, and May 24 and/or 31.

Habitat for Humanity: Thank you to all who donated to yesterday’s lunch—it was greatly appreciated by the volunteers.

Easter Flower Dedications: Continuing with the tradition of dedicating Easter flowers, the cost of each plant this year is \$12, and donations should be made to “Presbyterian Women.” The deadline for orders is Sunday, Mar. 29. Order forms are available in Fellowship Hall.

M&F Meeting: Sunday, Apr. 12 following worship.

Special Services: Sign-ups for coffee hour are available.

- Sunday, Apr. 19: Recognition of 1st Responders in our community
- Sunday, Apr. 26: Blessings of Bikers w/Christian Motorcyclists Assoc.

Gift Cards: ShopRite, Acme, Subway, Dunkin, IHOP, Starbucks, Panera, and Home Depot gift cards are available from Gail Weber or at the OC. Speak with Gail to learn more about Loaves & Fishes.

Johnsonburg Summer Campships: PW supports children from our church who are interested in attending Johnsonburg summer camp. Any child interested in attending write a letter to PW indicating their reason for wanting to attend camp. Letters should be submitted to the church office by Apr. 30. More information about Johnsonburg summer camp may be found at <https://fpcb-nj.org/summer-campships/>.

Altar Flowers: Do you have a special occasion you would like to commemorate with altar flowers? Flowers can be cut or potted; from your garden, a store, or even delivered from a local florist! Please let the church office know if you'd like to provide flowers! You may sign up in Fellowship Hall or even sign up electronically through SignUpGenius which can be accessed through our website at <https://fpcb-nj.org/altar-flowers/>.

Special Offering—One Great Hour of Sharing: Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The work done in support of the causes supported by OGH—disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees—serves individuals and communities in need. This work provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Received during the season of Lent, this Offering helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. Every gift makes a difference.

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 for the sign-up link or sign up in Fellowship Hall or speak with Deb Albrecht.

Community News

Prayer Walk is now a "Time of Prayer" at Trinity UMC, 213 Main St., Hackettstown at 1:00 PM today. The prayer walk has been cancelled. Instead, all are invited to gather for a "Time of Prayer" in support of our immigrant community in Trinity's sanctuary. Afterwards, we will walk down Main St. to the First Presbyterian Church of Hackettstown to hear Pastor Erin speak and to enjoy a time of fellowship and refreshments. If you would like to carpool to this event, please contact Deb Albrecht at (908) 447-2112 or Pastor Harvey.

Blairstown Rotary 50/50 Raffle Tickets are available from Jen Plut. This raffle supports the NWR scholarship program and other community services. The (optional) drawing/dinner event will be Friday, Apr. 24 at 6:00 PM at the Blairstown firehouse. 1st Prize is \$10,000. Ticket price remains at \$100, which includes entry for one person to the drawing event/dinner (additional guest will need \$20 dinner ticket). Thank you for your support!

Christ Jesus, on Sunday, You Rode into Town

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1. Christ Je - sus, on Sun - day, you rode in - to town;
 2. Christ Je - sus, on Mon - day, you went up to pray;
 3. Christ Je - sus, on Thurs - day, you read - jed a place;
 4. With ba - sin and tow - el, with wash - ing of feet,
 5. On Fri - day, you died, and the next day was bleak.

the crowds laid their coats and some palms on the ground.
 the sell - ers were fill - ing the Tem - ple that day.
 you host - ed a meal and you of - fered the grace.
 O Christ, we where re - mem - ber your whole Ho - ly Week.

They made you a wel - come and called you their king,
 But who could be re - v - erent? That court - yard was loud;
 You told your dis - ci - ples, “Now to eat of this bread,”
 You loved till your love led us, suf - fer - ing and loss;
 We can't a - void suf - fer - ing, or turn from what's true,

but they did not know of the reign you would bring.
 “Now ov - er - turned ta - bles, the dis - per - sing the crowd.
 you drink of the to cup of sal - va - tion,” you said.
 for you knelt down to serve us, then hung on a cross.
 for out of your death we find new life in you.

Biblical References: Matthew 21:1–17; 26–28; John 13:1–17

Tune: Traditional Welsh hymn, in John Roberts' *Caniadau y Cyssegr* (*Songs of the Sanctuary*), 1839.

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“We Long to Know Peace!”

1. “We long to know peace!” Jer - u - sa - lem said
 2. “Ho - san - na! God saves!” they cried to the Lord,
 3. “He is - n’t our king!” the crowd quick - ly turned,
 4. “We long to know peace!” O God, we still say,

as They Cae - sar’s great troops filled peo - ple with dread.
 re - ject - ing the king and looked for his sword.
 yet when Je - sus calls for which they had yearned.
 we turn him a - way.

As sol - diers and ar - mies marched in with great might,
 Would he fight their bat - tles and turn things a - round?
 They mocked him and killed him, yet death did not win.
 O God, may we see in this non - vio - lent king

no jus - tice was found and no peace was in sight.
 Then Christ rode a crea - ture of peace in - to town.
 Christ rose from the dead and brought God’s peace a - gain.
 the peace that you of - fer, the life that you bring.

Biblical References: Luke 19:38–40; 22:14–23:56
 Tune: LYONS 10.10.11.11; Joseph Martin Kraus, 1784
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