



CHRIST
Presbyterian Church

BURKE

Lord's Day Worship
April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

WELCOME

*During Christian worship we cross the threshold
of the secular to the sacred,
from the common to the uncommon,
from the profane to the holy.*

*Our contact with the holy is not merely an encounter
with a different dimension of reality;
it is the meeting with Absolute Reality.*

*Christianity is not about involvement with religious experience as a tangent.
It involves a meeting with a holy God.¹*

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* (1873) set to the tune ELLECOMBE

*Hosanna, loud hosanna,
the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple
the lovely anthem rang;
to Jesus, who had blessed them,
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best*

*From Olivet they followed,
'mid an exultant crowd,
the vict'ry palm branch waving,
and chanting clear and loud;
the Lord of earth and heaven
rode on in lowly state;
nor scorned that little children
should on his bidding wait.*

CALL TO WORSHIP: MARK 11:1–10

Leader: Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴ And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵ And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶ And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷ And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸ And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹ And those who went before and those who followed were shouting,

Church: **"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! "**

¹ R.C. Sproul, *The Holiness of God* (Peabody: Hendrickson, 2010), 144, 146.

HYMN OF ADORATION

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing thee on high;
3. To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.
and mor - tal men, and all things cre - a - ted, make re - ply.
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.

Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED²

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.³
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,⁴
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

² The Apostles' Creed is the oldest and simplest creed in the Christian church. Its earliest forms have been dated to around AD 200 when new converts were asked to profess it before joining the church. Christians have used it during worship for thousands of years to show our unity in the faith.

³ "He descended into hell" expresses Christ's "being buried, and continuing in the state of the dead, and under the power of death till the third day." See Westminster Larger Catechism 50.

⁴ The word "catholic" derives from the Greek word *katholikos*, which means universal. The catholic church the universal church, which is invisible, consisting of all Christians in every church that have been, are, or shall be under Christ the Head. See Westminster Confession of Faith 25:1. The Apostles' Creed predates the church's division into the Western Roman Catholic and the Eastern Orthodox churches or the Reformation of the western church that came much later.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: EZEKIEL 34:7–16

“Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: ⁸ As I live, declares the Lord God, surely because my sheep have become a prey, and my sheep have become food for all the wild beasts, since there was no shepherd, and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed my sheep, ⁹ therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: ¹⁰ Thus says the Lord God, Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require my sheep at their hand and put a stop to their feeding the sheep. No longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, that they may not be food for them.

¹¹ “For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION⁵

**All: Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against Your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
and apart from Your grace, there is no health in us.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare all those who confess their faults.
Restore all those who are penitent,
according to Your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake,
that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.**

Thomas Cranmer (1489–1556) in the Book of Common Prayer (2019)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: PSALM 103:8–12

- ⁸ The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹ He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
- ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- ¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
- ¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.
- ¹⁴ For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.

⁵ In our prayer of confession, we are honest with God, honest with ourselves, and honest with each other about who God is and who we are. We confess that He is holy, righteous, just, and loving; and we confess that we are not; yet, we are trusting in His mercy and grace available in Jesus Christ to deliver us from sin and judgment. Then we have the joy of hearing God's Word say that He is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins when we confess them (1 John 1:9). Then we rejoice in song.

PSALM OF CONFESSION

Lord, From Sorrows Deep I Call (Psalm 42)

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa

1. Lord, from sor - rows deep I call, when my hope is sha - ken;
2. Storms with - in my trou - bled soul, ques - tions with - out an - swers;
3. Should my life be torn from me, ev - ery world - ly plea - sure;

Torn and ru - ined from the fall, hear my des - pe - ra - tion.
On my faith these bil - lows roll; God, be now my shel - ter.
When all I pos - sess is grief, God, be then my trea - sure.

For so long I've pled and prayed, "God, come to my res - cue!"
Why are you cast down, my soul? Hope in Him who saves you.
Be my vi - sion in the night; be my hope and re - fuge;

Ev - en so, the thorn re - mains; still my heart will praise You.
When the fires have all grown cold, cause this heart to praise
'Til my faith is turned to sight, Lord, my heart will praise

You. O my soul, put your hope in God, my help, my rock, I will praise Him.
You.

Sing, O sing, through the ra - ging storm; You're still my God, my sal - va - tion.

Chords: F/A, Bb, C, Dm7, F/A, Bb(add2), Dm7, C, F/A, Bb, Gm7, C, F, C, F/A, Bb, Gm, F/A, Bb(maj7), C, F/A, Bb, C(sus4), C, Dm, Bb, Gm, C, 1. F, 2.3. F, C, C(sus4), C, Bb, F, C/E, Dm7, Bb, F

GREET ONE ANOTHER

As the Apostle Paul encouraged churches to “Greet one another” (Romans 16:16, 1 Corinthians 16:20, 2 Corinthians 13:12, 1 Thessalonians 5:26), please greet those around you, and please introduce yourself to anyone you do not know.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Christ intercedes for His church in prayer (John 17; Luke 23:34; Hebrews 7:25), and He gives His church the ministry of praying “with each other for each other” as well praying for the community in which our church is placed (1 Timothy 2:1–4). We also use this time to pray for the advancement of God’s kingdom in the world (Matthew 6:10).

NEW TESTAMENT READING: LUKE 15

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸ “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

¹¹ And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.’” ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’^[c] ²² But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

PREACHING OF GOD’S WORD

Two Brothers, One Gracious Father

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Sermon Notes

Two Brothers, One Gracious Father

Luke 15

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Jerusalem

B \flat E \flat B \flat F B \flat

1. See Him in Je - ru - sa - lem, walk - ing where the crowds _ are.
 2. See Him there up - on the hill, hear the scorn and laugh - ter;
 3. See Him there up - on the cross, now no long - er breath - ing;

5 E \flat B \flat F

Once these streets had _ sung to Him, now they cry for mur -
 Si - lent as a _ lamb He waits, pray - ing to the Fa -
 Dust that formed the _ watch - ing crowds, takes the blood of Je -

9 B \flat E \flat Gm F E \flat B \flat

-der. Such a frail and lone - ly Man hold - ing up the heav - y _
 -ther. See the King who made the sun and the moon and shin - ing _
 -sus. Feel the earth is shak - ing now, see the veil is split in _

13 F E \flat B \flat F Gm E \flat

cross. See Him walk - ing in Je - ru - sa - lem on the road to
 stars. Let the sol - diers hold and nail Him down, so that He could
 two, and He stood be - fore the wrath of God, shield - ing sin - ners

17 1, 2. INSTRUMENTAL F B \flat B \flat E \flat B \flat

save _ us.
 save _ them.

21 3. INSTRUMENTAL F B \flat B \flat E \flat

with His blood.

25 B \flat F B \flat

4. See the emp - ty _

29 Eb Bb F Bb
tomb to - day, death could not con - tain ____ Him. Once the Ser - vant _

33 Eb Bb F Bb
of the world, now in vic - t'ry reign - ing. Lift your

38 Eb Gm F Eb Bb F
voic - es to the One, who is seat - ed on the __ throne; See Him

42 Eb Bb F Gm Eb
in the new Je - ru - sa - lem, praise the One who saved ____

46 Bb F Gm Eb F Bb
us! Lift your saved ____ us, praise the One who saved ____ us!

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord Jesus Christ invites all of His followers to commune with Him at His table. If you have publicly professed your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior and are a communing member in good standing with one of His faithful churches, then you are invited.

Each row will be invited to come forward. You may put your hands out, and the server will put the bread into your hands. Partake of the bread, then move to receive and partake of the cup.

If you have children who have not yet professed faith and been admitted as communing members of a Christian church, you are invited to bring them up with you, not to receive the Supper, but so that our officers may pray for the Lord's covenant blessings upon them as members of the household of God.

If you are not yet a follower of Christ, we are glad that you are here, but God's Word says in 1 Corinthians 11 that you should not partake of this meal until you become His follower and recognize what this meal represents: His sacrifice for the sins of those who follow him. Instead of receiving the meal, we invite you to remain in your seat during the meal and receive Christ as he has come to you in the reading and preaching of His Word today. If you would like to become a member of this church and celebrate this meal with us in the future, please speak to our pastor or one of our elders. They would love to hear your story!

Meditation: There Is a Green Hill Far Away, words by Cecil Frances Alexander (1848), set to the tune MEDITATION by John Henry Gower (1890)

*There is a green hill far away,
without a city wall,
where the dear Lord was crucified,
who died to save us all.*

*We may not know, we cannot tell,
what pains he had to bear;
but we believe it was for us
he hung and suffered there.*

*He died that we might be forgiv'n,
he died to make us good,
that we might go at last to heav'n,
saved by his precious blood.*

*Lifted up was he to die,
"It is finished!" was his cry;
now in heav'n exalted high:
Hallelujah, what a Savior!*

*When he comes, our glorious King,
all his ransomed home to bring,
then anew this song we'll sing:
Hallelujah, what a Savior!*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

During our prayer of thanksgiving, we express our thankfulness for what the Lord has provided, and we ask him to use our tithes and offerings to advance his kingdom and provide for those in need. Our church has three opportunities to give: (1) over the internet, (2) the collection box on the back table, or (3) by mail. Please see the announcements page for details.

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

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Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Thomas Ken, 1674

OLD HUNDREDTH L.M.
Louis Bourgeois, 1551

BENEDICTION: EPHESIANS 3:20–21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leadership. Christ Presbyterian is served by the following leaders:

- Teaching Elder: Porter Harlow
- Ruling Elders: Brett Bloom, Scott Hatch, Kevin Horrigan, David Hudak, and Philip Lee
- Deacons: Nathanel Achor, Gunnar Conrow, David Och, Christopher Robertson, Wade Woo, Chuck Virts
- Women's Ministry Leadership Team: Bethany Fernandez, Kristy Hatch, and Lee Ann Hudak
- Pastoral Intern: Robert Hasler

Giving. You may support the work of the Lord by giving in the following ways.

- **Internet.** Go to <https://cpcbunke.org/support> or you may scan this QR Code.
- **Offering Box.** You may place your offering in the wooden box on the back table. Offering boxes were used in Old Testament synagogues (Luke 21:1-4). The early church continued to use them. Most churches eliminated them when they made the collection part of the worship service. During the Reformation, some churches returned to the practice, and with the increasing use of electronic giving, many churches are returning to the Biblical precedent of offering boxes.



Recurring Events

- **First Sunday Fellowship Meals** on the first Sunday of the month after worship.
- **Sunday School.** On all Sundays not the first of the month, we offer Sunday School after worship starting at 11:05 AM for children ages 0-3 in the nursery, Pre-K to K next to the nursery, 1st to 5th grades meet in the pods outside the nursery before breaking into their 2 classes, Middle and High School meet in the band room on the other side of the sanctuary wall, and the adults meet in sanctuary.
- **Small Groups**
 - Wednesday Small Group meets weekly at 7:30 pm in the Hudak home.
 - Friday Small Group meets on 2d and 4th Fridays at 6:00 pm in a rotating home.
 - Sunday Small Group meets on 2d and 4th Sundays at 4:00 pm in a rotating home.
- **Men's Breakfast** meets on the second Saturday of each month.
- **Women's Fellowship.** The Women's Bible Study meets on the third Saturday of each month.

Missions We Support. Please pray for the missions we support.

- **Church Planting in DC Area.** One Voice Fellowship, pastored by Chris Sicks, is a multilingual church on mission to reach ethnic and religious minorities in Falls Church.
- **Church Planting in Dearborn, Michigan.** Jerry Riendeau is preparing to plant in Dearborn, Michigan, home to the largest Arabic speaking population outside the Middle East.
- **Church Planting in England.** Oxford Presbyterian Church is a church being planted by in Oxford, England, by Andy Young.
- **Church Planting in Japan.** Jason & Ai Kueh are PCA missionaries planting in Shin-Urayasu, a Tokyo suburb. Jason is also ordained in the Presbyterian Church in Japan.
- **Church Planting in East Asia.** We support a PCA missionary who is training pastors in East Asia as part of a church planting movement underway there.
- **Reformed University Fellowship-International at GMU.** Pastor Matthew DeLong and staff member Janelle Grove are on mission to reach international students at GMU.
- **Reformed University Fellowship-International at University of Alabama, Birmingham.** Our own Joanna will be serving as an intern for RUF-I at UAB.

Mercy Ministries We Support

- **The Lamb Center** is a daytime homeless shelter sharing the love of Christ in Fairfax.
- **Assist Pregnancy Center.** Assist has a mission "to promote life through Christ to those vulnerable to abortion."

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