



Order of Worship
March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday

PRELUDE	<i>Fanfare Triumphale</i>	
GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Pastor Darin
INTROIT	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	Closer Walk
CALL TO WORSHIP		Pastor Darin
<p>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; humble and riding on a donkey. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Let us worship our humble and victorious King. Hosanna in the highest!</p>		
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN	<i>All Glory, Laud, and Honor</i>	No. 196
CALL TO CONFESSION		Nancy Horn
PRAYER TO CONFESSION		Nancy Horn
<p>Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we are often like the crowds in Jerusalem. We shout “Hosanna” when it suits us, but shrink back when following you leads to the cross. We want a Savior on our terms, not a King who calls us to surrender. Forgive our shallow praise and divided hearts. Teach us to follow you faithfully, in joy and in suffering. Have mercy on us, O Son of David. Amen.</p>		
WORDS OF ASSURANCE		Nancy Horn
<p>In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.</p>		
*RESPONSE	<i>Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying</i>	No. 469

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Pastor Darin

SPECIAL MUSIC *Come to Jesus* Closer Walk

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Nancy Horn

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 118:19-29 Nancy Horn

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ **This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

²² **The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

²³ This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ **This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶ **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ **You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.**

²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Pastor Darin

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 21:1-11 Pastor Darin

²¹ 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."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Who Is This?”

Pastor Darin

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Philippians 2:5-11

Nancy Horn

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ **who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped,**

⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human,

⁸ **he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.**

⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name,

¹⁰ **so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,**

¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

No, 197

WE GIVE OUR OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

Nancy Horn

Prayer of Dedication

Nancy Horn

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor Darin

*HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!

No. 263

*BENEDICTION

Nancy Horn

Go forth in peace to follow Christ, your humble and victorious King.

May you bear his grace into the world, and may your lives proclaim:

“Hosanna in the highest!” Amen.

*SUNG BENEDICTION

The Presence of God

*POSTLUDE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

*Indicates to stand in body or spirit.



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First Presbyterian Church Happenings

Serving Us Today (March 29, 2026)

Nancy Horn (Worship Leader), Lynn Rae Olson/Carrie Raiche (Ushers), Ken/Norine Schmitt (Greeter), Leah Jacobs & Sara Rebeck (Nursery), John Scott, Jay Espelien, Lynn Rae Olson (AV), Norm Seehusen (Equal Exchange), Closer Walk, John Tufte /Organ, Lynn Yucell/Flute, Jullian Euteuner/Piano.

Sacrament Discussion

Do you have a child that is interested in learning about the sacrament of communion? We meet after worship after today's worship to help children better understand the sacrament.

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00 pm here at church.

Good Friday Worship @ Peace UCC 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday breakfast 9:00 am Worship at 10:00 am

Easter Breakfast

We are offering two opportunities to participate:

IN-PERSON serving starts at 9:00 AM and

CURBSIDE PICK-UP AFTER the 10:00 AM Worship Service.

For more information, please contact Brenda Espelien at (320) 291-5084.

Community Meal

A potluck will be held on Sunday, April 19th for the Community Potluck following Sunday Worship in Fellowship Hall. Signup will be in the Main Entrance if you would like to bring something. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share if your last name begins with A-L. Last names beginning with M-Z should bring a main dish to share.

Mission Meeting

Our Mission Meeting for April is one week early, April 7 at 3pm .

Calendar

Mon., March 30

7:00 pm - Focus on Recovery Group

Tues., March 31

9:00 am - Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm - LowerTown Rehearsal

Wed., April 1

9:15 am - Women's Bible Study

2:00 pm - Online Prayer Group

5:00 pm - Special Easter Choir

Thurs., April 2

4:30 pm - Closer Walk

7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday

Fri., April 3

7:00 am - Men's Bible Study

4:00 pm - Sewing Group (AWA)

7:00 pm - Good Friday Worship at Peace UCC (United Church of Christ)

Sun., April 5

Easter Sunday

8:30 am - Easter music rehearsals

9:00 am - Easter breakfast

10:00 am - Worship Service