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## Order of Worship April 13, 2025 Palm Sunday

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Darin

*Please sign and pass the friendship pad.*

INTROIT

*Antiphonal Praise*

Closer Walk

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Luke 19:35-40

Pastor Darin

They brought a colt of a donkey to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

**As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.**

As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

**“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”**

Some of the Pharisees in the crowds said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered them:

**“I tell you, if these were silent, the stone would shout out.”**

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Darin

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

No. 196

CALL TO CONFESSION

Tamara Calhoun

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Tamara Calhoun

**God of heaven and earth, we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ in your name. Even though we profess to follow him, we confess that in times of trial, we too often deny him. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to put our faith not in the princes of this world, but only in the Prince of Peace. Amen.**

(Time for individual reflection and examination.)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Tamara Calhoun

In the name of Jesus, our sins have been forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

*RESPONSE	<i>Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying</i>	No. 469
*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST		Pastor Darin
	The grace and peace of Christ be with you all. <b>And also with you.</b>	
ANTHEM	“Living for Jesus” Medley	Closer Walk
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		Tamara Calhoun
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29	Tamara Calhoun
	<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! <sup>2</sup> Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”	
	<sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. <sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. <sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. <sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. <sup>23</sup> This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. <sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. <sup>25</sup> Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success! <sup>26</sup> Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD. <sup>27</sup> The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. <sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. <sup>29</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.	
	The word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES		Pastor Darin
GOSPEL LESSON	Luke 19:28-40	Pastor Darin
	<sup>28</sup> After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup> They said, “The Lord needs it.” <sup>35</sup> Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in	

the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.”<sup>40</sup> He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Blessed is the King?” Pastor Darin

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Study Catechism, Confirmation Version, adapted (1998)

Question 100. What is meant by the second petition of the Lord’s Prayer, “Your kingdom come”?  
**We ask God to come and rule among us through faith, love and justice. We pray for both the church and the world, that God will rule in our hearts through faith, in our personal relationships through love, and in our institutional affairs through justice.**

\*HYMN *Rejoice, the Lord is King!* No. 363

WE GIVE OUR OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give  
Prayer of Dedication



Tamara Calhoun  
Tamara Calhoun

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER Pastor Darin

*(\*\*Children, come forward and grab two percussion instruments and give one to someone in the pews. Play your instrument with the last hymn. Please return all instruments to the basket as you leave the sanctuary.)*

\*HYMN *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!* No. 263

\*BLESSING Pastor Darin

\*Indicates to stand in body or spirit

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**Kids** are welcome during worship. We have Faithful Friends—an area just off the sanctuary for younger children who want to remain with their families but find it difficult to sit for the service. Kids’ bags are also provided for help with children sitting in the pews. A nursery is provided for children under four.

**Hearing devices** are available from the sound desk.

We collect an **offering** each week. The offering, collected before and after worship, can be dropped in an offering plate located at the front and back of our sanctuary. You may also use the QR reader above.

The worship service is **livestreamed** on YouTube. You can join us again online or in person.

**Name tags** are provided in the pew rack in front of you.

Additional **Parking** is located on 4th Avenue side of the Church, The “back” entrance is open.

# First Presbyterian Church Happenings

## Serving Us Today (April 13)

Rev. Darin Seaman (Pastor), Tamara Calhoun (Worship Leader), Joe, Stephanie Jacobs (Ushers), YOUTH (Greeters), Julia Owen, Rickie Espelien (Nursery), Closer Walk, Lynn Yueill, Jon Tufte, Jullian Euteneuer (Musicians), Jay Espelien, John Scott, Lynn Rae Olson (Audio/Video), Audrey Taatjes (Equal Exchange).

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## Community Meal (Today)

Join us after worship today for our Palm Sunday Potluck in Fellowship Hall.

## Easter Morning Breakfast (April 20)

The Fellowship Committee will be serving Easter Breakfast serving from 8:30 am—9:45 am. They ask that you use the preorder forms from the Tower or the forms in the back of the church, so they know how much to prepare. To-Go orders will be ready to pick up after Service. A \$10 donation will be collected for each order and all process will go to Feeding Area Children Together (FACT). All orders need to be preordered by Monday, 14 April.

## House/Holmgren Scholarships Due (April 15)

Submission deadline is Tuesday, April 15th.

## One Great Hour of Sharing (April 13 & 20)

Please bring One Great Hour of Sharing donations to church on April 20th to be collected.

## Ken Wong Memorial Service (Apr 26)

Saturday, April 26th a Service will be held online for Ken Wong at 10:00 am. You can watch the service live on the following websites: [Edmontonjournal.com](http://Edmontonjournal.com) or [Postmedia.com](http://Postmedia.com)

## Spring Cleanup (April 26)

Join us at 9:00 am for our spring cleanup outside. Bring a pair of gloves and hoe/rake. A light lunch will be served.

## Spring Luncheon and Style Show (May 10)

Mark your Calendars the Spring Luncheon and Style Show will be on May 10th.

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### Mon., April 14

11:00 am - NAPS  
3:00 pm - Worship Committee  
5:30 pm - Personnel Meeting  
6:00 pm - Finance Meeting  
7:00 pm - Focus on Recovery Group

### Tues., April 15

9:00 am - Men's Bible Study  
5:30 pm - LowerTown Project Rehearsal  
6:30 pm - Interfaith Power & Light

### Wed., April 16

9:15 am - Women's Bible Study  
2:00 pm - Online Prayer Group  
4:30 pm - Chancel Choir  
6:00 pm - Ring! Bell Choir

### Calendar

### Thur., April 17 - Maundy Thursday

2:00 pm - Closer Walk Men's Rehearsal  
7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Service

### Fri., April 18 - Good Friday (On-line Service)

7:00 am - Men's Bible Study

### Sat., April 19

1:00 pm - Easter Musician Rehearsal

### Sun., April 20 - Easter

8:30 am - Easter Breakfast  
10:00 am - Worship