

WELCOME FRIENDS



First Presbyterian Church of Ambler

March 25, 2026

9:00 am Traditional Worship

Children are always welcome in worship.
Activity packets and sensory toys are available in the Narthex.

PRELUDE

The Palms

Leybach

CHORAL INTROIT

OPENING LITURGY

***HYMN #197**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

CALL TO CONFESSION

LITURGY OF CONFESSION featuring Matthew 21:1-11

One:

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

All:

God, forgive us for the times when we do not trust your word and do not follow where you lead. We long to be the ones who can go into the village ahead of you. Forgive us when we play it safe.

One:

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:
“Say to Daughter Zion,
‘See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

All:

God, forgive us for forgetting that you are always coming toward us. You are drawing near, like a king on a donkey. Help us find you in our midst.

One:

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

All:

Creator God, forgive us for the moments when we choose greed over generosity, or when we choose our self-image over our loyalty to you. Give us the courage to be unabashed in our faith. Give us the strength to throw our coats on the road.

One:

The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Son of David, give us the conviction to shout your name from the rooftop. Give us the wisdom to sing, “Hosanna!”

All:

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?” The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

One:

With hope in our hearts, we pray to you, Jesus,
the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee. Amen.

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One:

Family of faith, there will be days when we withhold our praise.
There will be days when we dare not follow.
There will be days when we ignore God's call,
when we choose comfort over courage,
and ourselves over others.
But even on those days,
even on our worst days,
we belong to God.
Hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

All:

**Nothing can separate us from God's love. We are loved,
forgiven, and sent out to serve.
Hosanna! Amen.**

***OUR RESPONSE, Gloria Patri #581**

**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

CHORAL ANTHEM***All Glory Laud and Honor***

Molly Ijames

Sanctuary Choir

All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel and David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One.

The company of angels is praising Thee on high;
and mortal men and all things created make reply.
The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present.

To Thee before Thy passion they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
Thou didst accept their praises, accept the praise we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!
Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 21:1-11 (Triumphal Entry)

MESSAGE:**Where Are You Headed?**

Pastor Morgan Murray

HYMN #198***Ride On! Ride On In Majesty!*****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
AND THE LORD'S PRAYER****INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

OFFERTORY

Hallelujah

Leonard Cohen
arranged by Joel Raney

Joyful Ringers

*DOXOLOGY RESPONSE #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #363

Rejoice, the Lord is King

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

(in unison)

As you leave this place,
may God bless you with seeking.

Seek out the hungry.

Seek the weary.

Seek the good in every person you pass.

Seek out the hopeful.

Seek the faithful.

As you seek and as you wonder,
may you find what you are looking for.

In the name of our loving God,
who is always seeking us,
go now in peace. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Ride on in Majesty Piano and Organ duet

David Paxton

***Indicates to please stand if you are able.**



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HOMEWORK:

Hosanna means “Help! Save us!”

Where is one place you desperately want to see
God’s helping, saving power?

Safety pin your palm frond onto a jacket or piece of outer wear
this week. If anyone asks you about it, tell them where you long
to see God bring rescue.