



HOLY TRINITY

Presbyterian Church

PNC Update 3/29/26

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week for us, the time when Jesus returned to Jerusalem, triumphant, yet humble. Just as the crowds laid down branches, we wave palm branches to symbolize preparing the way for the Lord.

It reminds me of a song from the musical *Godspell* (from the 70s and my youth). It often runs through my brain on an endless loop, mostly because of the words, or lack thereof. "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord." If you've heard it, you know there isn't much to it. In fact, that line is in essence sung as a mantra.

Despite that brevity, it does make me think. Are we preparing the way? Have we asked God to open our hearts and minds to the possibilities for the future He desires for us? How will we prepare ourselves for the person God calls to serve as HTPC's next pastor?

No, we have not extended a call to a pastor, despite gossip, rumors, wishful thinking, what you think you know. Yes, we have reviewed over 75 PDPs, had some good interviews and extensive conversations. Because of confidentiality and the need to protect the process and the candidates involved, please do not ask any of us for details. As good Presbyterians, all things in due order! We believe that He will make the person He wants for our congregation to be known to us. We continue to pray for God's guidance as we discern His will.

As palm branches are symbols of victory, life and welcome, so too does Jesus promise a life filled with hope, love, peace, and joy if only we are open to it. And that my friends, helps prepare the way.

Debbie Newlin, PNC Chair

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PALM SUNDAY – March 29th, 2026

† Please Stand As You Are Able

Prelude

Choral Introit – *Hosanna (Taize)*

Words of Welcome

† Call to Worship

Leader: Look, your King is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey.

Unison: **Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest! Let us worship God.**

† Opening Hymn – *All Glory Laud and Honor*

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Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

to Refrain

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system is the Refrain, which is repeated. The second system continues the Refrain. The third system contains the four verses of the hymn. The fourth system is the Refrain repeated, marked 'to Refrain'.

Prayer of Confession (silent, then together)

Empty us of all that hinders our ability to follow You... That we may be more faithful, and more joyful servants of the King. Amen.

Confession Response *Come and Fill Our Hearts* (sing through twice) #466

Musical score for the Confession Response, titled "Come and Fill Our Hearts" (#466). The score is in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has four measures with lyrics: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly." The second system starts at measure 5 and has four measures with lyrics: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!". Chord markings above the staff are Em, C, Em, A, and D. The music is written for piano with treble and bass staves.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

† Response: Gloria Patri *Glory Be to the Father*

#581

Musical score for the Gloria Patri, titled "Glory Be to the Father" (#581). The score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb). It consists of four systems of music. The lyrics are: "Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men, a-men." The music is written for piano with treble and bass staves.

Time with Children

Prayer of Illumination

PALM SUNDAY MESSAGE

Scripture: John 12:12-19



† Sharing the Peace of Christ

Choral Anthem *Were You There? (Wallace)*

† Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only son, our Lord;**

**Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

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

Presentation of Our Offerings

Offertory

†Doxology

#606

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

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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**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;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

† Closing Hymn

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Rejoice, the Lord Is King! 363

Descant

4 Re-joyce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

1 Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!
 2 Our Sav - ior, Je - sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
 4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given.
 and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a - gain I say, re-joyce!

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a - gain I say, re-joyce!

† Charge & Benediction

Choral Benediction – *Lord Bless You and Keep You (Lutkin)*

† Postlude

NEW HERE? WELCOME!

Thank you for choosing to worship with us this morning! We are glad you are here! We would love to give you a special welcome gift before you leave.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers today have been donated in celebration of the 40th wedding anniversary of Eliza and William Werner, who were married on April 1st (yes, that's April Fool's Day, but marrying Eliza was the least foolish thing William ever did!)

EASTER LILIES

Last Chance! Place your orders for Easter Lilies for just \$12, in loving memory or honor of your cherished ones. You can find the order forms in the family room.

EASTER FLOWER CROSS

On Easter Sunday we will participate in the "flowering of the Easter cross." Everyone is invited to pick out a fresh flower from assortments located at the entrances to the Sanctuary, or you may bring flowers from your own garden.

BIBLE IN A YEAR

The Bible readings for this week are:

- Genesis 5-9
- Genesis 10-13
- Genesis 14-18
- Genesis 18-22
- Genesis 23-26



You can also pick up the monthly reading plan on the "Card Shower" Table in the Family Room.

EASTER BREAKFAST

Easter holds a significant place in the life of our church, reflected in both the reverence and worship we share during services, as well as in the joy of breaking bread and enjoying fellowship at our Easter Breakfast! Join us next Sunday, April 5th, from 8:00 to 9:30 AM for a delightful holiday meal. We encourage members to contribute by bringing specific items based on the first letter of their last name:

- A-F: Breakfast Casserole
- G-L Fruit Tray
- M-R: Breakfast Breads / Muffins / Rolls
- S -Z: Finger Foods / Appetizers

LUNCH BREAK

Did you know that the men's ministry and the women's ministry meet for lunch each month? It's a great time to catch up with old friends and make new ones!

- "Ladies Who Lunch" will be meeting on Monday, April 6th at 11:30 at Chesters on Pat Booker
 - the Men's Lunch is on Monday, April 20th at noon at Longhorn Cafe.
- See you there!

APRIL SERVERS

Maundy Thursday (April 2nd, 2026) servers are:

- Officer of the Day: Karen Armstrong
- Ushers: Diane Koksha, Valerie Ajas, Debbie Newlin
- Communion Servers: Dru Cessac and Martha Platt

Easter Sunday (April 5th, 2026) Communion Servers will be:

- Karen Armstrong
- Dru Cessac
- Len Gray
- Terri Heinzman

Our April Officer of the Day and Usher Teams are:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Officer of the Day</u>	<u>Usher Team</u>
4/5/26	Karen Armstrong	Team 6
4/12/26	Luma Matute	Team 1
4/19/26	Greg Miller	Team 2
4/25/26	Kim Reyes-Ellis	Team 3

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Mar 28th** Easter Egg Hunt (10AM)
- **Mar 29th** Berean Bible Study (8:30AM)
- **Mar 29th** Faith Alive Sunday School Class (9AM)
- **Mar 29th** Palm Sunday Worship Service (10AM)
- **Mar 31st** Bible Study (9:30AM)
- **Apr 1st** Prayer Shawl (9:30AM)
- **Apr 2nd** Horizons Women's Bible Study (9:30AM)
- **Apr 2nd** Book Divas Club (1:30PM)
- **Apr 2nd** Maundy Thursday Service (7PM)
- **Apr 3rd** Good Friday/Day School & Office Closed
- **Apr 5th** Easter Breakfast (8-9:30AM)
- **Apr 5th** Berean Bible Study (8:30AM)
- **Apr 5th** Faith Alive Sunday School Class (9AM)
- **Apr 5th** Easter Sunday Worship Service (10AM)
- **Apr 5th** First Sunday RACAP Food Collection
- **Apr 6th** Ladies Who Lunch (11:30AM @ Chester's Hamburgers)
- **Apr 7th** Bible Study (9:30AM)
- **Apr 8th** Prayer Shawl (9:30AM)
- **Apr 8th** Holly Days Market Crafters (1PM)
- **Apr 9th** Choir Rehearsal (6:30PM)
- **Apr 11th** Building & Grounds Workday (8AM)
- **Apr 12th** Pancake Breakfast (8AM)
- **Apr 12th** Berean Bible Study (8:30AM)
- **Apr 12th** Faith Alive Sunday School Class (9AM)
- **Apr 12th** Worship Service (10AM)
- **Apr 14th** Bible Study (9:30AM)
- **Apr 15th** Prayer Shawl (9:30AM)
- **Apr 15th** Finance Meeting (1:30PM)
- **Apr 16th** Day School Board Meeting (10AM)
- **Apr 16th** Stephen Ministry Meeting (10AM)
- **Apr 16th** Choir Rehearsal (6:30PM)
- **Apr 18th** Trailblazers Hiking Club (8:30AM @ Enchanted Rock; reservation required - contact Diane Koksha 210.931.2969)
- **Apr 19th** Berean Bible Study Class (8:30)
- **Apr 19th** Faith Alive Sunday School Class (9AM)
- **Apr 19th** Worship Service (10AM)
- **Apr 19th** MOE Committee Meeting (11:15AM)
- **Apr 20th** Welcome Team Meeting (11AM)
- **Apr 20th** Men's Lunch (12PM @ Longhorn Cafe)