

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Dr. Mary Crowell

Introit Carillons FPC Bell Choir

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Karl Kling

\* Call to Worship Roberta Ress  
(adapted from Psalm 118)

On this Palm Sunday, we worship the One who comes  
in the name of the Lord!

**We praise the King with our palm branches and  
songs.**

The Psalms proclaim that "The stone the builders  
rejected has become the chief cornerstone."

**With all of God's people we say "This is the Lord's  
doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."**

Let us worship God!

\*Palm Sunday Hymn of Praise  
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna # 197

\*Litany of Praise and Adoration

Our Gracious God, we thank you for Jesus' joyful entry  
into Jerusalem.

**We praise our King for bringing us your never-  
failing love.**

We thank you for sending the Promised One to rescue  
us;

**Jesus, the Messiah has become our salvation**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

\* Sharing the Peace of Christ Dr. Kling

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

"This Little Light of Mine"

Time with Young Disciples Dr. Kling

Prayer of Illumination Roberta Ress

Gracious God, we pray that you will open our hearts  
through the reading of your Word. Guide us as we walk  
together through this Holy Week. We pray this in Christ's  
name, Amen.

First Reading Psalm 118: 21-26 Roberta Ress  
p. 606

Anthem *All Glory, Laud and Honor!* FPC Bell Choir

Second Reading Luke 19: 29-40 Dr. Kling  
p. 1,040

Response Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *"Joining the King"* Dr. Kling

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Hymn of Celebration Congregation & FPC Bell Choir  
Rejoice the Lord is King #363

The Apostles' Creed

**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.**

\*The Lord's Prayer Unison

**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.**

Invitation to Worship God with Our Offering  
Offertory Inner Peace FPC Bell Choir

\*Doxology

**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 Dr. Kling

\*Prayer for the Pastor Nominating Committee Unison

**"Our Loving God, look graciously on this Church.  
Please guide the minds of the PNC as they search for  
our next Pastor. Lead the search committee to a  
Pastor who will be a faithful partner in ministry. And  
prepare our next Pastor to care for this congregation  
as we share Christ's love with others. We pray this in  
Jesus' name, Amen."**

\*Hymn of Sending Ride On! Ride On with Majesty #198

\*Charge Dr. Kling

**Wherever we go, God has sent us; Wherever we  
are, God has put us there; God has a purpose in  
our being there; there is something that God  
wants to do through us. Wherever we are!**

\*Benediction Dr. Kling

As God's people we all say,  
**Alleluia, Amen!**

\* Postlude Dr. Mary Crowell

*\*Stand if you are able*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### CHURCH FAMILY

Doris Welch (Home)	Bonnie Chambers (Home)
Dean Steele	Suzanne Weeks (Healing)
Susie Fogg (Home)	Stephen Toney (Home)
Sharon Massey	Ruth Martin (Healing)
Rene Brown (Healing)	Jac Catlett
Melvin & Ruth Clem (Health)	Diane Lynn (Health)
Debbi O'Neill (Healing)	Deb Kohlhase (Health)
Gale Cottles (Healing)	

### THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Brandon Noel – Army	Sean Miller - Army
Adam Naves - Marines	Damien Williams - Army
Kevin O'Neill-Army Res.-Poland	Michael Ress – USAF –AZ
Joshua Hargrove – Deployed	Jay Tulley- Middle East

### FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Bob Defour (Doyle & Suzanne Weeks son-in-law)  
Brent Harris (Friend of Chris Hilgeman)  
Sue Guyer (Health & Healing, Bonny Noel's sister)  
Gerry & Denzil Smith (Healing) cousin of Jan Ruth)  
Alex Noel (Nephew of John & Bonny Noel)  
Bill Grisham (Health, Pam Gregg's dad)  
Hazel Ruf (Mason Ruf's mother, home)  
Kierra Anderson (Friend of Gale Cottles)  
Gary Kilgo (Health, Kay Baugher & Carol Quillen's family member)  
Karen Ferguson (Potter's Hand)  
Sherry Thompson (Healing, sister of Christy Arnett)  
Keith Clem (Healing, cousin of Chris Paysinger)  
Steven Smith (Healing cousin of Jan Ruth)  
Amy Cotten (Potter's Hand)  
John Cotten (Healing, Potter's Hand)  
Telula Thornton (Healing and Comfort, mother of Karan Baker)  
Maggie Ruth Naves (Healing, great granddaughter of Hazel White)  
Cheryl Phelps (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)  
Jessie Saunders (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)  
Robert Jones (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)

## **THANK YOU TO THE BELL CHOIR FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE**

Jennifer Quillen	Sharon Hand
Brad Clem	Carol East
David Foreman	Carrie Wotruba
Emily Clem	Cindy Witt
Randi Harbin	Karla Barnes
Karan Baker	Lynn Ware

## FOR OUR VISITORS:

We welcome you to worship and would love to connect with you personally. Prayer Request/Visitor cards are located in the pews. Please place it with the offering or give it to the pastor following the service. Thank you for worshiping with us today!

### The Session

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Courtney Greene	Karan Baker	Cindy Witt
Don Payne	Gary Boyd	Stephen Ware
Jerry Witt	Stanley Hand	Tom Clem
<u>Trustees</u>		
Larry Burlingame	John Noel	Price Boyd
<u>PNC</u>		
Hal Baker	Karla Barnes	Stanley Hand
Vicki Kellogg	John Noel (Chair)	Libby Shindorf

### Staff

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### Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God.

To sign up for flowers call the church office.



### Today's Services:

#### Sermon

Dr. Karl Kling

#### Liturgist

Roberta Ress

#### Musicians:

Emily Clem  
Dr. Mary Crowell

### Volunteers:

#### Church Nursery:

March 31st-Courtney Greene  
April 7th-Gale Cottles

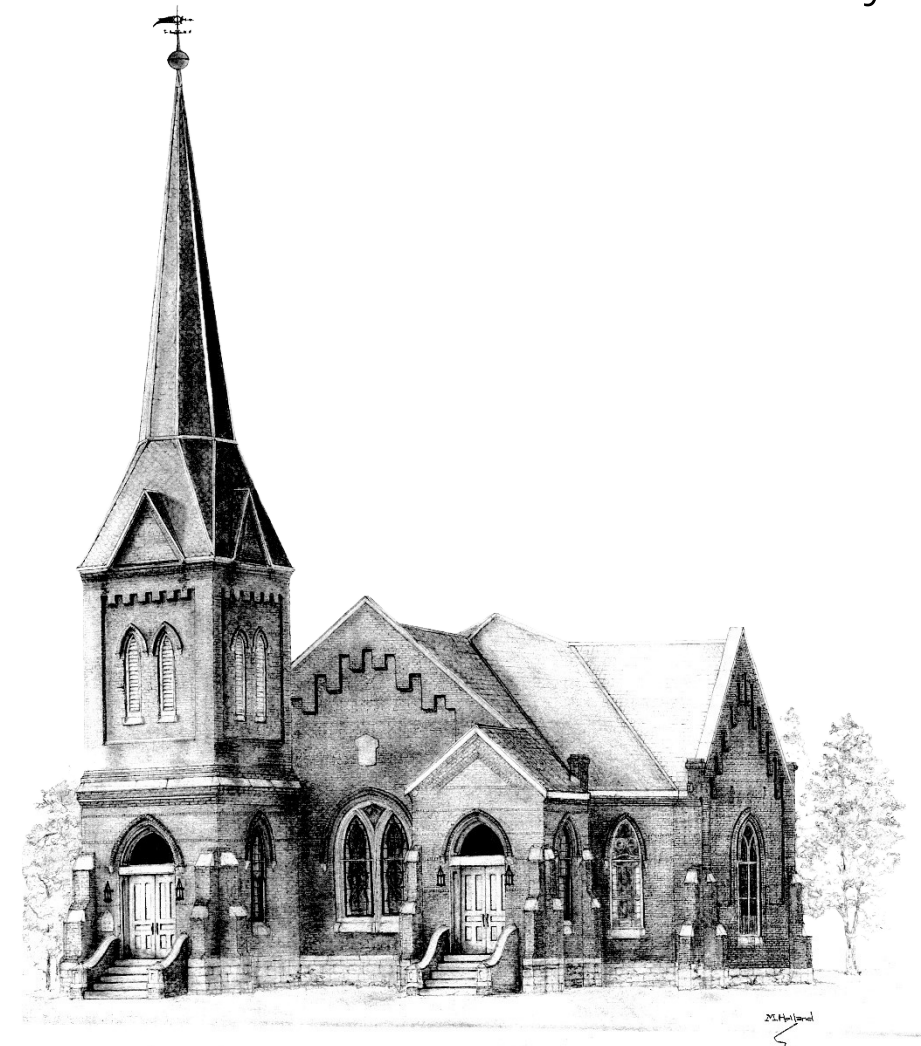
#### Liturgist:

March 31st- Jerry Witt

### Communion Prep:

April 7th- Gary Boyd

March 24, 2024  
Palm Sunday



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*We serve each other, the Athens community, and the world on the square in downtown Athens. Our church family is a community of believers who come seeking the grace and peace of God.*

*If you are looking for a place where you will be accepted, nurtured, and nourished in your journey of faith, or if you are still examining the claims of Christianity, then you are welcome at First Presbyterian Church.*

### *Prayer Family*

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Diane is a member of the Flower Committee