

Grace Presbyterian Church

Fort Wayne, IN - March 29, 2026



In this season of Lent, Christ meets us in our need and leads us toward life. In this season of Lent, Christ enters our expectations and reveals a different kind of king.

Service Notes: Prayer cards are available in your pews for the sharing of Joys and Concerns. You can give them to Sandy Garcia. We invite you to join in the liturgy by speaking the parts in **BOLD**. *Indicates when to stand in body or spirit.

Worship Volunteers: Worship Leader: Pastor Sandy Garcia – Lay Leader; Jill Werling – Children’s Message; Holly Bouthot – Ushers: Pam Callahan, Grace Hochstetler, & Tyler Bowers – Technology: Todd German & Jen Mahoney – Counters: Betsy Kachmar & Cathy German

Welcome

***Call to Worship —**

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Open to us the gates of righteousness,

That we may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

Come, let us worship the One who comes in humility and love.

Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn — All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

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***Call to Confession —**

Jesus enters the city not with power, but with humility. Yet we often look for strength in the wrong places—seeking control instead of trust, certainty instead of faith, and comfort instead of transformation. Let us confess our sins before God.

***Prayer of Confession —**

Gracious and humble Christ, we confess that we do not always recognize you when you come. You enter gently, but we look for power. You call us to serve, but we seek to be served. We shout “Hosanna!” one moment, and with our silence or fear, we turn away the next. Forgive us for the ways we resist your love. Forgive us when we cling to what keeps us bound instead of stepping into the life you offer. Unbind us, O God—from fear, from pride, from all that holds us back—and lead us in your way of peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon —**

Hear the good news: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and set free to walk in new life. Thanks be to God!

Thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The Peace and Love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

Please take a moment to greet your neighbor and others with the peace of Christ.

Children's Message

Time for Music & Meditation

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, as we hear your Word today, open our hearts to receive it. Help us to see Christ not only in the shouts of praise, but also in the quiet path of humility and love. By your Spirit, teach us, guide us, and lead us into life. **Amen.**

Hebrew Bible: Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

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1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

2 Let Israel say:
“His love endures forever.”

19 Open for me the gates of the righteous;
I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

20 This is the gate of the LORD
through which the righteous may enter.

21 I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.

22 The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;

23 the LORD has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 The LORD has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.

25 LORD, save us!
LORD, grant us success!

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.
From the house of the LORD we bless you.

27 The LORD is God,
and he has made his light shine on us.

With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession
up to the horns of the altar.

28 You are my God, and I will praise you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel – Matthew 21: 1-11

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21 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 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. 3 If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

5 “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.’”

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 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!”

“Hosana in the highest heaven!”

10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

11 The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

The King We Did Not Expect

***Affirmation of Faith: 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.

***Hymn of Response — “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”**

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Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

(Ask congregation for any prayers to be lifted up)

Loving God, we come before you with palms in our hands and prayers in our hearts.

We pray for your church—that we may follow Christ not only in celebration, but also in faithfulness along the difficult road.

We pray for the world—for places of conflict and division, that your peace may take root where fear and violence remain.

We pray for those who are suffering—for the sick, the grieving, the weary, and all who feel as though they are still waiting for new life to come.

We pray for this community—that we may be a people who welcome, who serve, and who walk alongside one another in love.

God of grace, hear the prayers we speak aloud and those we carry silently in our hearts...

We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray...

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.

Call to Offering

Jesus enters not with riches, but with humility— offering himself for the life of the world. In gratitude for all that God has given us, let us offer our gifts—our time, our talents, and our resources for the work of God's kingdom.

Offertory

The Palms by Faure

*Doxology – “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Lent)”

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication –**

Let us pray: Generous God, we offer these gifts with thankful hearts. Use them for your purposes—to bring hope where there is despair, peace where there is conflict, and life where it feels lost. May these offerings be signs of your love in the world.

Announcements

***Closing Hymn – “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”**

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***Charge & Benediction**

Postlude

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty by Dykes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grace’s Easter Egg Hunt: Thanks to all who donated or volunteered for this event.

Easter Breakfast: Our friendly boy scouts are once again hosting their annual Easter breakfast. The meal starts at 8:30 AM (Sunday, April 5th).

Boy Scout Pies: If you ordered a pie from our scouts, they are here to be picked up. Check the kitchen fridge (freezer) for a list of orders and your pies.

Fishes and Loaves Collection for Lent: We are collecting cans of tuna, salmon, and boxes of crackers to benefit the United Faith Food Bank. Monetary donations are also welcome to help purchase additional needed items.

Lent Coin Boxes and Folders: There are coin boxes and folders in the narthex. Last year, these gifts were used for our annual Wellspring Christmas Luncheon.

Annual Lenten Study: Wednesdays through Lent, 5:30-6:30 PM. Fellowship at 5:00 PM. Bring your dinner and chat with the others present.

Congregational Care Network: We're partnering with IU Health in a new program to support the individuals in our community who are homebound. Through this ministry, volunteers will make weekly one-hour phone calls or check-ins to offer companionship and encouragement. It's a simple commitment that can make a meaningful difference in someone's week. There will be a brief informational meeting after the service on March 29th during the fellowship hour. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please contact a member of the MOE Committee or Pastor Sandy for more information.

Maundy Thursday: Our Maundy Thursday service is on April 2nd, at 7:00 PM. Communion will be served. This is a joint service with The Welcoming Church.

Good Friday: We will be worshipping at The Welcoming Church for this joint service, April 3rd, at noon.

Easter: 10:30 AM @ Grace. Communion will be served during the service.

Birthdays

Karla Lee - March 29

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Anniversaries

Ken & Pam Mahoney

April 5, 1970

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Worship Volunteers for April 5, 2026

Lay Leader - John Current

Children's Message - Rachel Lilly

Ushers - Pam Callahan, Grace Hochstetler,
& Tyler Bowers

Technology - Todd German & Jen
Mahoney

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German

ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS

To connect to our worship services on Zoom, follow these instructions to watch or listen. You can connect at 10:15 for fellowship; the service starts at 10:30.

Option 1: Automatically Join the Meeting

Follow the link in the email sent every week. This is by far the easiest way to connect to the live video.

Option 2: Manually Join the Meeting

You can download Zoom from <https://www.zoom.us>.

After you have installed the program/app, click on “Join” and enter this information:

Meeting ID: 9712063468 Password: 030414

Option 3: Call in to Listen (Audio Only)

On Sunday Morning, you can call to listen to the service. After you call, it will ask you to enter the Meeting ID and Password Below:

Phone Number: (301) 715-8592 Meeting ID: 9712063468 Password: 030414

All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

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,

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!

to Refrain

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

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1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang,
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

TEXT: Jennette Threlfall, 1873, alt.
 MUSIC: *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Württembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle*, 1764; alt.

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1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us by wick - ed - ness be - trayed, for us, in
 4 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
 5 All glo - ry to our Lord and God, for love so

thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
 crown of thorns ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
 went on high to reign; for us he sent the
 deep, so high, so broad: the Trin - i - ty whom

God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 sharp he knew, for us, the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
 Spir - it here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 we a - dore for - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

Reducing a twenty-three-stanza Latin text to these five English stanzas intensifies this survey of the mystery of the Incarnation and strengthens the repeated reminder that all was done "for us." A comparable tone of proclamation animates this 15th-century song celebrating a military victory.

TEXT: Thomas à Kempis, 15th cent.; trans. Benjamin Webb, 1854, alt.
 MUSIC: "The Agincourt Song," c. 1415; harm. Alfred V. Fedak, 1993
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