

March 29, 2026

Order of Worship
Palm Sunday

10:15am

Welcome and Announcements

Hunger & Help Offering: To benefit One Great Hour of Sharing

Prelude: "Hosanna" ~ DPC Handbell Choir

- **Call to Worship:** From Matthew 21:1-9

When they had come near Jerusalem...Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village...you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me....This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

They brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road...and were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

- **Invocation**

- **Entry Hymn:** #196 – All Glory, Laud, and Honor

- **Prayer of Confession:** Liturgist, Dick Moore

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.
Jesus Christ has delivered us from our sins. This is good news!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

- **Congregational Response:** #604 – Lamb of God

Children's Message: Tony Pritchett

Children's Choir Hymn: #197 – "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" - *Children will sing Verse 1, Congregation joins in singing Verses 2 and 3*

Pastoral Prayers, The Lord's Prayer:

... Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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

Giving and Offertory: "The Palms" ~ Paul Roark, soloist

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 118:19-29

*Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD. The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

Choir Anthem:

"Ride On, King Jesus!"

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:33-47

*When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing... It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed, and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

Meditation: Pastor Rob McRay

Special Music: "What Wondrous Love Is This" ~ DPC Handbell Choir

● **Affirmation of Faith:** I John 4:9-16

God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.

And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

● **Passion Hymn:** #221 – O Sacred Head Now Wounded

● **Benediction**

Postlude

The (●) dot in the order of worship invites you to stand as you are able. Text in **bold indicates unison reading.



TODAY – Everyone is invited to have their photo taken for our church directory. Please check the directory provided. Initial by your name if the information is correct. Make any necessary changes directly on the sheet.

March 31 – Carol Swimmer Funeral, 6pm (visitation at 5pm)

HOLY WEEK

April 2 –Maundy Thursday – Soup & Salad Supper, 6pm/Passover Presentation, 6:30pm (**sign up by TODAY** at the rear of the sanctuary)

April 3 – Good Friday, Drama & Music Presentation, 6:30pm

April 5 – EASTER (Bring filled Easter eggs for our children's "egg hunt")

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 30 – Book Club, 1:30pm

April 9 – Women's Fellowship Dinner, 6pm (Meet at Salento Italia, 329 Donelson Pike).

April 14 – Dot New Circle, 10am

April 20 – Bluegrass Slow Jam, 7pm

April 23 – Men's Fellowship Dinner, 5:30pm

Today's Security Team: Robert McCarthy, Randy Smith

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March Head Usher: Zora Mallory

March Acolyte Leader: Ann Koonce

Pastoral Care Team: Chairs – Joy Roark and Jim Turner; Members – Velma Bartley, Melanie Caskey, Malee Cherry, Rose Christian, Ann Cox, Diane Ingram, Grace Lewis, Ann Marie McFarland, Betty Polk, Jeni Steele, Leanne Terry, Jim & Ruth White, Kim Yearwood, Jill York

Donelson Presbyterian Church

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We warmly welcome all who have come to worship with us today. If you are a guest at Donelson Presbyterian Church, we encourage you to fill out a yellow visitor card which you will find in the pew.

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