

## Sundays

Nursery Care 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast 9:00 a.m.

Christian Education 9:30 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship following service

Youth activities 4:00 p.m.

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## Welcome to FPC.

Our prayer is that all will be blessed by the Word read and proclaimed as we are bound together by the Spirit as a community of faith.

Children are invited to participate in our worship and welcome as loved, squirmy, laughing, crying children of God. We have busy bags for younger children and binders for young readers to help them in their journey, and a staffed nursery is available for children under 5.

✦ *Please rise, in body or spirit.*

***Bold lines*** are spoken or sung by ***All***. *Non-bold lines* are spoken or sung by one.

*Please be seated by a Gathered Community Pad and sign in so that we may have a record of your time with us.*



*We seek to share the good news of Jesus Christ and his call to the realm of God: the practice of justice, mercy and faith. Our mission is represented by the Celtic cross, a shepherd's crook, the extension of the right arm of fellowship into the world and the church's hospitality toward the world.*

24 March 2024

Palm Sunday

### Prelude

*Sanctus, and Osanna from Mass in C Major*

L. Van Beethoven

### Greeting

Psalm 118: 24

This is the day that the Lord has made | **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

### ✦ Gathering Hymn 197

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

### ✦ Call to Confession

If the world were filled only with hosannas, we would have no need of God's grace. But just as Holy Week is filled with acts that need forgiveness, so are our lives. Come and confess, trusting in that grace.

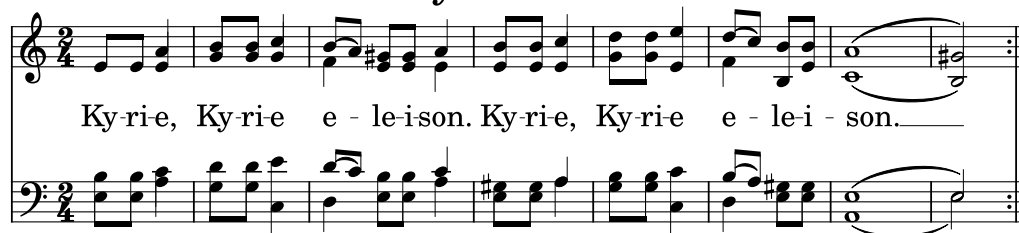
### ✦ Prayer of Communal Confession

**Gracious and most merciful God, we have sinned against you in thought and word and deed, both in what we have done and in what we have left undone. We have celebrated and cursed, often in the same breath. We have been swept by our passions and the crowds around us into doing things we later regretted. We have abandoned meaningful relationships and causes due to the changing whims of the people around us. We have resisted the calls to act thoughtfully, to support the needy, and to act with kindness. Forgive us, O God, for these and the other sins we now raise to you, and help us draw nearer to you.**

### ✦ Time of Individual Confession

### ✦ Kyrie

## Kyrie 10



### ✦ Words of Assurance

Hear the Good News. Christ looked over both the cheering and the jeering crowds, and found people worthy of love. Like them, you are forgiven.  
**Amen.**

### ✦ Confessional Response 31 *Let Us with A Gladsome Mind (v3)*

**All things liv-ing God does feed; with full mea-sure, meets their need:  
for God's mer-cies shall en-dure, ev-er faith-ful, ev-er sure.**

## ✠The Peace

The peace of Jesus Christ be with you. | **And also with you.**  
(*The people may exchange signs of Christ's peace and reconciling love.*)

## Choral Prayer for Illumination 460 *Break Thou the Bread of Life* (v1)

*Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as thou didst break the loaves  
be-side the sea. Be-yond the sa-cred page I seek thee, Lord.  
My spir-it pants for thee, O liv-ing Word!*

**The First Lesson** John 12:12-16 Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 92  
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. | **Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Time

*All children, if they are so moved, are invited to gather on the steps.*

**The Second Lesson** Mark 11:1-11 Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 41

## Response

The words of the prophets for the people of God. | **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 200** *A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd*

**Message** "Crowds All Around" Pastor Nathan Willard

**Anthem** *Jesus Christ Triumphant* F. Broadus Staley

**Preparation for Prayer 168** *Within Your Shelter, Loving God v4*

*We will sing again after the Silent Prayer*

**As of-ten as I call to you, you kind-ly hear my prayer.**

**In times of trou-ble and dis-tress I rest in your own care.**

## Prayers of the People and Silent Prayer

*During the prayers of the people, please respond to the words "God in your  
mercy" with "Hear our prayer."*

## The Lord's Prayer

**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 the Offering

**Offertory** *All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord* arr. by J. Kyle Coleman

## ✠Doxology 608 (tune: 607)

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow;  
Praise Christ, all peo-ple here be-low;  
Praise Ho-ly Spir-it ev-er-more;  
Praise Tri-une God, whom we a-dore. Amen**

## ✠Prayer of Dedication

**We dedicate these gifts to all of the celebrations they make possible,  
even when we know trouble is coming. Amen.**

## Commissioning

✠**Sending Hymn 198** *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*



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✠ Charge and Blessing

Postlude

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

arr. by J. Kyle Coleman

## WORSHIP LEADERSHIP THIS MORNING

Preacher:	Pastor Nathan Willard
Ministry of Music:	Sanctuary Choir, J. Kyle Coleman
Liturgist:	Sue Van Duyn
Ushers:	Ann and Richard Burton
Elder:	Judy Whitford
Fellowship:	Fuchsia Deacon Team

### One Great Hour of Sharing Our First PC(USA) 2024 Special Offering

Following World War II, Protestant churches in the U.S. appealed for relief and reconstruction of devastated areas, primarily in Europe & Asia. A program called "One Great Hour" broadcast on March 26, 1949, closed with a request that listeners attend their local church and make a sacrificial contribution. It was estimated that more than 75,000 churches worldwide participated. The next year, the offering was repeated, using the name "One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)." Over the past 74 years, OGHS has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world.

Donations are being accepted though Easter Sunday, March 31, and can be made via our website at <https://firstpreswacivcity.org/donate-online/> or by check payable to FPC, with One Great Hour in the memo line.



#### The schedule for tonight, March 24:

- 4 p.m. Youth Choir with Kyle, Choir Room
- 4 p.m. Parent Class with Anna, Youth Room
- 5 p.m. Youth Group, Youth Room
- 6 p.m. Dinner Provided by Personnel Committee

As a Reminder, our Lenten Prayer series will culminate with the Maundy Thursday Soup Supper at 6 p.m. and Tenebrae Service at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 28.

### Save the Dates for these upcoming FPC events:

**May 4** Join "Team FPC" at the NAMI Walk. Registration and donation information pending.

**May 18** FPC Annual Outdoor Clean-up Day, 8:30–noon (rain date 6/1); bring gloves and a leaf rake; contact John Barr at [BarrJohnO@sau.edu](mailto:BarrJohnO@sau.edu)

## FPC's week immediately

### Sunday, 24 March

- 8:00 JuBELLation Choir, Choir Room
- 9:00 Childcare, Nursery
- 9:00 Breakfast & Good Morning, Ryerson Hall
- 9:30 Parents Group, Pastor's Place
- 9:30 Bible Study, Coover
- 9:30 3rd-6th Grade Sunday School, Young Youth Room
- 9:30 K-2nd Grade Sunday School, Beach Room
- 9:30 Wired Word, Room 14, Hybrid
- 9:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary, Choir Loft
- 10:30 Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:30 Fellowship, Ryerson Hall
- 4:00 Parents Class with Anna, Young Youth Room
- 4:00 Youth Choir, Choir Room
- 5:00 Youth Group
- 6:00 Dinner Together, Ryerson Hall
- 7:00 Jeremiah Justice Initiative, Zoom

### Monday, 25 March

- 6:00 Compeer Board Mtg., Coover
- 7:00 Bldg. and Grounds Mtg., Zoom

### Wednesday, 27 March

- 7:00 FPC Men's Group, Hybrid
- 10:30 Staff Mtg., Coover
- 7:00 Sanctuary Choir, Choir Room

### Thursday, 28 March

- 11:00 Taste Our Cookin' Interest Group, Ryerson, Kitchen
- 6:00 Maundy Thursday Dinner/Discussion, Ryerson, Kitchen
- 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service, Sanctuary

### Saturday, 30 March

- 6:00 New Member Examination, Coover
- 6:15 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:30 Youth Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:00 Easter Vigil and Reception of New Members, Sanctuary, Reception, Ryerson Hall

### Sunday, 31 March

- 8:00 JuBELLation Choir, Choir Room
- 9:00 Childcare, Nursery
- 9:30 FPC Family Easter Breakfast, Ryerson Hall
- 9:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary, Choir Loft
- 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:30 Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:30 Worship, Celebration of the Resurrection with Communion, Sanctuary, Choir Loft
- 11:30 Fellowship, Ryerson Hall



## VBX 2024! August 4-11

### Sign up begins Easter Morning!

Let's first-time camp, Counselor Sam and Lumen, "Lu," the lightning bug puppet, for a summer adventure at Camp Firelight.

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