
THE GATHERING

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude to Worship

****Call to Worship**

Liturgist: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

People: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Liturgist: Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

People: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Liturgist: Therefore, God has exalted him and given him the name above every name.

People: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Liturgist: Let us worship God in the name of Jesus Christ, our Servant Lord.

****Prayer of the Day**

***Hymn 138** *“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”*

****Call to Confession**

****Prayer of Confession**

God of mystery and mercy, your mercy and forgiveness are a mystery to us. We fail to show mercy to others when they fall short of our expectations. We keep silent rather than speak up when others are in trouble. We prefer what is easy to what is right. Spirit draws our attention. We seek your forgiveness, O God, and ask that you make us more forgiving. Inspire us with the costly choices Jesus made as he moved toward the Cross, and give us the courage to follow him. Amen.

****Declaration of Pardon**

****Hymn 579** *“Glory Be to the Father”*

*“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.”*

****The Passing of the Peace of Christ**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share this peace with one another.

Children are dismissed to their class.

THE WORD

Unison Prayer for Understanding

God of courage and comfort, as we follow the stories of Christ’s journey to the Cross, inspire us with the courage to follow him even when others turn against him. And comfort us, knowing that you will walk with us through every challenge, just as you walked with Jesus who is your Living Word. Amen.

The Reading from the Gospels

Matthew 21:1-11; 27:11-31

...see insert...

Reader: The gospel of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A Gift of Music

Sermon

“From This to That”

****Hymn 101**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

****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.

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

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 Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

****Hymn** *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"* **DOXOLOGY**

*"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" Amen.*

****Prayer of Dedication**

****Hymn 92** *"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion see insert

THE SENDING

****Hymn 438** *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

****Charge and Blessing**

****Postlude**

***please stand as you are able*

First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster

Order of Worship for Palm/Passion Sunday

March 29, 2026 ~ 11 a.m.

Organist—Mr. Jim Parrish

Pastor—The Reverend Michael Denney

Please silence cell phones prior to worship



(Christ's Entry into Jerusalem by Benjamin Robert Haydon—1828)

We welcome everyone to this hour of worship. It is our prayer that this time will be meaningful to you as you worship. As we prepare for this holy time, let us center our thoughts on the Christ who loves us supremely.