



## First Presbyterian Church of Ridgewood NJ

*We are a welcoming community formed in Christ, committed to sharing his love with others – with feet that carry us out into the world, with hands that serve, and with hearts in fellowship and faith.*  
– First Presbyterian Church Mission Statement, adopted October 2018



## PALM/ PASSION SUNDAY SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

Watch live: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZFK\\_2QZv70k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZFK_2QZv70k)

*Let us be reminded that during worship, music is played and sung as an offering to God.  
Please refrain from applauding or waving bulletins. Thank you.*

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### PRELUDE

*Crown Imperial* – William Wilton  
Linda Sweetman Waters, Organ

### PROCESSIONAL

*Glorioso* - Steve Danyew  
The Chancel Bells ~ Sunday School Families

WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ Rev. Bruce Ballantine

### CALL to WORSHIP

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! **Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

Lo, your king comes to you; **triumphant and victorious is he,**  
humble and riding on a donkey, **on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

\*HYMN 88 – *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

### PRAYER of CONFESSION

**O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you: we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, that our faith is often more show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own.**

### SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

\*HYMN 579 – *Gloria Patri*

\*PASSING of the PEACE

### MUSICAL OFFERING

*Festival Sanctus* - John Leavitt  
The Chancel Choir

Linda Sweetman Waters, Piano ~ Dr. Edward Schmiedecke, Director  
*Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth! Hosanna Deo, hosanna in excelsis! Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domine Dei. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria, gloria tua! Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in excelsis Deo!*

*Translation: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts! Glory to God, hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna to God in the highest!*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MaryEllen Castaldo ~ Director of Children and Family Ministries

PSALTER READING ~ CJ Torielli

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

GOSPEL READING ~ Dante Torielli

Mark 11:1-11

SERMON

*Thy Kingdom Come* ~ Rev. Bruce Ballantine

MUSICAL OFFERING

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* - Jason F. Krug

The Chancel Bells

Linda Sweetman Waters, Piano

Carol Schmiedecke, Director



**venmo**

CALL to OFFERING

Please venmo @FirstPres-RidgewoodNJ,  
drop your offering in the plate on your way out,  
or mail check to the church. Thank you!



**venmo**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we pray that you would hear our prayers, and graft in our minds the same mind that is in you, that we might be vessels of your humility and grace. You emptied yourself, trading in the form of God for the form of a servant; we pray for the Church, and all her people and ministers.

Form us into a Church that empties itself for others, and for you.

*Silent Prayer*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, you were born in human likeness, and found in human form; we pray for the whole human family, for the nations of the earth, and for all who live in the midst of disaster, famine, war or terror.

*Silent Prayer*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, even after humbling yourself in your incarnation, you humbled yourself even to the point of death; we pray for our nation, our leaders, and all the people who live within these borders. Bless us with your humility.

*Silent Prayer*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, your humility and your love for us was so broad and deep, it cost you your life.

We remember those whom we love who have died. May they rest with you in glory.

*Silent Prayer*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your exaltation, O Lord, you were given the name that is above every name; we pray in your name for those who are poor, those who are hungry, those who lack adequate shelter, and those who are hurting in any way. Give them your grace.

*Silent Prayer*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We also pray, in your name, O Lord, for those who are ill in body, mind or spirit.

Give them the gift of healing, strength and life.

*Silent Prayer*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You humbled yourself in the manger, and you humbled yourself on the cross; and to you,  
O Lord, we bend our knee to the glory of God the Father.

And now we are bold to pray as you taught your first followers:  
**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.**

\*HYMN 91 – *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

#### BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

*Les Rameaux (The Palms)* – Jean-Baptiste Faure  
Linda Sweetman Waters, Organ

#### CHANCEL FLOWERS

*Chancel Flowers are given by Marjorie Vanacore  
in loving memory of her sister, Judith, and her husband, Richard.*

\*Please stand if you are able.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS for SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

#### PSALTER READING

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! <sup>2</sup> Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

<sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.  
<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. <sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. <sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. <sup>23</sup> This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. <sup>24</sup> This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. <sup>25</sup> Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success! <sup>26</sup> Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. <sup>27</sup> The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. <sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. <sup>29</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

#### GOSPEL READING

Mark 11:1-11

<sup>1</sup> When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup> and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” <sup>4</sup> They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup> some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup> They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup> Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup> Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup> Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup> Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” <sup>11</sup> Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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## All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820

Trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1859

Melchior Teschner, 1614

Arr. William Henry Monk, 1861

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To Thee, Re-deem-er, King!

*Fine*

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,

*Repeat Refrain*

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!

## Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

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Henry Hart Milman, 1827

John Bacchus Dykes, 1862

1. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the  
 2. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
 3. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! The wing - ed  
 4. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, pur -  
 pomp ride on to die: O Christ, Thy tri - umphs  
 squad - rons of the sky Look down with sad and  
 pomp ride on to die; Bow Thy meek head to

sue Thy road With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
 now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
 won - dering eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 mor - tal pain, Then take, O God, Thy power, and reign.