



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF  
**KIRKWOOD**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP  
March 29, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.  
Palm Sunday

**Mission:** We are called to be a welcoming and supportive community whose inspiring worship of God encourages everyone to deepen their faith and to respond to the needs of the world with the compassion of Christ.



Palm Sunday Francis Ferdinand Maurice Cook (1907–1978) Sir Francis Cook Gallery © the artist's estate. Image credit: Sir Francis Cook Collection

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

\_\_\_\_\_ **\*Please rise in body or in spirit.** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Chiming of the Hour**

We encourage you to quiet your minds and hearts for worship at this time.

## **Welcome and Announcements**

Sign the Friendship Register at the end of your pew and pass it to your neighbor.

## **Organ Voluntary**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

J.S. Bach

## WE ADDRESS OURSELVES TO GOD

### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Let us enter the city with God today and sing hosannas to our king.

**People: Let us turn our backs on the powers that grasp and control and open our hearts to the Son of God riding on a donkey.**

Leader: Let us join his parade, surrounded by outcasts and the oppressed.

**People: Let us follow the one who brings freedom and peace and walk in solidarity with the abandoned and oppressed.**

Leader: Let us shout for joy at Christ's coming and join his disciples, welcoming the broken, healing the sick, dining with outcasts.

**All: Let us touch and see as God draws near, riding in triumph towards the Cross.**

### **\*Processional Hymn**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Hymn #196

### **\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**Holy Christ, we confess that even as we cry, "Hosanna," we silence the voices of others crying out for help. Even as we sing Your praises on Palm Sunday, we struggle to continue walking with You and bearing witness to the suffering of the cross. We'll sing "Hosanna" when everyone else is doing so, but we fail to remain faithful when the "Good Friday" forces may hear us. Help us to remain steady, even when the world is in turmoil. Forgive us our sins and remake us in your image, that we may follow You on Palm Sunday and on every other day of our lives.**

**\*Silent Confessions**

**\*Assurance of God's Grace**

**\*Response to Confession**    Come to Me, O Weary Traveler                      Hymn #183

**\*The Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us share that peace with one another.

**A Conversation with Young Disciples**

All children are invited to come forward for the children's message.

**Reception of New Members**

Derek Elz, Dess Elz, Elliott Kellner, Lauren Kellner, Jinny Gender,  
Jan Oord Graves, Ron Graves, Judy Ludwig, Tony Ludwig,  
Erin Raymur, Doug Raymur, Danielle Vachow, Ashley Wunderlich

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**Scripture Reading**                      Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 565

Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**                      Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates                      William Mathias

*Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors,  
and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory?*

*The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.*

*Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.*

**Scripture Reading**                      Matthew 21:1-11; Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 23

Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**                      Shouting "Hosanna" In Times Of Turmoil  
Rev. Rachel Finken

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

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

**Pastoral Prayer**

## The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

**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.**

## Offertory Sentences

**Offertory Bell Anthem**      All Glory, Laud, and Honor      Brian Chalders

## Prayer of Dedication

### WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

**\*Closing Hymn**      Hosanna, Loud Hosanna      Hymn #197

## \*Benediction

**Choral Response**      Jesus, Remember Me      Jacques Berthier  
*Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.*

**Organ Voluntary**      Processional      William Mathias

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### **Worship Leaders:**

Rev'd. Gary Noonan, *Senior Pastor*  
Rev. Rachel Finken, *Associate Pastor*

### **Music Ministry:**

Bill Stein, *Director of Music Ministries*; Kevin Chunko, *Music Associate*;  
Bill Wade, *Bell Director*; Chancel Choir; Middle School Ringers

**Acolyte:** Scheffler Meyer      **Cross Bearer:** Henry Meyer

**Ushers:** John Clark, Jane Paniello, Randy Paniello, Carolyn Sproull, Mark McLean, Ven Houts

**Usher Captain:** Larry Erwin      **Livestream Host:** Gerald DeWulf