



Entry into the City. Artist: Swanson, John August.

Service for the Lord's Day

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

Gathering Around the Word of Worship

Gathering Music

Mike Kanan

Striking of the Hour

Prelude

Passameze

Michael Praetorius
transcr. Nathaniel Brown

Welcome

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship (responsive)

King Jesus comes: King Jesus, Son of God, Son of Man, Messiah.

Hail! King Jesus, King of all!

Recall the words of the Scriptures: "A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!'"

In praise we adore you, King Jesus. Enter our hearts today as you entered Jerusalem long ago, and lead us by faith in the way everlasting. Amen.

Opening Hymn 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLECOMBE

Call to Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

Lord Jesus, you are the chosen Son of David and God's anointed King; we praise you. Yet, O Christ, we confess that amidst all the Palm Sunday crowds, we find ourselves in more turmoil than triumph. Our faith is unsteady. Our wisdom is eroding. Our resolve is shaken. Our mercy is hardening. Our hope is weakening. Come again and save us from these sins. Give us strength to follow you, our humble Savior, our wise fool, our all in all. Amen.

A Silence is observed for Personal Confession

Confessional Hymn 518

Your Only Son

LAMB OF GOD

You're only Son no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side to walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God! O wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. to **Refrain**

Declaration of Good News (responsive)

Hear this promise: Jesus has set his face toward the cross.

Nothing we can do can deter him.

As God's beloved, Jesus has made salvation his divine aim.

By the power of the cross, by the power of wondrous love, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Passing the Peace (responsive)

Jesus Christ comes as the King of Peace. May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Children's Anthem

Hosanna!
Children's Choir

Yancy

A Time with Young Christians (children welcomed to the front of the sanctuary)

Hearing the Word

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Holy Spirit, share with us your wisdom; encourage us with your hope; sustain us with your truth. Be in our hearing and our thinking, that through the words of Scripture we might know God's grace. Amen.

Old Testament Reading (responsive)

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever!

Let Israel say, 'His steadfast love endures for ever.' 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 for ever.

Anthem

Hosanna to the King Who Comes!

Lloyd Larson

Hosanna to the King who comes! Hosanna to the King! Let earth and heaven sing for He comes in the name of the Lord our God. Jerusalem, behold your King seated on a donkey's colt. Celebrate and sing! Let your voices ring for he comes in the name of the Lord. Let the rocks cry out in praise to the King! Our salvation is at hand. Jesus comes today, God has made a way. Yes, he comes in the name of the Lord.

All Stand

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." 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." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; 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. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed 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!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

All Sit

Sermon

The King Who Comes

Rev. Kyle Otterbein

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 198

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty

ST. DROSTANE

All Sit

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

from Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Welcome of New Members

Stewart Harris Davidson, Colton and Lilly Hunter (Cora and Willow)

All Sit

Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory Hymn

The Crucifixion

Samuel Barber

Keelin Murrell, soprano Beth Pope, piano

At the cry of the first bird. They began to crucify Thee, O Swan! Never shall lament cease because of that. It was like the parting of day from night. Ah, sore was the suffering borne. By the body of Mary's son, But sorer still to Him was the grief. Which for His sake. Came upon His Mother.
From *The Speckled Book*, 12th century

All Stand

Doxology

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Holy God, we thank you for all the blessings of your reign. We do not offer you great treasures as the world measures them. Instead, here we share what we have at hand: cloaks and palms to line your path, along with our ordinary and daily sacrifices. Accept these offerings, and transform them, that we may share in your great work of love in the world. Amen.

All Sit

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

A Moment of Silence

*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.*

Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World

All Stand

Closing Hymn 443

There Is a Redeemer

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Benediction

Postlude

Suite Gothique - II. Menuet gothique

Léon Boëllmann

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*Notes: Parts of today's liturgy have been adapted from liturgy written by Carol Prickett.

Announcements

USHERS: Polen and Thomison families

COLLEGIATE ENSEMBLE Sammy Del Rey, Blake Miller, Keelin Murrell, Mack Overfelt, and Johnna Smith

LAY READER: Larry Warden

MEDIA PERSONNEL: Laura Parkerson

NURSERY: Yamilet Bruno Sanchez and Maya Swartz

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY APRIL 5: Isaiah 25:6–9; Psalm 114; 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8; Luke 24:13–49

TODAY

DEACON OF THE WEEK this week will be Nancy Carwell. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

BUCK IN A BASKET for today will go to support PLC Scholarship Fund. Buck in a Basket Offering is a weekly opportunity to consider contributing during the offering for a particular mission not included in our regular budget.

THE AFTER CHURCH EATING OUT GROUP will join the Youth Group Trivia Fundraiser event for Montreat today. They will resume on April 12 and will gather at Poke Fresh, 2710 Nashville Road. This group is for people who like to go out to eat after church and enjoy visiting with others. We hope you can join us for delicious food and great conversation!

TRIVIA LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER EVENT FOR MONTREAT is today after service. Our Youth Group is hosting a playful, family-friendly trivia day, and we'd love for members and friends to be part of it. So bring a friend or a whole team, and let's make this a day to remember. We need you to bring your best guesses, your brightest friends, and your biggest smiles. Whether you're a trivia pro or just here for the food, there's a place for you at the table. What can you expect? Lighthearted trivia for all ages, fellowship, laughter, a chance to support our Youth Group, and control of The Presbyterian Church—First Place 2026 Trivia Championship trophy. Luncheon will be a taco bar; donations will be accepted to cover the cost of the meal. The cost for to participate in trivia will be \$25 per person or \$150 per table. Teams of 4–6 are welcome, and we also offer table sponsorship opportunities. We look forward to seeing you and spectators are welcomed.

OTHER NEWS

YOUTH MEALS Are you interested in providing a home-cooked meal or purchasing a meal for our youth? We are seeking volunteers for meals for our youth during our Sunday group meeting. If you are interested in volunteering, a sign-up sheet is available in the church landing.

COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE is Tuesday March 31, our collaborative all-community worship service will begin at 12:00 p.m. and will be held here at The Presbyterian Church. The Pastor of First Christian Church will bring the message, and communion will be served as part of our shared worship. Immediately after the service, everyone is invited to join us for a community lunch in Fellowship Hall. Our menu is poppy-seed chicken, green beans, salad, rolls, and assorted desserts. All are welcome to worship, share a meal, and enjoy fellowship together.

We need 5 desserts to serve — pie, cake, brownies, etc. If you can make a dessert to serve 12-15 people, please let the church office or Mary Evans know. Desserts will need to be dropped off at the church by 11:00 a.m. on March 31.

PASSOVER SEDER on Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 5:30 p.m. we will be hosting a traditional Messianic Passover Seder. We will include passover foods, readings from the Messianic Haggadah, and a great time of fellowship for all ages, including children. This meal and service will connect us to the last supper and passover traditions throughout history. Please make plans to join us!

SAVE THE DATE The Otterbein Reception will take place on Sunday, April 26 at 4:00 p.m. at the home of Sandy Franklin. Please come and join us in this heart-felt going-away celebration honoring Pastor Kyle and LeAnn as we thank them for their love, leadership, and the countless ways they've blessed our church family.

SAVE THE DATE Cecelia Memorial will be taking donations for the upcoming 7th Annual Spring Giveaway at 716 College Street. They will be accepting anything from clothing to household items to toys. The date for the event will be Saturday, May 16 from 9:00 a.m-1:00 p.m. Call or Text Lovelyn Williams at 619-368-2103 if you have or donation or questions regarding the event. Thank you for your help in advance.

SAVE THE DATE The Lane Celebration will take place on Sunday, May 31 at 12:00 p.m. after worship service in Fellowship Hall. Please come join us for this joyful celebration to warmly welcome our new pastor, Rev. Patrick Lane and his wife, Rev. Brittany Lane, as they begin their ministry with us, and to surround them with love, support, and gratitude as they join our church family. This will be a Bowling Green/Kentucky themed Potluck.

OUR NEW DIRECTORY—You can now access our church directory through an app on your



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cell phone or tablet. Just scan the QR code to go directly to the app to download it on your phone or tablet. Once you download the app, you will be directed to search for the directory of The Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green. Just use your email address to gain entry to our directory (you must have your email address that is in the directory to gain access).



Directory!

LAY READERS NEEDED FOR APRIL/MAY A signup page is online for lay readers in the coming weeks. If you are willing to serve one Sunday, please scan the QR code to visit this link and sign up for a date. Lay reader information will be emailed on the Friday prior to the date. Thank You!



WELCOME VISITORS!

We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by the minister, officers, and congregation.

Clerk of Session: Debbie Trickey **Treasurer:** Steve Moore
Elders: Class of 2026- Pam Bratcher, Rachel Crocker, Claire Ellington, J.B. Hines, Susan Howard, Mike Kanan; Class of 2027-Sam Evans, Nathan Love, Susan Thomison, Debbie Trickey, Larry Warden; Class of 2028-Clark Carthrae, Buzz English, Julia Roberts, Julie Wedge; **Deacons:** Class of 2026-Phil Burkeen, Kim Ferguson, Kathy Higgins, Laura Parkerson, Dan Stelling, Brianna Trickey; Class of 2027-Trudy Burkeen, Georgeanna Capito, Sally Calkins, Nancy Carwell, Evan Goad, Frederica Kernohan; Class of 2028-Nancy English, Sharon Hendrix, Jan Morgan, and Margaret Stein.

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Calendar

Sunday, March 29

9:15 a.m. Sunday School Gathering
9:15 a.m. Children's Music
9:30 a.m. Sunday School Starts
9:45 a.m. Godly Play
10:30 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Youth Trivia Luncheon
Fundraiser

Monday, March 30

9:00 a.m. GOD/DOG is Love

Tuesday, March 31

11:00 a.m. Special Care
12:00 p.m. Holy Tuesday & Luncheon

Wednesday, April 1

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group
9:30 a.m. Crisis and New Creation
Class
5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 2

12:00 p.m. Maudy Thursday-Christian
Celebration of the
Passover

Friday, April 3

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group

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