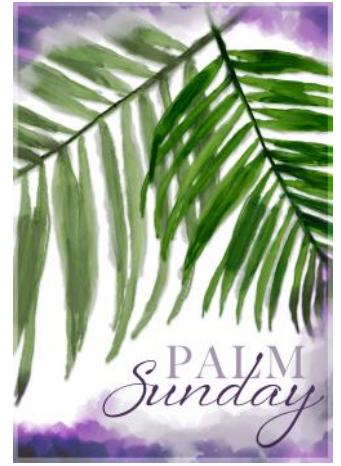




# Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

9:00 am




## Gathering Around the Word

**Prelude** "Hosanna!" Brooke Ligertwood  
The Band (Laura Essinger–Hileman, Zack Maser, Paul Mortimore, Elijah Snyder, & Luca Snyder)

**Words of Welcome** Deannine Shipman

**Introit** Hosanna! Michael W. Smith, Deborah D. Smith



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**\*Call to Worship** Campbell Jones  
Leader: Rejoice greatly, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey—even on a donkey’s colt.  
**People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**  
Leader: You are our God, and we will praise You!  
**People: You are our God, and we will exalt You!**  
Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.  
**People: His faithful love endures forever!**

**\*Hymn No. 196** “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

**\*Call to Confession** Adeline Richardson

**\*Prayer of Confession** Adeline Richardson  
O God of love, who sent Jesus among us, hear our confession and forgive our sin. When we invoke Christ’s name for selfish reasons, have mercy upon us. When our faith is convenient and does not lead to commitment, surround us with grace, that we may repent. We are prone to call on you to satisfy our needs; we practice obedience without cost to our comfort. Forgive our leisurely approach to your sacrifice for us as Christ intercedes on our behalf.

**\*Assurance of Pardon** Adeline Richardson

**\*Passing of the Peace** Allison Maus

## Hearing the Word

**Prayer for Inspiration** Cooper Pike

**First Scripture Reading** Matthew 21:1-11 Cooper Pike

<b>Anthem</b>	“Hands in the Air” Chrysalis and Chancel Choir with The Band	Joel Lindsey
<b>Children’s Time</b> See “Children in Worship”	Ellena Krebs, Channing Behrer, Campbell Jones and Deannine Shipman	
<b>Song After Children’s Time</b>	“As Each New Horizon Beckons” [HOLY MANNA]	
<b>Second Scripture Reading</b>	Matthew 26:1-16	John Porter
<b>Sermon</b>		John Porter

### Responding to the Word

<b>*Hymn</b>	“When Our Life Began Again”	
<b>*Affirmation of Faith—Philippians 2:5-11</b>		John Porter

Christ Jesus,  
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 to the glory of God:  
Jesus Christ is Lord!  
Amen

<b>Announcements</b>		Reed Dressler
<b>Call to Offering</b>		Reed Dressler
<b>Offertory</b>	“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”	Arranged by Cliff Aerie
<b>*Doxology Hymn No. 609</b>	“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”	
<b>*Prayer of Dedication</b>		Reed Dressler
<b>Sharing of Joys and Concerns</b>		Allison Maus
<b>Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer</b>		Allison Maus
	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.	
<b>*Hymn No. 199</b>	“Filled with Excitement”	
<b>*Charge &amp; Benediction</b>		John Porter & Allison Maus
<b>Postlude</b>	“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”	

## Ushers this Morning:

**Head Usher:** Sharon Manno

**Ushers:** Betty Macdonald, Rhett McLaren, Katie Stone and Marcus Wheeler

## Greeters this Morning:

**Fraser Street:** John and Connie DiNunzio

**Parking Lot:** Liane Roe

**Information Desk:** Diana Malcom

## No Adult Offerings Today

There will be no Adult Education today or next Sunday in Westminster Hall.

**"Connect"** will meet next Sunday, April 9th in Room 10. Connect is an invitation to deepen your relationship with others and with God by contemplating scripture, lyrics, writing, poetry, and other topics of interest through small group discussions.

## Palm Sunday Breakfast Today

The SCPC Deacons will be serving all of the old favorites, so come and enjoy breakfast and fellowship with your church family today from 10:00 - 11:00 am in the Social Hall.

Our Palm Sunday Breakfast menu includes: French Toast Strata with Apple Cider Syrup, Sausages, Fresh Fruit and Cinnamon Swirl Coffee Cake.

There will be no Exploration Hour today. We invite the children to come to breakfast and eat with their families.

## Good Friday Tenebrae Service

The Service of Tenebrae follows a tradition of the church dating back to the eighth century. From Latin "Tenebrae" means "darkness". The service has traditionally been celebrated in the week between Palm Sunday and the festival of Easter. During the service candles are extinguished sequentially representing the failing fellowship of Jesus friends as the time of his crucifixion draws near. Through scripture readings shared throughout the service we recall Jesus' disappointment and sense of abandonment. These "Solemn Reproaches of the Cross" invite us to confront our own personal withdrawal from fellowship with Christ and failure to remain faithful to God's indiscriminate and unconditional love. Our Good Friday service will utilize this ancient tradition not to convey a message of condemnation but to bring us into an authentic experience of regret, repentance, and longing for the new life that comes through Jesus resurrection. Join us at 7:30 pm on April 7th.

## LOGOS During Worship

During the course of the LOGOS year in 4th Grade Bible Study, the class learns about WORSHIP, and the 5 different areas of worship which include: Praise, Confession, Proclamation, Petition, and Dedication. Part of our yearly plan is to have the class help lead worship. Our 11 children all made stoles with a Lenten theme, and will be leading in worship during Lent. Today we will be led by Campbell Jones, Cooper Pike, Channing Behrer, Ellena Krebs, and Adeline Richardson.

## Maundy Thursday Community Meal and Service

Join us for Worship at 6:00 pm on April 6th for a time to recognize our God, who washes feet and shares meals. This year our gathering will start in the sanctuary and continue over a shared meal in the Social Hall. We will share communion together in traditional and more expansive ways, and reflect on the surprising way love is shared in our lives. **We invite you to bring a dish to share with our community.**

## Easter Sunday Worship - Sunday, April 9 Celebration of the Resurrection

- **A Sunrise Service with Communion at Windswept Farm** ~ Our rebranded Youth Sunday School group, Oasis, is hosting a 7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service at Windswept Farm. It will be outside so please dress appropriately for the weather and bring a lawn chair. Getting to experience the new beginning of the day as we remember the meaning of Easter is a powerful experience which can lead to awe and insight. We hope you can join us for this experience!

**Parking:** Parking is limited, but deacons will be in the parking lot to help direct you and squeeze all of the cars into the space

- **9:00 am at SCPC** ~ we will worship in the Sanctuary for a celebration of our Risen Lord
- **10:00 am** ~ Exploration Hour with Coffee Hour, Pathways, Oasis and Connect.

**How to Get to Windswept Farm:** From State College, take Fox Hollow Road towards the airport. Prior to reaching the main entrance to the airport, take a left off of Fox Hollow onto S. Fillmore Rd. Go 1.1 miles on Fillmore and you will see the sign on the left for the ReFarm Café at Windswept Farm.



Use the code here to sign up right away to provide items for our buckets, or call the church office.

Order online (for delivery right to the church) or shop locally, but please get your items in to the church office by the Sunday after Easter, 4/16.



## Sunday, April 2nd

### **Palm Sunday**

- 8:30 am Childcare Available—Room 101
- **9:00 am Worship Service**
- Creative Movement & Music and Children and Worship—After the Children's Message
- 10:00 am Palm Sunday Breakfast—Social Hall
- 10:30 am YoPro Bible Study—Tower Room
- 1:45 pm Juniper Block Party

## Monday, April 3rd

- 11:00 am Lenten Study—Room 10
- 6:00 pm Scouts
- 7:00 pm Theology UnTapped—McClanahans
- 7:00 pm Virtual Centering Prayer—Zoom

## Tuesday, April 4th

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Congregational Prayer Meeting—Zoom
- 4:00 pm LOGOS Geckos
- 5:00 pm LOGOS Chrysalis
- 6:00 pm Stay and Play Staff Meeting—Zoom
- 7:30 pm Handbell Choir

## Wednesday, April 5th

- 6:00 pm FISH
- 8:15 pm POLO Women's Bible Study—Zoom

## Thursday, April 6th

### **Maundy Thursday**

- 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service

## Friday, April 7th

### **Good Friday**

Stay and Play Closed

- 7:30 pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service

## Saturday, April 8th

## Sunday, April 9th

### **Easter Sunday**

- 7:00 am Sunrise Service—Windswept Farms
- 8:30 am Childcare Available—Room 101
- **9:00 am Worship Service**
- Creative Movement & Music and Children and Worship—After the Children's Message
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour—Social Hall
- 10:00 am Exploration Hour
- 10:15 am Connect—Room 10
- 10:30 am YoPro Lunch

## **Children in Worship**

**9:00 am Worship** - Children of all ages are invited to come forward for the children's message. Following this time, children 3 years old by September 1, 2022, through grade 3, are welcome to leave for special programs.

**Creative Movement and Music (Ages 3-K)** meets in Westminster Hall.

**Children and Worship (Grades 1,2, & 3)** meets in Room 11. Unless parents make other arrangements, these children will be taken to their Pathways classrooms at the conclusion of these programs. Infant and Toddler Care (through age 3) are available in Room 101 throughout the morning.

## **Exploration Hour**

**PATHWAYS (Preschool and Elementary)** meet in separate age groups, and begin around 10:00 am 3's,4's, and K meet in Room 103, main level - we provide a light snack to our pre schoolers.

1st- 5th Grade meet upstairs in Room 210

Once a month we will combine all children for a special MUSIC experience with our own Ned Wetherald.

**THE OASIS (grades 6-12)** meet in the Fireside Room at 10:15 am each Sunday, with both Middle School and High School ages together until the group grows too large!

For more information about the church and our programs please visit our website at [scpresby.org](http://scpresby.org)

If you are an online attender we hope you will "sign the pew pad" virtually on Sunday mornings by texting "check in" during the welcome and announcement time so we know you're watching! The phone number is:  
**833-234-1326.**



To give via our Online Giving site, scan the QR Code.

## **Sunday Membership Opportunity—April 16th**

Anyone interested in becoming a member of our church family is invited to Pastor John's Office after the worship service April 16th at 10:15 am. You'll meet the pastor, several elders from our Session, and be received into membership if you wish. Questions? Contact Martha Trout ([marthascpc@gmail.com](mailto:marthascpc@gmail.com)).

