



PALM SUNDAY

March 29, 2026 at Eleven O'Clock A.M.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The worship of God begins with the music of the organ. Use this time for meditation and reflection and please refrain from conversation which would disturb others. Please turn off or silence all electronic devices. Following worship, share your friendship with those around you.

GATHERING

- PRELUDE Mr. Ross
- WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH Dr. Grammer
- CHORAL INTROIT: From "Hosanna to the Son of David" David Halls
- Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. *Matthew 21:9*
- * PROCESSIONAL HYMN 192: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" ST. THEODULPH
- * CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Edwards
- Leader: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.
**People: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;
we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.**
- Leader: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow,
for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.
**People: We wave palm branches in anticipation,
we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk**
- Leader: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes:
modeling humility and obedience for all of us.
People: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.
Thom Shuman
- * GLORIA PATRI GREATOREX
- 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.**
- * INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER Dr. Edwards
- 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

** Please stand as you are able.*

On this Sunday, O God, we remember how quickly we change. How fickle we are, how we pledge our devotion one moment and turn our backs the next. We go from shouting “Hosanna! Save Us!” to “Crucify Him.”

We declare that we love our neighbors and then we turn our backs on the homeless and hungry in our communities. We speak up for change and justice in one breath, and then continue unjust practices in daily lives by what we consume and the needs we ignore.

Forgive us, O God, for we are half-hearted believers. Forgive us, O God, for we are partial justice warriors. Forgive us, O God, for we tire easily and we forget, and we grow weary. Forgive us, restore us, and renew us for the journey of faith, so that we might become whole people who live wholly into Your vision of new life. In the name of Christ, who lived into the fullness of humanity, and whom we follow. Amen.

Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell

(Pause for silent confession.)

MEDITATION AND PROCLAMATION

PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 118:1-2, 9-29 Justin Skyes

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S ANTHEM: “We Are On The Lord’s Road” South African Traditional

We are on the Lord’s road. On our way to heaven we are on the Lord’s road. We will sing the Lord’s praise. On our way to heaven we will sing the Lord’s praise.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 21:1-11 Mr. Mauk

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SUNG RESPONSE: “Write These Words” John S. Wilson

Write these words in our hearts, we beseech you, O God.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION Dr. Grammer

* OFFERTORY HYMN 191: “Ride On, Ride On In Majesty!” CANONBURY

* OFFERTORY PRAYER Ms. Meadows

OFFERTORY Mr. Ross

* DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

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

ANTHEM: “My Song Is Love Unknown” Edwin T. Childs

My song is love unknown, my Savior’s love to me, love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be. O who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take, frail flesh and die? Sometimes they strew His way, And his sweet praises sing; resounding all the day hosannas to their king: Then “Crucify!” is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry. Why, what has my Lord done? To cause this rage and spite? He made the lame to run, and gave the blind their sight. What injuries! Yet these are why the Lord most high so cruelly dies, so cruelly dies, my Savior dies, my song of love so cruelly dies. Here might I stay and sing of him my soul adores. Never was love, dear King, never was grief like yours! This is my friend in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend. My song is love.
Samuel Crossman

SERMON: “The Road of Love” Dr. Grammer

RESPONSE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Dr. Grammer

We believe our king comes to us, riding on a donkey, full of humility. He is just; he brings salvation; he brings peace. He leads us with a servant heart toward the cross and Easter morning. He teaches us to love like God – sacrificially, completely. And we shout in anticipation: “Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna!”

CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 205: “Behold the Love, the Grace of God” HAMBURG
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* BENEDICTION Dr. Grammer

* SUNG RESPONSE From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healy Willan, adapt.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

* POSTLUDE

Mr. Ross

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Libby Grammer
Senior Minister

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister

James Mauk
Minister of Music

Lisa Meadows
Minister to Children

Zack Ross
Organist

Maggie Paszek
Acolyte

The Lakeside Chancel Choir

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Today is Palm Sunday, marking the beginning of Holy Week in the Christian calendar. These are some of the most significant days of the church year. The blessing and procession of palms reenacts the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. During Holy Week, we focus intensely on Jesus' last days, his execution, his burial, and finally, with Easter Sunday, his resurrection.

Lenten Series: Spiritual Exercise for the Soul – Just as we care for our physical bodies through exercise or our minds through training, so too should we care for our souls through spiritual exercise. During Lent this year, let us push ourselves to reach beyond our own schedules and to-do lists and embrace this season of introspection to discern what God has in store for us as we allow God to renew us in preparation for the celebration of Easter Resurrection. On the altar are symbols of some of the classical disciplines that have guided the Christian faith: Bible study, prayer, worship, meditation, and service.

Restrooms, including a wheelchair-accessible family restroom, are located in the hallway behind the sanctuary. Please ask an usher if you need directions. **Childcare** is available in the preschool building. If you have a young child who becomes restless during worship, you are welcome to utilize our **Kids' Corner** in the back of the sanctuary by the audio booth. **Children's worship bags** are available in the narthex and have a variety of items that will help to make worship more meaningful for our children. Please return them to the narthex following worship. **Bibles and several large print hymnals** are available for your convenience and are located in the Prayer Room off the Narthex. Please ask an usher as you enter the sanctuary. **Wireless hearing aides** are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex. Please ask an usher to assist you with a set. You may return the hearing aid to the Prayer Room following worship. **We are grateful for our choral scholars**, Jackson Baldwin, Allison Benoit, Rebecca Blackwell, Esther Keller, and Jacob McCain, who enrich our music ministry in many ways. Choral Scholars and guest singers are supported by the **Gossett-Biggs Music Fund**. Anyone interested in supporting the fund is invited to designate a contribution.

Lakeside Fellowship and Ministry

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember the following persons who need our prayers and support:

At Home:

Janice Bobbit (Chuck Taylor's Sister), 4204 Whitehurst Dr., Wilmington, 28409

Robyn Edwards Chapman (Jeannette Pittman's cousin), 1481 Richardson Road, Apt. C406, Apex, NC 27523

Bob Davis (Dan Davis' brother), 427 McIver Street, Greenville, SC 29601

Doug Edwards, 4699 Moreland Drive, Battleboro, NC 27809

Michele Costa Foster, 105 Gloucester Court (03)

Charlotte Gilliam, 3794 Loblolly Drive (04)

Bill Jones (Dorrie Wright's brother)

C. B. Morris, 1930 Northern Boulevard (04)

Jeannette and Grady Pittman, 313 Englewood Drive (04)

Cornelia Singletary, 15 Weatherstone Drive (04)

Patricia Taylor (Napoleon Taylor's wife), 514 Hammond Street (04)

Betsy Waters, 401 E. Rhode Island Ave., Room 275, Southern Pines, NC 28387

Our Members at Home:

Chuck Daniel (Brenda and Dennis Culpepper's nephew)

Margaret Harper, Cottage #5209-101, Magnolia Glen, 5301 Creedmoor Road, Raleigh, NC 27612

Cody Richardson, 1518 Fountain Branch Road (03)

Keith Abbott, 3413 Brookview Drive (04)

Anne Chappell has moved to Raleigh. Her new address is 4510 Lead Mine Road, #3008, Raleigh, NC 27612.

GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT

Please plan to join us for our ecumenical Good Friday concert at First Baptist Church on Friday, April 3, at 7:00 p.m. Lakeside will join with singers from six other churches and the NCWU Singers to present Theodore Dubois' *The Seven Last Words of Christ* with chamber orchestra. This event is free and open to the public, and a free will offering will be accepted to offset costs for the event. We hope to see you there, and that you will invite your friends and family to join in this meaningful community event.

FINAL ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICE

This is your last chance to join us for worship and lunch as Lakeside and our partner churches come together to journey toward the cross. Our final Lenten service will be held Wednesday, April 1, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, with the Rev. Dr. David Joyner, Senior Pastor of First United Methodist Church, preaching.

FLOWERING CROSS

For our celebration on Easter Sunday, April 5, there will be a Flowering Cross in Lehman Courtyard. We invite you to bring cut flowers, from your own yard if possible, to place on the cross prior to worship as a witness to the new life offered to us through Christ's Resurrection.

MISSIONS MARKETPLACE

Make plans to join us for our 2026 Missions Marketplace on Sunday, April 26, following worship. We will enjoy a covered-dish luncheon, music by the children's choir, and a silent auction to benefit the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's Offering for Global Missions.

We are seeking donations of arts and crafts items, services like babysitting or flower arranging, and themed gift baskets for the silent auction. Everyone has a gift or talent to offer! Contact the church office for more information.

THIS WEEK AT LAKESIDE

Sunday, March 29: Palm Sunday

11:00 a.m. Worship, *Sanctuary*

12:15 p.m. Palm Sunday Luncheon

& Easter Egg Hunt, *Robbins Hall*

**NO EVENING PRESCHOOL, CHILDREN'S,
& YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

Tuesday, March 31

12:00 p.m. Labyrinth Communion Service, *Labyrinth*

Wednesday, April 1

10:00 a.m. Dove Notes, *Conference Room*

12:00 p.m. Community Lenten Worship & Lunch,
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

4:00 p.m. Turnage Lecture Series Committee,
Conference Room

6:00 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal, *Music Suite*

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, *Music Suite*

7:00 p.m. Navigating GriefLand, *Parlor*

Thursday, April 2: Maundy Thursday

10:00 a.m. Needles & Prayers, *Parlor*

10:30 a.m. Lakeside Preschool Easter Party,
Robbins Hall

5:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper, *Robbins Hall*

6:30 p.m. Worship with Communion and Tenebrae,
Sanctuary

Friday, April 3: Good Friday

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Concert, *First Baptist Church*

Sunday, April 5: Easter Sunday

9:45 a.m. Growing Together Groups,

Education Building

10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*

11:00 a.m. Worship, *Sanctuary*

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SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday - March 29

11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship

12:15 p.m. Covered Dish Luncheon &
Easter Egg Hunt

Holy Tuesday - March 31

12:00 p.m. Labyrinth Communion Service

Holy Wednesday - April 1

12:00 p.m. Ecumenical Lenten Service

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Maundy Thursday - April 2

5:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Supper

6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship
with Tenebrae

Good Friday - April 3

7:00 p.m. Choral Presentation of

The Seven Last Words of Christ

at First Baptist Church of Rocky Mount

Easter Sunday - April 5

11:00 a.m. Worship