



The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!" John 12:13

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"The Very Stones Would Cry Out"

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

PROCLAMATION OF ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

ORGAN PROCESSIONAL: *Palm Sunday* by Robert Hughes

PALM PROCESSION

Here I Am to Worship

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GATHERING PRAYER

Hosanna

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter 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.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O Lord Christ, as you once entered Jerusalem, enter our hearts this day afresh. As you once set your face toward death on a cross, help us this day to walk with you to victory. As the children once cried "Hosanna" to bless you, enable us to confess you openly as Lord and Savior. Grant us your presence by the power of your Spirit, that our worship and our lives may truly honor you. Amen.

Holy Forever

CALL OF CONFESSION



PALM SUNDAY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you rode a donkey and came in peace, humbled yourself and gave yourself for us. We confess our lack of humility. As you entered Jerusalem, the crowds shouted "Hosanna: 'Save us now!'" On Good Friday they shouted "Crucify!" We confess our praise is often empty. We sing "Hosanna," but cry "Crucify." As the crowd laid their palms in front of you, you took no glory for yourself. We confess that we want to be accepted and take the easy way. We do not stay true to your will. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to follow in the way of obedience.

SILENT CONFESSION

L: Lord have mercy

P: Christ have mercy

L: Lord have mercy

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor Nick

(Children are invited to Children's Church following this time).

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE: Luke 19:28-40

SERMON: "The Very Stones Would Cry Out"

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna Hymn #89

Responding to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/DOXOLOGY

BENEDICTION

CHARGE/SENDING

ORGAN POSTLUDE *The Palms* by Jean Baptiste Faure



Prayers of the People

Call the office at (269) 945-5463 or email at office@firstchurchhastings.org to submit a prayer request, or praise, for yourself or a loved one. Urgent requests Fri-Sun, send to Pastor Nick (360) 927-3782.

MaryMartha Melendy requests prayers for Don Groendyke, former Hastings resident & long-time friend of the Melendys, now living in AZ. Don has recently been hospitalized with cardiac issues and is waiting for a determination of which procedure can be done. He and his wife, Jane, are grateful to be remembered in your prayers.

Prayers for Chuck and Connie Semerad and the entire extended family as they navigate their lives in the unexpected. Pray especially for Chuck and Connie as they live apart, Chuck at home and Connie at Thornapple Manor.

Continued prayers for Karen (Melendy) Janutolo, sister-in-law, of MaryMartha Melendy. Karen had spinal surgery in Muskegon on Monday, April 7.

The First Presbyterian Church Prayer Chain is an opportunity for all members and regular participants to pray for specific needs requested by anyone **with the permission of the person/s being prayed for.** If you wish to submit a prayer, contact Julia in the office at 269 945-5463 or feel free to fill out a form located at the Connection Point.

THIS WEEK ^{at} GLANCE



Sunday, April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

Adult Bible School 8:30 AM

Worship- In-Person & Live on Facebook 10:00 AM

Youth Group 5:00 PM

Monday, April 14, 2025

Peace Through Grief 9:00 AM

Pickleball 3:15 PM

Family Ministry Meeting-In Person 6:30 PM

Private Event-Gym 7:00 PM

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Prayer Team 9:30 AM

Hand2Hand 10:00 AM

Staff Meeting 10:00 AM

Hand2Hand Coffee Time 10:30 AM

Private Event-Gym 3:00 PM

Deacon Meeting 4:00 PM

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Bulletin Announcements

Ministry Minutes Due

Newsletter Deadline

Knit Wits 10:30 AM

Sweet Pickles(Gentle Play Pickleball) 1:30 PM

Pickleball 3:15 PM

Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM

Artist Club 10:00 AM

Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 PM

Friday, April 18, 2025

Pickleball 9:15 AM

Good Friday Service 7:00 PM

Saturday, April 19, 2025

Open Play Pickleball 10:00 AM

Private Event-Gym 4:00 PM

Sunday, April 20, 2025

Easter

Easter Brunch 9:00 AM

Worship- In-Person & Live on Facebook 10:00 AM

Announcements

EASTER CARDS: Please take a moment today to sign Easter cards for our homebound friends. These will be delivered by Deacons, along with a plant for them to enjoy!

THIS SEASON OF EASTER we again have the opportunity to participate in the Special Deacon Offering, either through regular envelopes, online, or personal checks. Your gifts designated for this will allow the Deacons to partner with the Mission Committee in addressing both congregational and community needs.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING is the annual offering from our church to the PCUSA Special Offerings. These funds help to support three focus areas: Disaster Assistance, Hunger Programs, and Self-Development of People. The envelope in the bulletin today is set for collection on Easter Sunday! Children also have the chance to give using the fish coin boxes that have been available in Sunday School.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY is accepting candy donations for our upcoming Easter egg hunt. If you would like to donate, please place candy in bin located by the Connection Point. Thank you.

FPC'S CALL TO ARTIST will come to an end this week. Please plan to pick up your artwork after Sunday morning Easter service. Thanks to all who participated.

CHOIR REHEARSAL in preparation for Easter Sunday continues. Final rehearsal will take place on April 16th from 6:30–7:30pm.

BELL CHOIR RESUMES! Anita will hold two bell choir rehearsals prior to a presentation during the service on May 4, 2025. Please email or text Patti to let her know you are able to attend both rehearsals in preparation for the service.
Rehearse: April 24 from 10-11a.m. and advanced players 10-11:30a.m.
Rehearse: May 1 from 10-11:00 a.m. and advanced players from 10-11:30a.m.

GREETERS: Curt and Suan Harig

Organ Notes

The opening organ fanfare entitled *Palm Sunday* will be used for the palm processional at the beginning of the service. It features the new trumpet reed stop on our pipe organ. Virtually all the songs this morning refer to the word "hosanna." This word is used biblically to express adoration, praise, or joy. Let your singing audibly reflect your joyfulness! Our closing hymn is a Palm Sunday standard. The two opening stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, and the third stanza shifts to the present, expressing what we currently do and believe. The postlude is one I look forward to playing every year, but only once a year on this date. There is a sung text to this this melody and, if you're interested, you'll have to look it up yourself. It proclaims all that is part of the joyfulness of this Sunday!



Holy Week Schedule

MAUNDY THURSDAY



Thursday, April 17 @ 7 p.m. - We remember the last evening Jesus shared with His disciples which celebrates His example of humble service and self-offering.



Friday, April 18 @ 7 p.m.- We proclaim the good news of salvation through Jesus' sacrificial death of the cross. Additionally, all are welcome anytime from sunrise to sunset to come walk our Labyrinth to reflect and pray.



Sunday, April 20 @ 10 a.m.-all are welcome to come and share in the triumphant celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus. Easter Brunch @ 9 a.m. Kids Easter Egg Hunt @ 9:30 a.m.

UPCOMING Events



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS OPEN

APPLY TODAY

Application Deadline – April 30th

Applications available in church office or see Brandon Johnson



JOIN US FOR THE
2ND ANNUAL
EASTER BRUNCH

Followed by an
Easter Egg Hunt
before service

April 20th, 2025
9am

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STAFF OFFICE HOURS:

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Julia Bachman (Admin Assistant) Mon-Thurs: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Nancy Allarding (Financial Manager) Mon & Tues: 10:00am - 4:00pm

Brandon Johnson Church Life Director/Youth Leader) Tues & Thurs: 10:00am -2:00pm

Casey Raffler (Church Administrator) Tues & Thurs: 9am-2pm

Angela Stanton (Noah's Ark Preschool Director) During School Weeks: Mon, Tues, & Thurs: 7:45am-3:15pm Wed: 7:45am-1:15pm.



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