

March 29, 2026, 11am  
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *The Palms* ~ Gabriel Faure

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

Choral Introit

God is good

**Every day**

And every day

**God is good**

Call to Worship

Will you follow? Will you lay down your coat?

Will you lay down something important?

Will you shout “Hosanna”? Will you join the parade?

Will you sing, even if your throat is hoarse?

Will you cut down a palm branch? Will you wave it in the air?

Will you follow the one riding on a donkey?

Will you let this good news inspire you to act?

**We will. We will sing. We will pay close attention.**

**We will worship. We will follow.**

Hosanna in the highest!

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer of the Day

God of the humbled and rejected, you did not exploit your divine position or power but, faithful in your love, came as a human to live among us, spending your life with outcasts and sinners and opening gates that long had been closed. You were mocked and insulted, denied, and betrayed, spat upon and beaten, convicted, and crucified for claiming a kingdom of the lost and forsaken. Make us bold to follow you, to set our faces like flint toward your coming kingdom of justice, righteousness, and peace, where those who have been rejected are considered indispensable. All this we pray through Jesus Christ, our cornerstone. Amen.

\*Opening Hymn ~ *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* ~ No. 197

Hosanna, loud hosanna,

the little children sang;

through pillared court and temple

the joyful anthem rang.

To Jesus, who had blessed them,

close folded to his breast,

the children sang their praises,

the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed  
‘mid an exultant crowd,  
the victor palm branch waving,  
and chanting clear and loud;  
the Lord of earth and heaven  
rode on in lowly state,  
nor scorned that little children  
should on his bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!”  
That ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer;  
the Lord of heaven, our King.  
O may we ever praise him  
with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence  
eternally rejoice.

#### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

#### Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

#### *Our God Is an Awesome God* ~ No. 616

Our God is an awesome God  
who reigns from heaven above  
with wisdom, power, and love;  
our God is an awesome God!

#### Children’s Time

#### Prayers of the People

#### Lord’s Prayer

**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.**

Minute for Mission ~ One Great Hour of Sharing, Doug Cashing

Presentation of the Offering

\**Doxology* ~ No. 606

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

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Anthem ~ *Ride on in Majesty* ~ Gordon Young

Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

**Listen to the word that God has spoken;  
listen to the One who is close at hand;  
listen to the voice that began creation;  
listen even if you don't understand.**

Scripture Readings

*Psalm 24*

1The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;  
2for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.  
3Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?  
4Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false,  
and do not swear deceitfully.  
5They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation.  
6Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Selah  
7Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may  
come in.  
8Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.  
9Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may  
come in.  
10Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah

*Matthew 21:1-11*

21When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives,  
Jesus sent two disciples, 2saying 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. 3If anyone  
says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them  
immediately." 4This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,  
5"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." 6The disciples went and did as Jesus had  
directed them; 7they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he  
sat on them. 8A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches

from the trees and spread them on the road. 9The 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!” 10When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” 11The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

The Word of God  
**The Word of Life**

Message

Music for Meditation

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

*Refrain:*

All glory, laud, and honor  
to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel,  
thou David’s royal Son,  
who in the Lord’s name comest,  
the King and blessed One. (*Refrain*)

The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayers and anthems  
before thee we present. (*Refrain*)

To thee, before thy passion,  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise. (*Refrain*)

Thou didst accept their praises;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest,  
thou good and gracious King! (*Refrain*)

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Rejoice, the Lord is King* ~ James Mansfield

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## Prayer List

Joe Hovey	Emily Kennedy	Matt Isenberg
Judy Sanchez	Martin Hatch	Craig Polson
Joe Gullo	Mark Newcomb	Chase Ewoldt
Sally Belloli	Diane Trippany	Avrie Sinesiou
Joseph Kwiatkowski	Alyssa Daly and Family	Renee Ensell
Ken Stebbins	Punkie & Craig Sinesiou	Kim Whitney
Judi Blair	John & Rachel Wheaton	Carol Bess
Thomas Burian	Sylvia Lynch	Bruce Levine
Cataleya Casas	Ron Register	Dennis Whittaker
Don Caldwell		

*Please let the office know who should be removed and who needs to be added.  
Thank you for your help!*

### Church Calendar for the Week of 3/29/26

Sunday – Mar 29	9:30am Bible Study
<i>Palm Sunday</i>	11am Worship
Tuesday – Mar 31	6:30pm Scouts
Wednesday – Apr 1	6:30pm Scouts
Thursday – Apr 2	5pm Finance
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	5:30pm BYO Dinner
	6pm Scouts
	6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service - Chapel
	7pm Bible Study
	Choir
Friday – Apr 3	10am Coffee & Conversation at Tim Hortons
<i>Good Friday</i>	Noon Walk the Way of the Cross – Lincoln Park
Sunday – Apr 5	<b>No Bible Study</b>
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	11am Worship
	Noon Children's Easter Egg Hunt



**Birthdays**



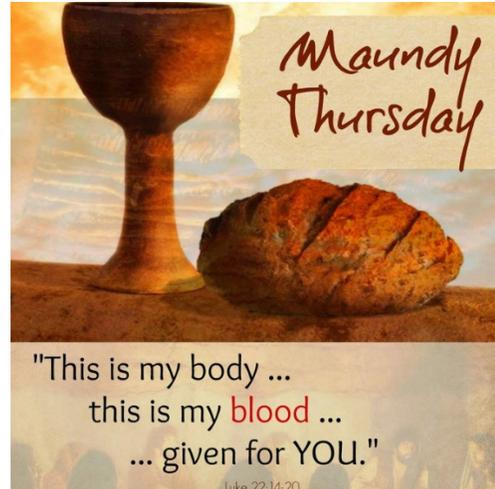
**Anniversaries**

30 William Burton, Sr.

## Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 2nd,  
6:30pm

Join us for a  
Chapel Service.



## Walk the Way of the Cross

Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Noon

Walk Begins at Lincoln Park

Walk through town stopping at  
churches for readings and  
prayers.

## Easter Sunday

April 5<sup>th</sup>, 11am

Invite someone to come join us  
and celebrate our risen Savior!

*Children's Easter Egg Hunt  
to follow Worship*

