



First Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 30th, 2025



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Order of Worship

Prelude "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," from *Cantata 147* J. S. Bach, arr. Harvey Grace
Bruce Stevens, organ

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Josh Andrzejewski

Introit *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* arr. Sandra Eithun
Chancel Bells

*Call to Worship Rev. Stephanie Hamilton

One: Amid the storms and in the stillness

All: God whispers to us. God stirs us to hope.

We thirst. We come to the waters.

We are hungry. We seek the bread of life.

We come to worship.

Come Holy Spirit, fill our hearts anew.

*Hymn 410 "God Is Calling through the Whisper" W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY

*Prayer of Confession

One: I confess to God, in the company of all God's people,
that my life and the life of the world are broken by my sin.

All: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Amen.

**We confess to God, in the company of all God's people,
that our lives and the life of the world are broken by our sin.**

May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Amen.

*Passing the Peace

Time for Young Disciples Cate Jobe

*Children ages 3 years through 5th grade are invited to Children's Chapel.
They may be picked up from the chapel or playground following worship.*

Hymn 2738 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" MARYTON

Prayer for Illumination Rev. Josh Andrzejewski

Scripture Reading Amos 5:14-15, 21-24 OT p. 805
Revelation 21:1-4 NT p. 244

***Please rise in body or in spirit.**

Sermon

“God Is Not an Escape Plan”

*Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Derek Starr Redwine

We believe in God, who is Mystery. We believe in God, who commands us to do justice, take responsibility, and love our enemies. We believe in God, whose wisdom is both a comfort and a challenge. We believe in God, whose love for us, and others, knows no end. We believe in God, who was, is, and forever will be.

Anthem

There Is a Balm in Gilead
Chancel Bells

arr. Michael Helman

Call to Offering

*Doxology (Prayer of Thanksgiving)

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
the love of Christ into our hearts. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the 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.

* Hymn 376 (vv. 1, 4-6)

“When All Is Ended”

sung to SINE NOMINE

*Charge and Benediction

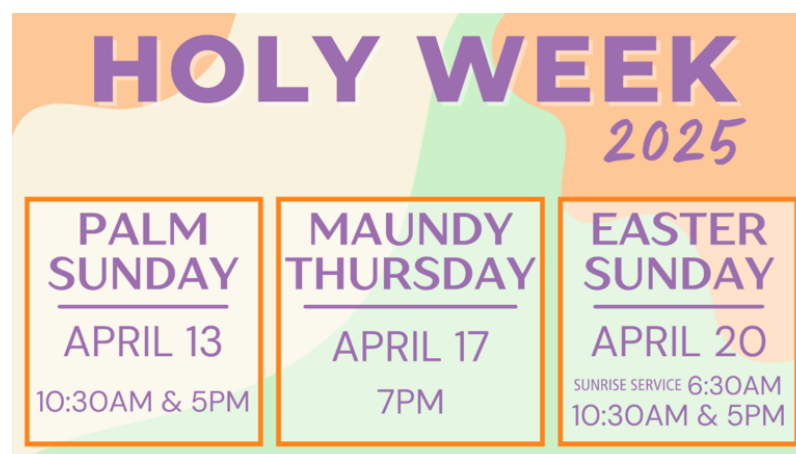
Rev. Josh Andrzejewski

Postlude

“Allegro,” from *Concerto in A Minor*

J. S. Bach, after Antonio Vivaldi

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FELLOWSHIP AT FIRST

TUESDAY, APRIL 8
12 NOON
FELLOWSHIP HALL

FEATURING:
Rev. Derek Starr Redwine

Creating A LGBTQIA+ Safe Space

The Rev. Derek Starr Redwine will share his thoughts on the opportunities and challenges our church faces in its desire to be an open and affirming congregation that welcomes and includes members of the LGBTQ+ community. There will be an opportunity for questions. Lunch will be served (with a suggested donation of \$15).

Use the QR Code or visit fpcrichmond.org/falstapr to register



*Hear My Prayer:
Songs of Prayer and Praise*

An evening of choral and instrumental music to prepare for Holy Week featuring our Chancel Choir and other special guests performing works by Felix Mendelssohn, Alice Parker, Jane Marshall, Moses Hogan, and more.

Bruce Stevens
Organ

Margaret Taylor Woods
Soprano

Jennifer Lawson
Flute

Jason N. Brown
Conductor

FRIDAY
APRIL 11 | **7 PM**



Easter Lily Memorials

If you wish to provide an Easter lily as a memorial or make a donation to our Music Fund as a memorial, complete the form by April 13.

This week's usher team includes: Laura Bland, Caley Cantrell, Ken Horton, Kierston Koplin, Ann Latstetter, Blanche Toms, Peter Toms

Elders at the doors: Clark Lewis, Susan McNulty, Jim Purser

Flowers in the Sanctuary were arranged by Julie Langan. Flowers in the Memorial Corridor were arranged by Kathy Watson.

Please keep in your prayers those with special concerns:

- Christi Barranger, health concerns
- Bev Berwick (*Jim Berwick's mother*), health concerns
- Sarah Campbell (*Kit and Pat Campbell's daughter*), health concerns
- Pat Lintner (*Christa Santos' father*), health concerns
- John Miller, in treatment for brain cancer
- Barbara Mitchell (*Judy Noble's mother*), in hospice care
- Jane Neer, health concerns
- Byrd Newton (*Emily Laux's father*), health concerns
- Jacquie Nolley, health concerns
- Sue Parrish (*Kathy Nelson's mother*), recovering from surgery
- Betty Proffitt (*Jenny Morris' mother*), health concerns
- Sandra Putbrese (*Cortland Putbrese's mother*), health concerns
- Sherri Rose, health concerns
- Sharon Spencer, health concerns
- Vicki Warren, recovering from surgery

Those Grieving:

- Sue McGann on the death of her husband, Bob McGann, on March 23.

We pray for members and family serving in the military:

Tripp Bowles, Jenny Sigel Burkett, Joshua Garber, Zach Kirk, Mason Louthan, Nathan Thomas Meade, Peyton Spivey, Pierce Tarry, and Will Watkins

How can we pray for you?

You can submit concerns and celebrations at fpcrichmond.org/prayer or let one of our pastors know.



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