



Service of Worship

Palm Sunday

April 13th, 2025 || 10:00 a.m.

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Assemble in God's Name

We joyfully welcome you to worship this morning!
All are invited to use the Reflection and Prelude as a time of preparation.

Prayerful Reflection

Joel Welty (*adapted*)

O Lord, you rode on...
 *over the cloaks and under the branches,
 through the shouts and past the praises.*

O Lord, you rode on...
 *towards the controversy and the cost,
 towards the curses and the cross.*

O Lord, you rode on.
 *through the tomb and the grave,
 through our time and space.*

O Lord, you rode on.
 *Give us the strength, hope, and joy we need as we follow
 as we commit ourselves to walking in the same way. Amen.*

Prelude

Trumpet Tune in E

David Johnson

Welcome

**Call to Worship*

Leader: We come with palms and praises raised in celebration!

People: “Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Leader: We marvel at a Messiah who comes to save us.

But do we really want what Jesus brings?

People: We shout with joy but cling to the familiar, standing in the tension of celebration and challenge.

Leader: The journey to the cross begins this day.

People: The journey to justice and peace begins this day.

Leader: Come, let us follow.

People: Let us worship the Lord!

Hymn #196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*Vallet Will Ich Dir
Geben*

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra-cious King!

to Refrain

**Invitation to Confess*

**Prayer of Confession*

Great King on a Colt,
We wave palms in celebration
and greet you with shouts of “Hosanna,”
but we resist the transformation you seek.
You call us to justice,
but we cling to comfort,
counting the cost before following you.
You call us to service,
but we prefer power and privilege,
choosing convenience over sacrifice time and again.
You call us to love our neighbors,
but we build walls,
separating ourselves from those you call us to love.

Forgive us for calling you Lord,
for seeking your guidance,
for asking you to “save us,”
but then choosing other paths
when yours seems too costly.
We lay before you our pride, our fears, our hesitation.
Hosanna, we pray. Save us!

~ silent reflection and confession ~

**Assurance of Grace*

Leader: *Friends, celebrate the Gospel.
Christ meets us not with condemnation,
but with compassion and grace strong enough to bear the cross.*
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, set free from fear,
and called into the way of grace. Praise the Lord!**

"Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,
for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

The musical score is written on four staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing, for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King. O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

**Passing of the Peace*

Leader: Who is this riding into our midst without a weapon in hand?
Who dares challenge power and status quo with nothing but his presence?
Who meets our cries not with armies, but with peace?
People: The cry for salvation still echoes today,
and Christ still meets it with peace.
Leader: May Jesus' peace be with you.
People: And also with you.

- All in the sanctuary are invited to share peace with others -

Livestream Check-In

- Children are invited to come forward.-

Children's Message

*A Dramatic Presentation of Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem
Based on Matthew 21: 1-9, Mark 11: 1-10, & Luke 19: 38-44*

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

John 5: 1-11

Leader: For the word of God in Scripture,
For the word of God among us,
For the word of God within us,
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Questions Jesus Asked—Part : 6
Do you want to be made well?

Respond in Thanks & Faith

Hymn #200

A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd

Christian Love



1 A cheer - ing, chant - ing, diz - zy crowd had
2 They laid their gar - ments in the road and
3 When day dimmed down to deep - ening dark the
4 Lest we be fooled be - cause our hearts have
5 In - stead of palms, a wind - ing sheet will



stripped the green trees bare, and hail - ing Christ as
spread his path with palms and vows of last - ing
crowd be - gan to fade till on - ly tram - pled
surged with pass - ing praise, re - mind us, God, as
have to be un - rolled, a car - pet much more



king a - loud, waved branch - es in the air.
love be - stowed with roy - al hymns and psalms.
leaves and bark were left from the pa - rade.
this week starts where Christ has fixed his gaze.
fit to greet the king a cross will hold.

Offering Our Gifts to God

Ways to offer financial gifts

- Towsonpres.org – click the orange “Give” button at top of page
- Text a dollar amount to 84321
- Drop off or mail check to the church



- Scan this QR code

Offertory

Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates

William Mathias

Prayers of the People & 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 #198

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

St. Drostan

1 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the
 2 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
 3 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of
 4 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur -
 pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and
 pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to

sues its road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
 now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 mor - tal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

**Benediction*

Postlude

Fugue, Op. 12

Maurice Duruflé

Towson Presbyterian Church
Inclusive - Curious - Compassionate - Courageous

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Our Mission:

Towson Presbyterian Church is an inclusive community of faith
growing as disciples of Christ

TPC is a PC(USA) *Earth Care Congregation*,
and a member of the *Covenant Network* (striving for a fully inclusive church).

New Here? Welcome—*just as you are.*

We're so glad you're here! We hope you find meaning in our worship and connection within our community of faith. TPC offers two worship opportunities on Sundays: 10:00am in-person and 10:00am live-stream via Facebook, YouTube, and towsonpres.org.

While children are whole-heartedly welcome at all TPC's worship services, our professionally staffed nursery is available for children 0-4 (see a deacon with a red nametag for directions).

We'd cherish the chance to connect with you. If you feel led, please fill out a visitor form at towsonpres.org/contact, so we can get to know you! We appreciate your presence here today, and we hope you are blessed by your time worshipping with us.

We deeply appreciate you joining us today, and hope you are blessed by your time worshipping with us.

Prayer List:

Susan Baity, Sue Bromley, Walter Cesewski, Jim Flick, Deborah Ford, Jennifer Gettier, Bill Klady, Ed Lotz, Tim Lotz, Julie Mertus, Joyce Nuttall, Family of Phillip Pugh, Alan Randolph, Janice Searles, The Family of Susan Shockley, Russell Smouse, Sue Thompson, Mitzi Tyrie, Lee Weber. *Names are listed for three weeks unless otherwise requested.*

TPC News, Mission, and Ministry Updates

Assisting in Worship || Julie Kreif*, Jason Fitzsimmons, Norma Haynes, Tony Kreif, Karen Morris, Judith Rietz, Susan Shockley, Carol Whiteford

Dramatic Scriptural Presentation || We give thanks for all those who poured their time and talent into this morning's dramatic presentation, practiced during LOGOS:

Narrator – Will Mascari	Jesus – Clara Palmer
Disciple 1 – Jasen Carter	Disciple 2 – Whitney Grimm
Bystander – Sophie Forbes-Soirez	Pharisee – Lenore Chapman

Written & Directed by Carol Appleby

Palm Sunday Scripture Lenten Series: Exploring The Questions That Jesus Asked || Sundays, 11:15–12:30pm in person & 5:30–6:30pm virtual, March 16, March 23, March 30, April 6, April 13 || Jesus' questions to his followers in Scripture can also be an invitation to us to explore our faith and deepen our relationship with God. This Lent, we will reflect on five questions that Jesus asked. **The final question of the week is, “Can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?”**

Maundy Thursday Service || Thursday, April 17, 7:30pm || Join us for a Tenebrae Service of Shadows with the Lord's Supper, in-person or virtually. Childcare will not be provided at this time.

Good Friday Service || Friday, April 18, 12:00pm || This brief, Taize-inspired service will take place in the front of the sanctuary, and will also be livestreamed. Children's programming will not be provided on Good Friday.

Easter Sunday Services || Sunday, April 20, 9:00am and 11:00am || The 9:00am service will be offered in-person and virtually, while the 11:00am service will be offered in-person only. Noah's Nursery will be provided (0–PreK) at both services, but not Church School.

Easter Breakfast || April 20, 10:00am || Stay after the 9:00am service or come early to the 11:00am and enjoy a light, continental breakfast in Thompson Hall.

Easter Egg Hunt || Sunday, April 20, 10:20am || Children and families should bring their own baskets and meet us outside in the side yard for an Easter Egg Hunt in between services. Arrive early as we'll begin the hunt at 10:20am sharp!

Easter Sunday Flowers || Today–April 15 || It's the season of renewal! Honor or remember your loved ones by donating flowers to symbolize love, hope, and new beginnings. Complete the order form and the names will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Visit towsonpres.org/forms to submit your order.

Easter Breakfast Volunteers || Sunday, April 20, 10-11am || Our Hunger Action Team invites you to assist with preparing and/or contributing items for our Easter Morning Light Continental Breakfast, served from 10-11am (between our 9am and 11am services). [Sign up now!](#)

Earth Month Calendar || April 1 – 30 || Check out the Earth Care Action Team's 2025 Earth Month Calendar! Starting Sat., 3/29, with the launch of the Intergenerational Garden, join in a new activity or reflection each day. Take action to care for our community and the Earth, whether solo or with friends and family! [Click here](#) to view our calendar. If you want to sign up to volunteer or see what else we have going on, visit our [ECAT page](#) or [Facebook Group](#). All ages are welcome. Hard copies will also be available in the Narthex. Please contact Carol Appleby or Dave Britt, our Mission Coordinator, with any questions.

Blue Jean Sunday || Sunday, April 27, 11:30am–1:00pm || Help us care for our building, grounds, and Intergenerational Garden! Wear your work clothes to worship and stay after as we split up to tackle different projects around the church.

TPC Tree Watering || M-F, April 1-Oct.1 || Sign up to water TPC's 13 new trees and watch them flourish over the season! Multiple weekly time slots are available. [Sign up here!](#) For more information, contact Property Chair, Jessica Krueger.

P5 Moms Connect Group Gathering || Friday, May 2, 6:00-8:00pm || If you would like to have a night out and connect with other pregnant women and moms with children through 5th grade, we would love to have you join us for our first Friday of the month evening of connecting as we enjoy a beautiful charcuterie board with a mini massage/facial. Register at towsonpres.org/events! For more information, you can reach out to Teresa Labarre or Dotsie Bregel.

Birth Announcement || We celebrate the new life of Josephine Elizabeth Jackson, granddaughter of Patricia and David Jackson, born to Haley and Robert Jackson on April 9, 2025.



Church Center || TPC's new mobile app church management software is a wonderful way to stay connected to all things TPC! To download it, scan this QR

code, or visit towsonpres.org/churchcenter to learn more. Please be sure to register for the directory, using the email address that the church has on file for you to create your account and/or log in (if you need help, please contact the church office).



One Great Hour of Sharing || One Great Hour of Sharing, one of the 4 Special Offerings of the PC(USA), supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promotes development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assists in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. You can make a donation to the One Great Hour of Sharing through the QR Code.

TPC This Week

Sun 4/13:	10:00am	Noah's Nursery (Lower Level)
	10:00am	Palm Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary/Livestream)
	10:15am	Church School (PreK/K-5 th)
	11:20am	Exploring Questions Jesus Asked (Library)
	12:00pm	Sunday Community Lunch (Thompson Hall)
Mon 4/14:	10:00am	Bible Study: General Epistles (Zoom)
	7:00pm	BeeTree Committee Mtg (Library)
	7:00pm	Circle 13 (Thompson Hall)
	All day	TPC Tree Watering (Manse Property)
Tue 4/15:	10:30am	Staff Meeting (Library)
	1:30pm	Prayer Shawl Knitting (Nook)
	6:30pm	Mission and Outreach Committee Mtg. (Zoom)
	7:00pm	Book Study: Politics of Jesus (Zoom)
	7:00pm	CFYM Committee Mtg. (Zoom)
	7:30pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Wed 4/16:	All day	TPC Tree Watering (Manse Property)
Thu 4/17:	8:00am 7:30pm	Men's Breakfast Maundy Thursday Worship Service
Fri 4/18:	12:00pm All day	Good Friday Worship Service TPC Tree Watering (Manse Property)