

SENDING

* HYMN #91 – “Ride On! Ride On in Majesty”

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING RESPONSE – “Near the Cross”

**“Jesus, keep me near the cross;
there a precious fountain,
there the bright and morning star
sheds its beams around me.
In the cross, in the cross,
be my glory ever,
till my raptured soul shall find
rest beyond the river.”**

* POSTLUDE

Hosanna

Webber

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* indicates please stand, if able

BOLD indicates ALL read



WE BID ALL who have come to worship a warm welcome in the name of Jesus Christ! If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become part of this community of faith and learn about what it means to follow Jesus Christ. Find more info at: www.firstprescarlisle.org.

~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

TODAY, we welcome the following new members:

Ian Wewer and Kristin Brenize-Wewer

TODAY, after worship, please come to Fellowship Hall for a time of conversation and light refreshments.

TODAY, serving in worship:

~ Reader: Fred Seltzer

~ Greeters/Ushers: Richard & Debra Bressler; Lyn Barr

~ Fellowship Hosts: Board of Deacons

~ Video Recorder: Joe Shane

~ Audio Recorder: Ray Thomas

THIS WEEK, in our prayers:

* in the presbytery: Great Conewago (Gettysburg); Rev. D. Brand Eaton

* in the community: UPMC-Carlisle Hospital Chaplaincy

* in the congregation (at random): Brian Carlson; Denise Kelly

2025 LENTEN CONCERT/LUNCHEON SERIES: IT'S A WRAP!

~ **Many thanks to Art Thompson** for securing a line-up of inspirational musicians for our concert series.

~ **Many thanks to Deb Richcreek** for coordinating our wonderful luncheons, and to all who lent a hand in any way to support this community outreach.

~ **Many thanks to all who attended** to make these events successful. As a result, a donation of **\$1,870** was made to Project SHARE (\$927 of which was donated by March 31 to receive “Match Madness” funds).



~ **Thursday, 7 PM:** Maundy Thursday worship, with Communion
~ **Friday, Noon-2 PM:** Community Ecumenical Cross Walk (*details below*)
~ **Friday, 7 PM:** Good Friday worship, “Seven Last Words from the Cross”
(Note: There is no Wednesday choir rehearsal this week.)

A *Community Ecumenical “Stations of the Cross” Walk* will be held on Good Friday. This event provides an opportunity for the Christian community to come together to reflect, pray, and celebrate the journey of Jesus to the cross as we walk together throughout our community. Begin at Noon at New Life Community Church (64 E. North St.), where parking is available; and conclude at 2 PM at St. Patrick Shrine Church (E. Pomfret St). This is a rain-or-shine event. (NOTE: A stop is planned at First Church at 1:15 PM).

NEXT SUNDAY.....EASTER SUNDAY.....APRIL 20th
(No Sunday school hour or fellowship time)

> **7:30 AM:** Easter Sunrise service, church lawn (please bring a chair)

> **10:45 AM:** Worship, with Sacrament of Communion

THANKS TO ALL who contributed candy and/or helped at yesterday’s community “Bunny Hop” event! A fun time was had by all!



ABOUT TODAY'S HYMNS

♪ **“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”** was written by Jennette Threlfall (1821-1880). Born in Lancashire, England, she was injured in an accident that left her lame. A later illness left her bedridden. In spite of her circumstances, she maintained a strong faith and was known for her cheerfulness. The tune ELLACOME is a variant of AVE MARIA.

♪ **“Crown Him with Many Crowns”** was written by Matthew Bridges (1800-1894). Born in Essex, he was brought up in the Church of England, but in 1848 became Roman Catholic. He spent much of his life in Quebec. The tune DIADEMATA is most associated with this text. Composer George Elver named the tune based on the Greek word for crowns (diademata).

♪ **“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty”** (tune: ST. DROSTANE) was composed by John Dykes (1823-1876). Born in Hull, England, by the age of 10 he was the assistant organist at St. John’s Church, Hull. Dykes published sermons and articles on religion but is best known for the over 300 hymn tunes he composed. (Source: *The Presbyterian Hymnal Companion*, by LindaJo H. McKim)



Palm Sunday

Members of the Congregation, Ministers
The Rev. Anthony D. Lorenz, Pastor
The Rev. Jon A. Black, Pastor Emeritus
Debby Madden, Educator Emerita
Arthur Thompson, Organist; Ron Richcreek, Music Director
Avis Allen, Secretary; Chuck Adler, Sexton
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First Presbyterian Church On-the-Square Carlisle, Pennsylvania



April 13, 2025

10:45 a.m.

The Sixth Sunday in Lent
commonly called Palm Sunday

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

PRELUDES

*Ride On in Majesty, Ride On
All Glory, Laud and Honor
The Holy City*

Ron Richcreek, vocal

Mansfield
Southbridge
Adams

(The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**)
~ GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

The Day of Palms

Hughes

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord.
**The Lord is God, and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.**

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you.
You are my God, I will extol you.
**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

* HYMN #88 – “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.
And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.
Let us pray.

**Hosanna, we pray. Save us, Lord.
Save us from ourselves,
when we trip over pride, doubt, or fear.
Save us from the evils that keep us bound.
Save us from our sins,
when we feel their weight
pressing on our hearts.
Remind us, O Lord,
that crowds shouting “Hosanna”
will soon be crying “Crucify him.”
Save us we pray, O Lord,
and do not let us be numbered among them. AMEN**
(*silent confession . . .*) AMEN

Friends, believe the Good News. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! AMEN

* RESPONSE #579 – “Gloria Patri”

* PASSING THE PEACE

Just as God has forgiven us in Christ Jesus, let us also forgive
one another and offer signs of peace and reconciliation.
The peace of Christ be with you, **and also with you.**
(*Extend a word of peace with one another . . .*)

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God of signs and wonders,
we come to your Word again and again,
seeking understanding and the new life it offers.
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
illumine our hearts and minds
so that we may believe this testimony
and have eternal life.
In the name of Jesus Christ,
our Lord and Savior, we pray. AMEN**

FIRST LESSON Luke 19:28-44 (N.T., p. 83)
(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

CHOIR ANTHEM “Hosanna” Snowden

SECOND LESSON John 14:1-14 (N.T., p. 108)
(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

SERMON “I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life” Rev. Lorenz

* HYMN #151 – “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

* NICENE CREED (Traditional)

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen;**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. AMEN**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER (p. 16, blue hymnal)

GIVING THANKS

OFFERING OURSELVES & “ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING” OFFERING
Offertory *The Palms* Faure

* RESPONSE #592 – “Praise God”

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Almighty and most merciful God,
from you comes every good and perfect gift.
We give you praise and thanks for all your mercies.
Your goodness has created us,
your bounty has sustained us,
your discipline has chastened us,
your patience has borne with us,
your love has redeemed us.
Give us a heart to love and serve you,
and enable us to show our thankfulness
for all your goodness and mercy
by giving up ourselves to your service
and cheerfully submitting in all things to your blessed will,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. AMEN**