

First Baptist Church of Dayton

Hosanna!

BLESSED
IS THE ONE
WHO COMES IN
THE NAME OF THE LORD!

March 24, 2024



The First Baptist Church at Worship
 PALM SUNDAY
 March 24, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist

- Hosanna, Loud Hosanna Gesangbuch der Herzogl
 Setting by John Innes
- “Valet will ich dir geben” Georg Friedrich Kauffman
- Gethsemane Tune: “Christ In the Garden”
 Traditional American Folk Hymn; setting by Roger G. Wilson
- Royal Procession on “St. Theodulph” Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635

In Praise to the Lord

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

A three-fold ringing of three signifies the presence of the triune God:
 Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

CHORAL INTROIT

Chancel Choir
 Dr. William Henry Caldwell, Director

I Will Call Upon the Lord Caldwell/Joubert

*I will call upon the Lord for He is worthy to be praised. So shall I be saved from my enemies.
 Hosanna, and blessed be the Rock, and let the God of our Salvation be exalted.*

WELCOME & RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Ps. 118:1-2)

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#175 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*
 ST. THEODULPH

This hymn text was written by St. Theodulph of Orleans in 1820 while he was imprisoned in Angers, France, for conspiring against the King, with whom he had fallen out of favor. The text acts as a retelling of the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The medieval church actually re-enacted this story on Palm Sunday using a standard liturgy that featured this hymn. The priests and inhabitants of a city would process from the fields to the gate of the city, following a living representation of Jesus seated on a donkey. When they reached the city gates, a choir of children would sing the hymn, then in Latin: *Gloria, laus et honor*, and the refrain was taken up by the crowd. At this point the gates were opened and the crowd made its way through the streets to the cathedral. Though we might not have any city gates to proceed through today, this hymn still acts as a royal hymn of praise and proclamation. Today we praise the “Redeemer, King” because we know just what kind of King He was and is – an everlasting King who reigns not just in Jerusalem, but over the entire earth. What more could we do but praise Him with glory, laud, and honor.

MOMENT FOR MISSION: AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING

Ted Greenwood

Listening for the Word of God

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11

Jerome Stueart

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL LESSON: John 12:12-16

Rev. David Coggins

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to John.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord--the King of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

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!

*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#172 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*
ELLACOMBE

There was a video that went viral a few years ago of a four-year-old girl looking in the mirror and exclaiming how much she loved everything in her life. I suspect it went viral because of its infectious positivity and the reminder that we could all use some child-like enthusiasm and gratitude. If we still need this message today, it means we have forgotten in part the beautiful story of Jesus welcoming the children unto him. Those children were able, more than the adults, to receive the Kingdom of Heaven like a gift, with unquestioning joy and gratitude. Jeannette Threlfall reminds us of that joy in her hymn, "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna." She imagines those children running throughout the city, bursting with excitement and love for Jesus; a simple, undignified, giddy kind of love. As we raise our own "Hosannas," we are called and invited to do so with the same exuberance and joy as these children who praised the One who first loved them.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

(Children are invited to come forward for the message during the last verse of the Fellowship Hymn.
Children will return to sit with their families after the message.)

CALL TO PRAYER (See pg. 7)

Oh, the Glory of Your Presence
Steve Fry

**Oh the glory of Your presence; we, your temple give Your reverence.
Come and rise to Your rest, and be blest by our praise as we glory in Your embrace,
as Your presence now fills this place.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE &
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts/Debtors)

Rev. Coggins

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.

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir
Dr. William Henry Caldwell, Director

Hosanna! Sing a Loud Hosanna! Mark Hayes

*Hosanna! Sing a loud hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Come faithful people, come away, Your homage to your Sovereign pay.
It is the feast of palms today, Hosanna. Go Savior thus to triumph born.
Thy crown shall be the wreath of thorn, Thy royal garb the robe of scorn.
Hosanna in the highest. They thronged before, behind, around,
they cast palm branches on the ground And still rose up the joyful sound;
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is Israel's king they cried: Blessed is He that cometh nigh,
In name of God the Lord most high, Hosanna in the highest.*

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"The Humble King"

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (See pg. 8)

Ride On! Ride On In Majesty
ST. DROSTANE

This 19th-century Palm Sunday text is better understood as the reflections of someone standing outside the event rather than as coming from those participating in the actual procession. This poignant text is set to a tune written especially for it later in the same century. Objective, robust, confident, and stirring, this hymn possesses the peculiar combination of tragedy and victory, which transports us to the triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It is this which gives the hymn its power and its challenge.

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Forth from This Place
Gordon Young

*Forth from this place, O Lord, we go, Thy holy will to try and do;
Give us the strength for every task, and bless us on our way.*

POSTLUDE

Gregory Land

Fanfare and Recessional Douglas E. Wagner

(* You're invited to rise in body or in spirit!

Please drop your offering and yellow card in the basket as you leave.

Thank you!





*Palm Sunday Luncheon after service today
in the upstairs dining room.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our worship service! If you are visiting, we would love to get to know you. Please fill out a yellow card with your contact information and a pastor will be happy to get in touch with you. Anyone is welcome to use these cards to communicate with our office and share prayer requests or other information, too. We have baskets for our offering and communication cards at our entrances/exits.

We continue to **livestream and video record** our Sunday worship service through our YouTube channel. This can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/> and look for First Baptist Church Dayton Ohio, or check our website (<http://www.fbcd Dayton.org/>).

Prayer for the Armed Forces

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People

(If you have someone you'd like to add or remove, please let us know.)

Jason Alspaugh	Lavanda Ferguson	Judy Smith
Elizabeth Ard	Jett Family	Anita Suro
Glen Babb	Ray Landis	Kaye Suryk
Jessica Blair	Gene Lee	Anne Veghte
Gail Bowman	Dana Liss	Harold West
Don Brown	Vincent Liss	Dorothy Williams
Rob Brown	Tom McKenzie	Sharon Wingham
Gerald Busch	Arthur Merkle	Military Duty:
Pamela Cress	Mary Ann Paloncy	Sebastian Ewald
Lynn Domesicik	Susan Parent	Sunny Ewald
David Donovan	Riese Family	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Earnest Family	Tina Rose	Kyle Kline
Bill Harrell	Judy See	Andy Wilson

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2024

GRACE upon GRACE

March Offering

Our gifts to this offering support regions, churches, and community organizations with grants for a variety of purposes, including: Chaplaincy and spiritual caregivers support; aid for children living in poverty; new, innovative ministries; developing church leaders; promoting discipleship. Please help us continue to bring healing and hope to communities, families, children and Jesus' disciples in 2024. Special offering envelopes are available in the pew racks.

Week of Mar. 24 – 31

Sun. 24	10:00a Palm Sunday Service
	11:15a Luncheon
Thu. 28	6:30p Maundy Thursday Agape Meal @ CEC
	7:00p Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 29	12-2p Walk for Justice & Peace
	2:00p Soup @ FBC
Sun. 31	10:00a Easter Sunday Service
	11:15a Coffee Fellowship

BYF Gathering: Dining Together

Today, March 24

Youth and leaders will dine together during the churchwide Palm Sunday Dinner

Maundy Thursday Agape Meal with Christ Episcopal Church

20 W First Street

March 28 @ 6:30pm

Join us for an agape meal with our friends at Christ Episcopal. An Agape Meal, or "Love Feast", is an ancient tradition of table fellowship used by the earliest Christians. It is a meal, shared together to strengthen harmony, goodwill, and congeniality. Ours will include readings from scripture, a reflection, and prayer and will be held around tables, in the Parish Hall. Folks are asked to bring enough for 4-6 people to share of either: Bread, Grapes, Cheese, Olives, Nuts, Hummus. But the most important thing is your presence; so if you cannot bring something for any reason, please come anyway. Email/call the church office (fbc@fbcd Dayton.org / [937-222-4691](tel:937-222-4691)) to RSVP and note what you might be bringing to share (we just want to be sure we provide some variety).

Good Friday Walk for Justice & Peace

A FEW MORE SOUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

On March 29 there will be a Good Friday Walk for Justice & Peace through Downtown Dayton from 12-2pm. This is an ecumenical witness for justice and peace issues based on the Stations of the Cross. The walk begins at Courthouse Square (Third & Main) and ends at First Baptist Church. Rain or shine, come for all or part. **Following the walk at approximately 2pm, First Baptist will invite participants to enter the church and into Fellowship Hall where there will be soup and water prepared for them. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board and in fellowship hall asking for donations of soup (vegetarian options preferred) and/or help in other ways. Thank you!**

Easter Sunday Service

March 31 @ 10:00am

We celebrate the resurrection! Everyone is encouraged to arrive early and help decorate the wooden cross with flowers. Some loose flowers will be provided, but bring some of your own. As the cross is covered with living flowers, it reminds us that from death there comes life. We together declare that Christ is risen! *(There will be no Sunday School classes on Easter Sunday.)*

First Baptist Church of Dayton Bicentennial Keepsake

The First Baptist Church of Dayton's Bicentennial is on our minds and hearts this year. We have a special keepsake to commemorate this historic event! It is a beautiful wooden replica of our church (5"3/8" high x 7 1/2" wide). **We will be selling and taking orders April 7 to 21.** A sign-up sheet will be in the Fellowship Hall where you may sign up for how many keepsakes you would like to purchase. The price will be \$10 each and may be picked up after payment. We are blessed and honored to follow those who have led the way in the Dayton community for 200 years. May we be a blessing to those in the future of First Baptist Church of Dayton.

ECLIPSE WATCH PARTY

Hosted by FBC & CEC

Monday, April 8th @ 1-4pm

First Baptist Church Parking Lot - 111 W. Monument Ave.

Our friends at Christ Episcopal had the wonderful idea for our churches to share the solar eclipse experience together on April 8th by hosting a watch party here on our church grounds. We will designate space in our parking lot near the river for folks to set up chair and blankets. And we'll offer some hot dogs, beverages, and general hospitality. We'll also have a limited number of eclipse watch glasses on-hand. This is an informal event, open to the community. We hope you will join us, and that the sky will be good and clear!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – APRIL 2024

“Those Who Witness and Testify: Character Studies in John’s Gospel”

Led by The Rev. Kate Bradley

April 7 – 28 @ 11:30am-12:15pm in 1st Floor Chapel

The Fourth Gospel offers a vivid narrative aimed at instilling belief in Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God, and guiding readers toward life in His name (John 20:31). By closely examining John's character portrayals—such as John “the Baptist,” Nicodemus, Peter, and Mary Magdalene—we gain deeper insight into the core themes and teachings John emphasizes about Jesus and the Christian journey. In this study, Kate Bradley will introduce us to these people *as John writes about them*. Following that, we'll engage in a close reading of a Scripture passage, which will serve as a springboard for personal discussions.

Sermon Talkback

With The Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

April 7 @ 11:30am-12:15pm in 1st Floor Choir Room

We continue to offer sermon talkbacks on the first Sunday of each month in the Choir Room. We hope you'll join us and share the questions, insights, challenges, etc. from your hearing of the morning's sermon.

News from the Heritage Committee

Donna Miles Curry

Hopefully you will soon see some of the church history displays being hung on the walls in the fellowship hall. So far, we have worked on some related to church members and Christian Education. On April 1st we will work on one for Church Events (weddings, baptisms, baby dedications, etc.) and would love any contributions. We would need photos or digitized photos (must be high resolution, i.e. at least 300 dpi). If you can leave them in the church office for me or email me by Easter, it would be appreciated (donna.curry@wright.edu). The last theme we will be working on later in April will be displays on Music at First Baptist.

Another reminder to stay in town Memorial Day weekend (May 26) so you can join us for our Bicentennial Celebration on Founders Day—service, group pictures, and banquet! More details to follow.

CALL TO PRAYER

OH, THE GLORY OF YOUR PRESENCE 168

*...the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.
2 Chronicles 5:14*

Oh, the glo - ry of Your pres - ence;

we, Your tem - ple give You rev - 'rence.

Come and rise to Your rest, and be blest by our

praise as we glo - ry in Your em - brace,

as Your pres - ence now fills this place.

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Tune: Steve Fry, b.1954
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HYMN OF RESPONSE

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

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ST. DROSTANE LM

Henry Hart Milman, 1827

John Bacchus Dykes, 1862

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 wing - ed
 4. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, pur -
 pomp ride on to die: O Christ, Thy tri - umphs
 squad - rons of the sky Look down with sad and
 pomp ride on to die; Bow Thy meek head to

sue Thy 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.