

First Baptist
Church of Dayton

Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025



Jesus Enters Jerusalem by The Benedictine Sisters of Turvey Abbey



The First Baptist Church at Worship
PALM SUNDAY
April 13, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist

The King Rides On (Echo Fanfare) Lani Smith
Hosanna! Theodore Dubois
Paraphrase on "Diademata" George J. Elvey
Setting by James Denton
Pièce Héroïque Cesar Franck

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

My Tribute Andraé Crouch

*To God be the glory for the things He has done.
With His blood He has saved me, with His power he has raised me,
to God be the glory for the things He has done.*

WELCOME & RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 118:19-27)

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

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.

*PROCESSIONAL 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.

Listening for the Word of God

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON: Galatians 2:19-20

Reagan Crowley

For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 23:32-33, 39-43

Rev. Mark Craig

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Luke.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

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

#191 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
PASSION CHORALE

This hymn text is often attributed to Bernard of Clairvaux, a French abbot and founder of the Cistercian Order in the early twelfth century. In certain medieval orders, monks would spend hours meditating upon the crucifix. They would mentally divide the body of Christ into parts and meditate on each part respectively. Bernard (some think it was medieval poet Arnulf of Louvain) wrote a poem of fifty lines for each part of Christ's body - his feet, hands, side, breast, heart, and head, and called it, "A rhythmic prayer to any one of the members of Christ suffering and hanging on the Cross" ('members' here refers to body parts). Bernard's prayer to Christ's head was the text hymnist Paul Gerhardt translated into German in the seventeenth century, and from which we have the English translation, "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded." Just as Bernard would meditate on the crucifix, so too does this text call us to remember the wounded and broken body of Christ as He suffered for us. It is not an activity we can ever particularly enjoy doing, but in the midst of reflecting on this in sorrow, we find buried, beneath our grief and shame, a pearl of joy; we can call this Savior, "though despised and gory," our own. He suffered because of His love for us; we remember because of our love for Him.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

(Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Message during the last stanza of the fellowship hymn.
All kids 3 years and older are invited to go downstairs (Room 4) after the Children's Message for a "One Room
Sunday School" class. Parents are asked to pick up their children after service.)

CALL TO PRAYER

#365 v.1 *More Love to Thee, O Christ*
MORE LOVE TO THEE

**More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee!
Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee, this is my earnest plea:
more love, O Christ, to Thee, more love to Thee, more love to Thee!**

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

Rev. David 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

The Holy City Adolph Adam

*Last night I lay a sleeping,
There came a dream so fair,
I stood in old Jerusalem
Beside the temple there.
I heard the children singing,
And ever as they sang,
Methought the voice of angels
From Heav'n in answer rang;
Methought the voice of angels
From Heav'n in answer rang:—
Jerusalem! Jerusalem!
Lift up your gates and sing,
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna to your King!*

*And then methought my dream was changed,
The streets no longer rang,
Hushed were the glad hosannas
The little children sang.
The sun grew dark with mystery,
The morn was cold and chill,
As the shadow of a cross arose
Upon a lonely hill,
As the shadow of a cross arose
Upon a lonely hill.
Jerusalem! Jerusalem!
Hark! how the angels sing,
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna to your King.*

*And once again the scene was changed,
 New earth there seem'd to be,
 I saw the Holy City
 Beside the tideless sea;
 The light of God was on its streets,
 The gates were open wide,
 And all who would might enter,
 And no one was denied.
 No need of moon or stars by night,
 Or sun to shine by day,
 It was the new Jerusalem,
 That would not pass away,
 It was the new Jerusalem,
 That would not pass away.
 Jerusalem! Jerusalem!
 Sing, for the night is o'er!
 Hosanna in the highest,
 Hosanna for evermore!
 Hosanna in the highest,
 Hosanna for evermore!*

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"Crucified With Christ"

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#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.

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

CHORAL BENEDICTION

#523 *God Be With You*
 GOD BE WITH YOU

*God be with you till we meet again! By His counsels guide, uphold you,
 with His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.*

POSTLUDE

Gregory Land

Festival Alleluia Dan Miller
 Based on "Lasst Uns Erfreuen," 1623

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

*Please drop off your offering and yellow card in the basket as you leave.
Thank you for supporting the ministry of the church!*

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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.)

Laura Bayless	Barbara Jett	David See
Clara Black	Karen Johnson	Judy See
Jessica Blair	Carole Lasley	Roger Stephens
Gail Bowman	Gene Lee	Anne Veghte
Don Brown	Vincent Liss	Cynthia Whittaker
Linda Ginter-Brown	Tom McKenzie	Williams Family
Gerald Busch	Lisa McMullen	Sharon Wingham
Mark Craig	Melissa Mikesell	Military Duty:
Pamela Cress	Tonya Mitchell & Family	Sebastian Ewald
Kerby Downs	Shirley Nash	Sunny Ewald
Lavanda Ferguson	Mary Ann Paloncy	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Bill Harrell	Susan Parent	Kyle Kline
Debbie Harshman	Petry Family	Andy Wilson
Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)		



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

Week of April 13 - 20

Sun. 13	10:00a	.....	Palm Sunday Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Palm Sunday Luncheon
Thu. 17	6:30p	.....	Maundy Thursday Agape Meal (CEC)
	7:00p	.....	Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 18	12-2p	.....	Good Friday Walk for Justice & Peace
	2:00p	.....	Soup Lunch (FBC)
		.....	Church Office Closes at 1:00p
Sun. 20	10:00a	.....	Easter Sunday Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship

*The church office will close at 1pm on
Good Friday, April 18.*

Executive Council

There will be no meeting in April.

Church Women United

Next Meeting April 22nd

Ladies of First Baptist: Our next meeting of **Church Women United**, will be Tuesday, April 22 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our speakers that day are from **Blue Star Mothers**, a volunteer organization which supports our military members. Since we have a significant presence of retired military in our congregation, let's be sure to show our support by attending this important meeting. Questions? Contact Linda Ginter Brown, **First Baptist CWU Key Woman**.

LAST CALL !!

EASTER FLOWERS

Orders & Dedications

You are invited to share in the decoration of the sanctuary with spring flowers for Easter Sunday, April 20. A special insert on Easter Sunday will include names of donors and names of those in whose memory or honor a flower is given. A gift of \$20 is suggested. **Please turn in your order/dedication by Monday, April 14.** If you write a check, make it payable to First Baptist Church and please note 'Easter Flowers' on the memo line.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER / DEDICATION

(PLEASE PRINT)



Your Name(s): _____

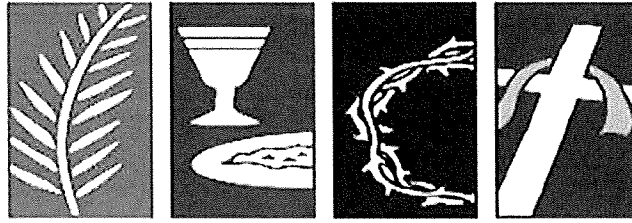
In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

_____ \$20 enclosed

_____ \$20 will be mailed by 4/14/25

Holy Week 2025



Palm Sunday – April 13

10am – Worship @ First Baptist Church of Dayton

11:15am – Palm Sunday Luncheon

Maundy Thursday – April 17

6:30pm - Agape Meal @ Christ Episcopal Church

Good Friday – April 18

Noon – Good Friday Walk for Justice & Peace

2pm – Soup Luncheon @ First Baptist Church of Dayton

Easter Sunday – April 20

10am – Worship @ First Baptist Church of Dayton

Flowering of the Cross | Special Music

(Bring some fresh cut flowers for the cross!)

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Maundy Thursday Agape Meal, April 17

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 at Christ Episcopal. *Folks should bring enough for 4-6 people to share of either: Bread, Grapes, Cheese & Olives, Nuts & Hummus.*

Good Friday Soup Lunch, April 18

On April 18 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, crackers, and water prepared for them. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board asking for donations of soup (vegetarian options preferred) and/or help in other ways.**

Easter Sunday Service, April 20

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.)*

REBUILDING TOGETHER DAYTON
National Rebuilding Day
SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025

Submitted by Tim Holmen, Chair of FBC Board of Missions

You have an opportunity to participate in a mission board sponsored project called Rebuilding Together Dayton (RTD). This is a community project our church participates in each April. One of our church members, Amy Radachi, is the president of the organization that hosts this project. RTD is a non-profit organization serving low-income senior homeowners throughout Montgomery County. It began as a one day a year program in Dayton. Over the past 28 years, RTD has expanded to operate year-around and county-wide. Over 150 households are assisted annually with urgent home repairs and accessibility modifications. RTD work is proven to improve the health and safety of the home, allowing senior homeowners to continue aging in place. We have been participating in this project for several years. Last year, Connie and I helped with landscaping, and in previous years we assisted with painting. NOTE: You do not need to be a construction expert as there will be supervisors to direct work.

National Rebuilding Day is the annual flagship event for RTD. This year RTD is targeting the Edgemont, Miami Chapel, and Carillon neighborhoods where hundreds of volunteers will be assisting. Volunteers representing First Baptist Church have been asked to report to 768 Edgemont Avenue on Saturday, April 26th at 9:00 AM.

RTD staff need to know how many volunteers will be available from First Baptist Church so they can plan tasks for the volunteers. If you are willing and able to help, please sign the sheet on the table in fellowship hall where we meet after Sunday service, call the church office, or contact Tim Holmen. Thank you for considering this project!



Governor's Awards for the Arts

FBC Music Director, Dr. William Henry Caldwell, Award Recipient

The Governor's Awards for the Arts, Ohio's most prestigious biennial arts event, will take place at the Renaissance Columbus Downtown Hotel on **Wednesday, May 28 at 11:30 a.m.** This year, 10 Ohioans whose exceptional artistic contributions and achievements strengthen our state each and every day will be honored. Each award winner receives an original piece of artwork created specifically for the event by an Ohio artist and the opportunity to share their story with other arts supporters statewide.

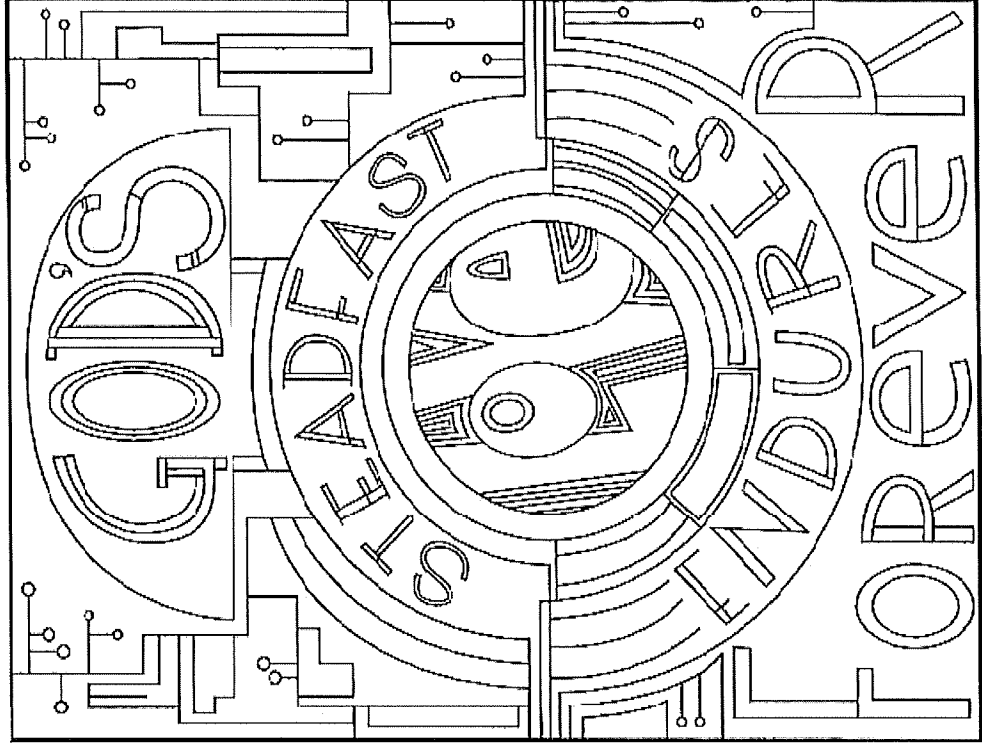
Help to celebrate 60 years of public funding for the arts through the Ohio Arts Council through your ticket purchase. Individual tickets are available for \$60 per person via EventBrite: <https://tinyurl.com/nh2myu7>

Congratulations to the 2025 Governor's Awards Winners!

- **Zachary Thomas**, Arts Administration, Cleveland (Cuyahoga County)
- **Padma Chebrolu**, Arts Education (co-winner), Cincinnati (Hamilton County)
- **James Swearingen**, Arts Education (co-winner), Grove City (Franklin County)
- **Sara Jane DeHoff**, Arts Support (co-winner), Perrysburg (Wood County)
- **WYSO-FM**, Arts Support (co-winner), Yellow Springs (Greene County)
- **William Henry Caldwell**, Community Development & Participation (co-winner), Dayton (Montgomery County)
- **Artsbridge, Inc.**, Community Development & Participation (co-winner), Marietta (Washington County)
- **Gerardo Teissonnière**, Individual Artist, Cleveland (Cuyahoga County)
- **BLINK**, Irma Lazarus Award, Cincinnati (Hamilton County)
- **Charley Moses**, Special Recognition by the Ohio Arts Council Board, Dublin (Franklin County)

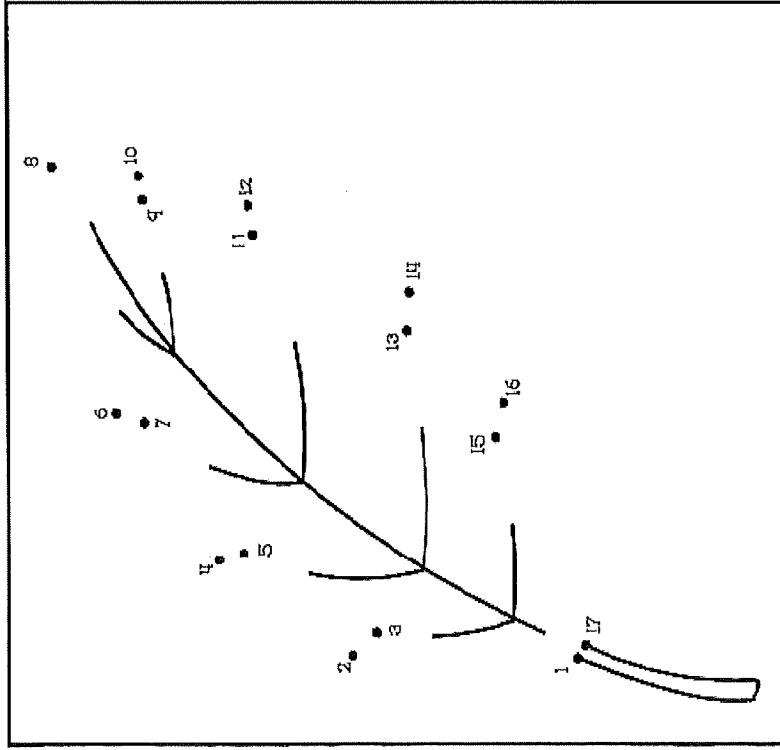
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities Based on Psalm 118, Luke 19.



CONNECT the DOTS

Connect the dots to form a palm branch. Next to the branch, write or draw some things for which you want to praise God.



Suggested for use on Palm Sunday.
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WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Luke 19 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

D E G P C Q Z L O K O H C T N
R L Q Q M J L Y G N K R O A D
L A W V F L G F D G T U B D R
G O I W D O A E Y U L P T N V
V W O U H T E P X M E O P I R
A Z O P X D R E I G R M F A Y L
D T J F P H A R I S E E H I E O
U V G W L G C T L C Z A S N R
L U N Z I L O E A D S T E H D
K M J X O N M E L A S U R E J
M C O A E K I N G S U S E J
L M K U X Q T Y O Q C O L T V
L H V V N J P B L E S S E D G
T X O B K T S E L P I C S I D

LORD	CLOAK	BLESSED
JERUSALEM	ROAD	KING
MOUNT	PALM	PEACE
DISCIPLES	PRAISE	GLORY
COLT	DEED	PHARISEE
JESUS	POWER	STONE



Luke 19 describes the scene of Jesus riding a donkey and the crowds cheering for him with their palm branches. If you were welcoming Jesus into town today, what would you do? What do you think Jesus would look like as he came? Draw a picture here.

