

First Baptist Church
of Dayton

Palm Sunday
March 29, 2026



Jesus Enters Jerusalem by The Benedictine Sisters of Turvey Abbey



The First Baptist Church at Worship
PALM SUNDAY
March 29, 2026 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist

The King Rides In (Echo Fanfare) Lani Smith
Epilogue on "St. Theodulf" Healey Willan
Christ In the Garden American Folk Hymn, 1842
setting by Roger C. Wilson
Fanfare and Processional Douglas E. Wagner

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

Rise and greet the sun; God's day has begun.
Eugene Butler

WELCOME & RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 118:24-29)

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

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.

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.

*OPENING 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.

PASSING THE PEACE *(A time to greet one another)*

Listening for the Word of God

*GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 21:1-11

Luke Earnest

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet; "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

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

#173 *Lift Up Your Heads*
TRURO

Psalm 24 is a majestic song of praise to the King of glory. It concludes with a herald's announcement of the King's approach: "Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is he, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty—he is the King of glory." As this hymn is sung, contemplate how we can prepare our hearts for Christ's Second Coming.

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

#613 v.1 *I Love the Lord*
I LOVE THE LORD

**I love the Lord, He heard my cry and pitied every groan.
Long as I live, and troubles rise, I'll hasten to His throne.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and
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 Palms Gabriel Faure

*O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay
 Are strewn this day in festal preparation,
 Where Jesus comes, to wipe our tears away;
 E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare.*

*Refrain:
 Join, sing His name divine,
 Let every voice resound with united acclamation,
 Hosanna! Praised be the Lord,
 Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation.*

*His word goes forth, and people by its might
 Once more their freedom gain from degradation;
 Humanity doth give to each his right,
 While those in darkness find restored the light. [Refrain]*

*Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem,
 Of all thy songs sing the emancipation;
 Through boundless love, the Christ of Bethlehem
 Brings forth the hope to thee forevermore. [Refrain]*

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"The Humble King"

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#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.

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*SUNG BENEDICTION

Chancel Choir

#523 God Be with You Rankin

*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

Litanies Jehan Alain, 1937

*“When the Christian soul in distress can no longer find new words to implore the mercy of God,
it repeats ceaselessly and with a vehement faith the same invocation.
Reason has reached its limits: Faith alone pursues its ascension.”*



(*) 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.fbcdayton.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	Debbie Harshman	Petry Family
Harriet Berghuis	Ralph Hopper	Judy See
Jessica Blair	Barbara Jett	Judy Smith
Gail Bowman	Nancy Kerr	Joanne Stephens
Dana Brewer	Land Family	Kaye Suryk
Linda Ginter-Brown	Gene Lee	Anne Veghte
Gerald Busch	Vincent Liss	Sharon Wingham
Caldwell Family	Patti Loxley	Wolfe Family
Merriann Craig	Tom McKenzie	<i>Military Duty:</i>
Bill Cress	Lisa McMullen	Sebastian Ewald
Pamela Cress	Melissa Mikesell	Sunny Ewald
Brett Domescik	Shirley Nash	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Lavanda Ferguson	Mary Ann Paloncy	Kyle Kline
Bill Harrell	Susan Parent	Will Radachi
Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)		

Week of March 29 – April 5

Sun. 29	10:00a	 Palm Sunday Worship Service
		 Luncheon to follow
Tue. 31	6-10p	 Philharmonic Chorus Rehearsal
	6:30p	 Mankind Meeting
Thu. 2	6:30p	 Maundy Thursday Agape Meal (CEC)
Fri. 3	Noon	 Good Friday Walk for Justice & Peace
	2:00p	 Soup Luncheon (FBC)
Sun. 5	10:00a	 Easter Sunday Worship Service



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

America for Christ Offering 2026

“The Wisdom and Power of Storytelling”

“I will open my mouth to speak in parables; I will proclaim what has been hidden since the foundation.”

(Matthew 13:34-35 NRSVUE)

The AFC Offering is a vital resource that empowers us to support life-changing ministry programs. Your contributions support creating new, innovative ministries; developing church leaders; aiding children who are impoverished; supporting the work of chaplains and spiritual caregivers; promoting discipleship; preserving critical American Baptist spaces; and making higher education more affordable through scholarships. Each gift represents an act of compassion and solidarity, bringing us closer to God’s vision of a world shaped by love, compassion, peace, and justice. Please give generously this month. Special offering envelopes are available in the pew racks.



Palm Sunday – March 29th

10am – Worship @ First Baptist Church of Dayton
Palm Sunday Luncheon after service

Maundy Thursday – April 2nd

6:30pm - Agape Meal with Christ Episcopal Church
(20 W First St, Dayton 45402)

On Maundy Thursday we are invited to join with our folks at Christ Episcopal for an intergenerational, family-friendly service built around an Agape meal. 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 invited to bring enough for 4-6 people to share of either: Bread, Grapes, Cheese & Olives, Nuts & Hummus.*

Good Friday – April 3rd

Noon – Good Friday Walk for Justice & Peace
2pm – Soup Luncheon @ First Baptist Church of Dayton

On April 3rd 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 available on the main hallway bulletin board and also in fellowship hall asking for donations of soup (vegetarian options preferred) and/or help in other ways.**

Easter Sunday – April 5th

10am – Worship @ First Baptist Church of Dayton
Flowering of the Cross | Special Music
(Bring some fresh cut flowers for the cross!)



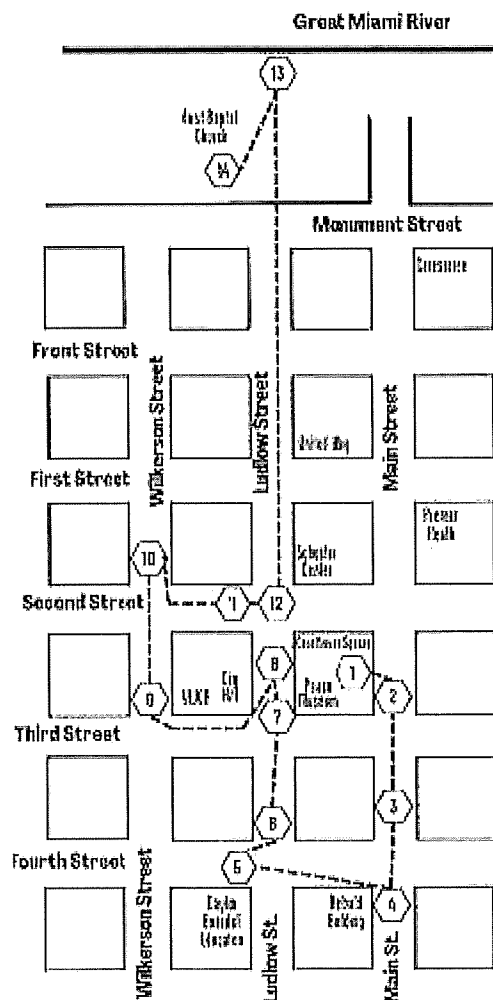
A Walk for Justice and Peace

Good Friday

April 3, 2026

starting at Noon at Courthouse Square

Join us for a free soup lunch at
First Baptist Church on
Monument Street after the walk,
courtesy of its members.



*Do not weep for me...
Weep rather for
yourselves.*

- Luke 23:28

**Coffee & Cookie Social Time
at One Lincoln Park**

Monthly - 1st Wednesday
from 2:00-3:30pm
590 Isaac Prugh Way, Kettering 45429

Mary Herbert has planned a monthly coffee/cookie social time for our members who reside at One Lincoln Park. Currently we have 4 members living there--Linda Ginter Brown, Gerald Busch, Bill Harrell, and Ken Taylor. You are invited and encouraged to drop in for these monthly socials! Upcoming dates: April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, Aug 5, Sept 2, Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2. If you have any questions, please contact Mary at 937-298-2866.



Sunday School/Second Hour
No Classes or Activities on
Sundays, March 29 and April 5

**LAST CALL FOR ORDERS!
EASTER FLOWERS
Orders & Dedications**

You are invited to share in the decoration of the sanctuary with spring flowers for Easter Sunday, April 5. 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, March 30.** If you write a check, please make it payable to First Baptist Church and 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 3/30/26

KETTERING
MUSIC DEPARTMENT
PRESENTS

INTO THE WOODS

Thursday, April 16th, at 7:30pm

Friday, April 17th at 7:30pm

Saturday, April 18th at 2pm* & 7:30pm

TICKETS: ketteringmusic.org/tickets

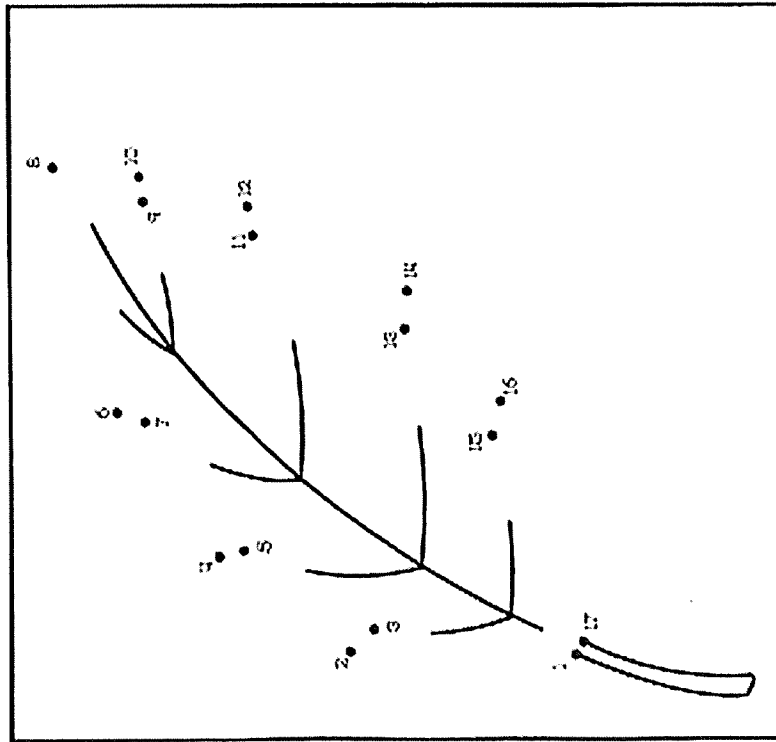
*ASL INTERPRETER IS AVAILABLE FOR THE SATURDAY MATINEE



Kettering Fairmont High School's annual musical, **Into the Woods**, will be held April 16th - April 18th. **Jadon See** has one of the leads in the production playing Rapunzel's Prince, and **Ava Powell** has a primary role with the Crew as the assistant to the director of the musical. If you would like to support some of FBC's youth and attend the musical, please scan the QR code above or go to ketteringmusic.org and click Tickets.

CONNECT the DOTS

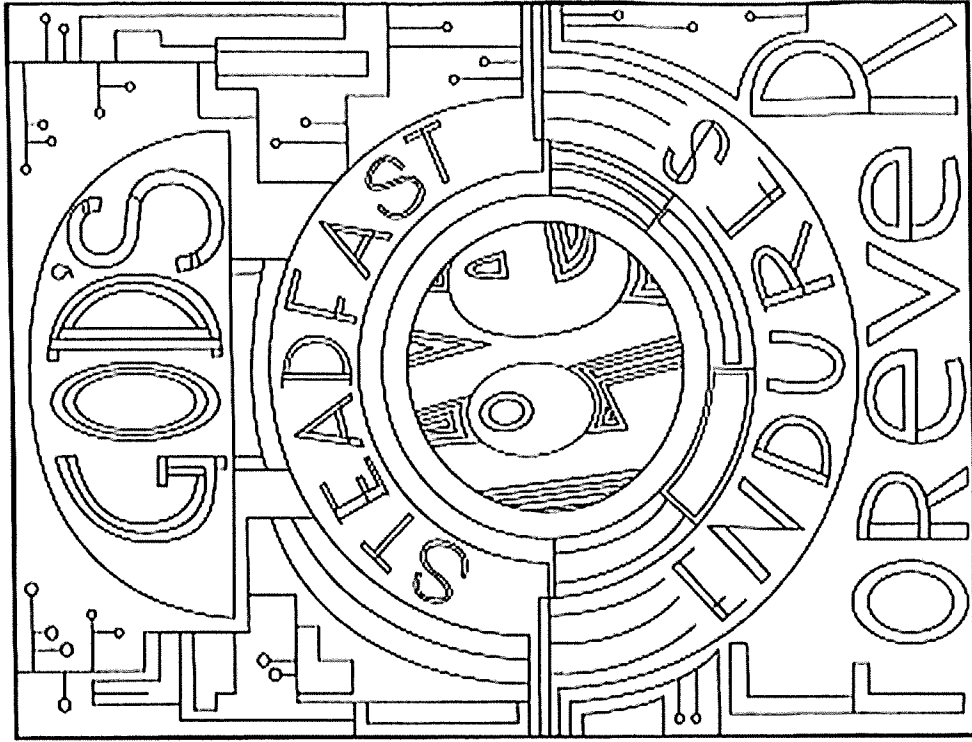
Connect the dots to form a palm branch. Next to the branch, write or draw some things for which you want to praise God.



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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Advent based on Psalm 118, Luke 13.



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

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



DRAW IT

Luke 19 describes the scene of Jesus riding a donkey and the crowd 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.

