



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 29, 2026



ORDER OF WORSHIP

A Service of Word and Prayer

March 29, 2026 | 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

*Oh How Good It Is

Music & Lyrics: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Ross Holmes, and Stuart Townend



1. Oh how good it is, when the fam - ily of God
2. Oh how good it is on this jour - ney we share,
3. Oh how good it is to em - brace His com - mand



dwells to - geth - er in Spir - it, in faith and un - i - ty.
to re - joice with the hap - py, and weep with those who mourn.
to pre - fer one a - noth - er, for - give as He for - gives.



Where the bonds of peace, of ac - cept - ance and love,
For the weak find strength, the af - flict - ed find grace,
When we live as one, we all share in the love



are the fruit of His pre - sence here a - mong us.
when we of - fer the bles - sing of be - long - ing.
of the Son with the Fa - ther and the Spi - rit.



So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,



and with one heart we'll live out His Word.



Till the whole world sees the Re - deem - er has come,



for He dwells in the pre - sence of His peo - ple.

Welcome & Announcements

Scott Byrd

*Call to Worship¹

Psalm 118:19-26

Elder: 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.

^{*}Please stand, if able.

¹We believe that God always initiates with sinners, so we begin worship with His invitation and command to us to gather in His name.

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

Elder: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

Elder: Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.

***All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

Hymn No. 235

Music: ST. THEODULPH, Melchior Teschner, ca. 1615

Lyrics: Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 820, tr. by John Mason Neale, 1854

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Affirmation of Faith**

Philippians 2:5-11

Elder: Church, who is the Lord Jesus Christ?

All: Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

***All Creatures of Our God and King**

Hymn No. 115

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, arr. David Crowder

Lyrics: Francis of Assisi, ca. 1225, tr. William H. Draper, 1926

Call to Confession

John 3:19-21

¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.

Silent Confession

Confession of Sin

All: O King of Glory, we confess that our praise of your majesty has often been faint, our performance as citizens of your kingdom treasonous. For we have surrendered to the enemy by our secret and our known sins. For our treason you died, Lord Jesus. For our restoration, you rose again. Draw us closer to you in this Holy Week, that our eyes may catch the vision of your tears, and our hearts, the wonder of your grace. By the Holy Spirit's continuing discipline, let us be loyal and loving servants of the King. Praise be to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness** Matthew 21:9b, John 3:17, Ephesians 5:1-2

⁹...“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!...

¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him...

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

***Hail to the Lord's Anointed**

Music: Sandra McCracken; Lyrics: Based on Psalm 72, James Montgomery, 1821, 1828



Chorus: Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed,



great Da - vid's great - er Son!



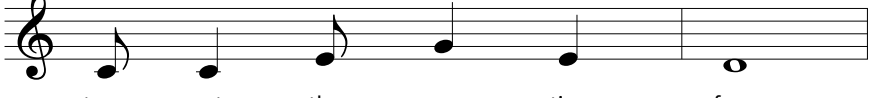
Hail in the time ap - point - ed,



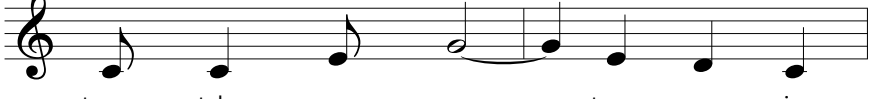
His reign on earth be - gun, His reign on earth be - gun!



1. He comes to break op - pres - sion,
2. He comes with com - fort speed - y
3. To give them songs for sigh - ing,
4. He shall come down like show - ers
5. The tide of time shall nev - er



to set the cap - tive free,
to those who suf - fer wrong;
their dark - ness turn to light,
up - on the fruit - ful earth;
His cov - e - nant re - move;



to take a - way trans - gres - sion
to help the poor and need - y
whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing
love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers,
His name shall stand for - e - ver;



and rule in eq - ui - ty. *vv. 1, 3, 5 to Chorus*
and bid the weak be strong.
were pre - cious in his sight.
spring in His path to birth.
that name to us is Love.

*Please stand, if able.

Life Together

Pamela Grafton, Capital Campaign Update

Offertory Prayer

Deacon Alan Grafton

Offertory

"The Coming of the King"

Music & Lyrics: Joe Deegan

Visitors, please fill out a visitor card located in the chair backs in front of you and drop it in the offering plate.

***Children's Church Dismissal: During the 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. service four- & five-year-olds may be dropped off & picked up at the sanctuary door to the left of the piano to attend Children's Church.*

Pastoral Prayer

Scott Byrd

Members of the Week:

James & Julie Harper; Hannah and Jack
Lee & Beth Harrington

Missionaries of the Week:

Kairos Prison Ministry: Parchman, MS

Sunday School Teachers of the Week:

1st & 2nd Grade: Lauren & Fisher Adkins, Marti & Brock Nolan

Christ Pres Leadership & Staff:

Mark & Susanna Levy

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Scripture Reading

Habakkuk 1:12–2:4; 3:17–19

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Elder: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Christ & the Faith"

Les Newsom

Psalms: Songs of the Heart

Children's Church pickup by the sanctuary door to the left of the piano after sermon.

***Children's Church is provided to help families make the transition from nursery to the worship service. Volunteers will take them upstairs for a time of singing, praying, playing and listening to a Bible story. Please note that Children's Church is optional for families and we also fully support keeping your child in the service as well!*

*Psalm 73

Music: Kevin Twit; Lyrics: Kevin Twit & Mac Purdy, alt.



1. Sure - ly, God is good
2. Sure - ly, I in vain,
3. Sure - ly, they're cast down
4. Yet al - ways You are near.



to all the pure in heart.
have kept my, my heart pure.
as those on slip - pery ground.
You guide me by Your Word.



But as for me, my feet had al - most slipped;
And sure - ly they are strong and free from trials
As dreams fade when we wake, so they be - come
And al - ways, my Lord God, You are my strength;



I near - ly lost my grip.
while I am so con - fused.
com - plete - ly swept a - way.
my por - tion You will be.



For I en - vied the ar - ro - gant;
Then I en - tered Your ho - ly place;
In my heart I was ig - no - rant,
You're my re - fuge, my Sov - ereign Lord;



they are free from my bur - dens.
then I saw their des - ti - ny.
like a beast be - fore You.
I will sing of Your awe - some deeds.

*Benediction²

¹Please stand, if able.

²Just as God has the first word in worship, He also has the last word. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of blessing. We look up and extend our hands out in a posture of receiving the blessing of God.

"Christ & the Faith"

1. The Conversation

2. The Dilemma

3. The "Answer"

Musicians & AVL Team

Randall Bryant, guitar & vocals; Noel Childress, mandolin; Allison Lavender, violin;
Slade Lewis, bass; Max McDonaldson, sound engineer; Gabriel Miña-Reyes, cello;
Andy Paney, piano; Molly Singletary, keyboard & vocals; Anna Sayre, lights & projections;
Daniel Spears, percussion

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