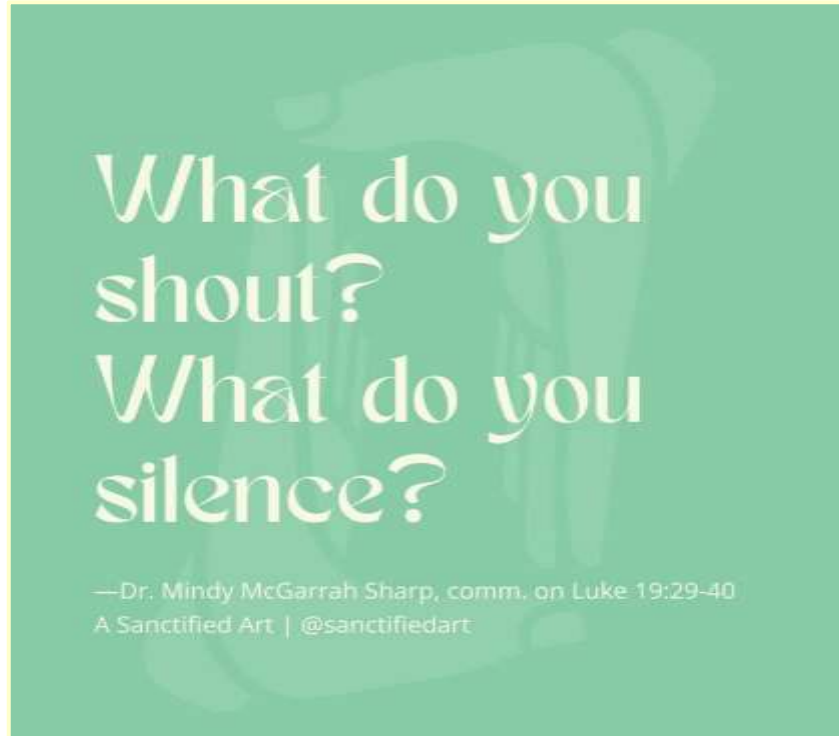


# Old First Presbyterian Church



**Palm Sunday**  
**April 13, 2025**

<b>Worship Through Praising God</b>
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*Easy-to-use earphones to assist with hearing are available from the ushers.*

*Please fill out a guest card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.*

*Silence is requested as we prepare our hearts for worship.*

*\* At the asterisk, please rise in body or spirit.*

<b>Prelude</b>	From Organ Sonata I in D minor, Op. 42 Andante cantabile Allegro con fuoco	Félix-Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)
<b>Welcome and Church Life</b>		Pastor Henderson
<b>Introit</b>	Hosanna in excelsis!	Randall Thompson (1899-1984)

**\*Call to Worship**

Kurt Schwartzmann

Leader On this day, Jesus marched...  
People in between the city walls and the Temple,  
in between joyful *Hosannas!* and doubtful whispers,  
in between oppressive poverty and greedy power,  
in between rampant fear and hope unfurled.  
Leader On this day, Jesus marched...  
People in between what had been and what could be.  
Leader So may we meet Christ in that mysterious space.  
People May we lay down our coats in that messy middle.  
Leader Hosanna in the highest!  
People Hosanna in between!

**\*Hymn 198**

**Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!**  
*Please wave your palms overhead during this hymn.*

- 1 Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry;  
thy humble beast pursues its road  
with palms and scattered garments strowed.
- 2 Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin  
o'er captive death and conquered sin.
- 3 Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
The hosts of angels in the sky  
look down with sad and wondering eyes  
to see the-approaching sacrifice.
- 4 Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
bow thy meek head to mortal pain;  
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

**Prayer of  
Confession**

Kurt Schwartzmann

Great Creator, forgive me  
when I speak before listening,  
when I speak over my neighbor,  
when I speak with barbed words.

*Silence*

Creator God, forgive me  
when I listen to society,  
when I listen to my friends,  
when I listen to the news,  
but I do not listen to you.

*Silence*

Creator God, forgive me  
when I shout out,  
but do not shout your name,  
when I listen,  
but do not listen for your voice.

*Silence*

Forgive me.  
Create in me a heart like yours.  
Amen.

**\*Assurance of  
Forgiveness**

Leader

Whether you used your Lenten devotional daily  
or let it collect dust,  
whether this is your first time in church  
or your thousandth time,  
whether you know how to speak to God, how to listen for God's voice,  
or you don't,  
God listens to you;  
God remains merciful;  
God abounds in steadfast love.  
There is nothing you could do or leave undone  
that could keep God from loving you.  
So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

People

**We are seen. We are heard. We are loved. We are forgiven.  
Not a day goes by that we ever walk alone.  
Hosanna in the highest! Amen.**

**\*Hymn 466**

**Come and Fill Our Hearts**

*To be sung three times by all.*

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
Alleluia!**

**Offering**

*Ushers will now receive the offering. You may also make your  
offering electronically using the QR-code at the right.*



**Anthem**

Luc Jakobs (Born 1956)

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed be He that comes in the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the King of Israel that comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory.

Hosanna in the highest heavens!

From the Latin Liturgy

**\*Doxology**

DUKE STREET: *For tune, see Hymn 265.*

Arranged by Hal H. Hopson (born 1933)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God, above, ye heavenly host;**

**Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!**

**Time with  
Our Children**

**\*The**

**Peace**

Leader

Peace be with you.

People

**And also with you.**

<b>Worship Through Hearing God's Word</b>
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**Prayers of  
the People**

Betty Voris

Prayer

Linda Reyder, AnnieScott Rogers, Mary Russell, Amir Sadeghi, Kurt

Partners

Schwartzmann, Pam Sebastian, Randy Smith and Andrea Segura Smith

**The Lord's  
Prayer**

**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**

Zechariah 9:9-12 (833)

Luke 19:28-40 (page 78)

Leader

The Word of God in scripture.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Henderson

**Affirmation  
of Faith**      We believe that many years ago  
                          a peaceful parade wove its way through the streets of Jerusalem.  
 We believe that on that day the people cried out,  
                          longing and praying for a better world.  
 We believe that these longings came from a place of deep hope,  
                          and we believe that hope cannot be silenced.  
 So we listen for the Spirit.  
                          We sing Hosanna.  
                          We pay attention.  
                          We speak out, we shout out when needed.  
                          We are silent in order to hear God.  
 For in between the silence and the song,  
                          we believe the Spirit is speaking.

<b>Worship Through Responding to God's Word</b>
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- \*Hymn 200**      **A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd**
- 1      A cheering, chanting, dizzy crowd  
          had stripped the green trees bare,  
          and hailing Christ as king aloud,  
          waved branches in the air.
  - 2      They laid their garments in the road  
          and spread his path with palms  
          and vows of lasting love bestowed  
          with royal hymns and psalms.
  - 3      When day dimmed down to deepening dark  
          the crowd began to fade  
          till only trampled leaves and bark  
          were left from the parade.
  - 4      Lest we be fooled because our hearts  
          have surged with passing praise,  
          remind us, God, as this week starts  
          where Christ has fixed his gaze.
  - 5      Instead of palms, a winding sheet  
          will have to be unrolled,  
          a carpet much more fit to greet  
          the king a cross will hold.

**\*Charge and  
Benediction**

**Postlude**      Fanfare

Jacques Lemmens (1823-1881)

*During the postlude, you may either depart or take a seat to listen, as you wish.  
 However, do please join us in the fellowship hall downstairs for coffee hour.*

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## Lent 2025: Everything (in) Between

This year's series for Lent is "Everything (in) Between." The theme of this series are an invitation to navigate the polarities in our lives with more faith, intention, and openness to be transformed. Today's liturgy is adapted from prayers by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | [sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org).

## Today's Eco-Palms

By choosing Eco-Palms for Palm Sunday, Old First promotes environmental and social justice:

- Instead of whole palms being cut down for a few fronds, Eco-Palms are sustainably harvested to keep the palms alive, thus providing shade and soil stability necessary for a healthy forest.
- Instead of most of the income going to market-traders, Eco-Palms provide gatherers in Guatemala and Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula with a greater share of the income from fairly traded palms.

For more information, visit: <https://ecopalms.org/index.php>

## Today's Coffee Hour

Diane Brenum has given today's coffee hour in honor of Larry's music ministry and the choir.

## Learn About Old First's Organ, Today

Continuing in our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration year, please join Dr. George Becker, organist (and psychiatrist/orthopedic surgeon/Old First elder), for a demonstration and talk about Old First's wonderful organ and its history after worship today. Coffee hour treats will be served in the Children's Chapel, so please get coffee and a treat before joining George in the choir loft.

## One Great Hour of Sharing, Easter Day, Next Sunday

We will receive our annual One Great Hour of Sharing special offering on Easter Day, April 20. One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. You can also make your One Great Hour of Sharing offering by using Old First's on-line donations page (<https://new.oldfirst.org/donations/>) or by using the QR-code at right.



### Easter Extravaganza Coffee Hour, Next Sunday



For Easter Day, April 20, we will plan for an Easter Extravaganza Coffee Hour. **Please bring your favorite treats to share!** Whether home-made or store-bought, your contribution to the abundance will be welcome. On Easter morning leave your contribution on the tables in the Fellowship Hall.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Community Dinner, April 26

This month's 4th Saturday Community Dinner with our neighbors and friends falls on April 26, the first Saturday after Easter Day. Can you help serve the meal and feast with our guests at the dinner? Volunteers are welcomed from 4:30 pm on.

Let us know you can help; E-mail: [4thsaturdaydinner@oldfirst.org](mailto:4thsaturdaydinner@oldfirst.org)

### Red Cards: Know Your Rights

Old First Presbyterian is investing in "Red Cards," small wallet size cards to share the people who fear ICE coming into their homes and lives. These cards have five simple statements that affirm that all people in the United States, regardless of immigration status, have certain rights and protections under the U.S. Constitution. These cards are created by the Immigrant Legal Resource Center (<https://www.ilrc.org>). Please pick them up in the narthex or in the church office to share with neighbors, schools, community groups, businesses, libraries, etc. Don't be shy; take as many as want. You will be spreading hope!

### Holy Week and Easter: Invite Someone!

Holy Week and Easter are wonderful times to invited folks to church. Why don't you think about the family, friends and people in the community whom you could tell about our worship services?

### Holy Week and Easter 2025

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17

6:00 pm Worship

#### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18

7:00 pm Worship

#### EASTER DAY, APRIL 20

10:30 am Choral Prelude

11:00 am Worship

We will receive the **One Great Hour of Sharing** special offering on Easter Day. Remember to bring your well-fed fish-boxes.

We will close worship by congregational singing of the **Hallelujah chorus** from G.F. Handel's *Messiah*. Bring your own score, if you have one. Scores will also be available.

An **Easter Extravaganza Coffee Hour** will follow worship.

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 27

11:00 am Worship with Hymn-Sing

What's your favorite Easter hymn? Look through Hymns 229 to 257 in *Glory to God*.

<b>This Week at Old First</b>
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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 13: Palm Sunday – Holy Week Begins</b>
9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
11:00 am	Worship
After Worship	Coffee Hour, Chapel
12:30 pm	Presentation on Old First's Musical History and its Organ
7:15 pm	AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 15</b>
7:00 pm	Worship Committee, On Line
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 17: Maundy Thursday</b>
6:00 pm	Worship
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 18: Good Friday</b>
7:00 pm	Worship
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 19</b>
9:00 am	Interfaith Food Pantry
1:00 pm	Presbyterian Women, On Line
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 20: Easter Day – The Easter Season Begins</b>
9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am	Choral Prelude
11:00 am	Worship
After Worship	Easter Extravaganza Coffee Hour
7:15 pm	AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 22</b>
6:00 pm	Session, On Line
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 26</b>
5:15 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday Community Dinner, Fellowship Hall

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The Reverend Maggi Henderson	Pastor
The Reverend Erwin C. Barron	Parish Associate
Larry Marietta	Music Director
Jarron Carlson	Composer-in-Residence
Brad Peterson	Church Office Administrator
Kristi Hoerauf	Wedding Coordinator