



LOWCOUNTRY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Surrounded by God's grace, we are a family of faith
joined together through Christ, offering meaning and
hope to all by the way we worship, serve and live.**

**10 Simmonsville Rd
Bluffton, SC 29910**

**Palm Sunday April 13, 2025
10:30am**

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Celebration of Worship
Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025

Silent Meditation

Zechariah 9:9-10 The Message

"Shout and cheer, Daughter Zion! Raise the roof, Daughter Jerusalem! Your king is coming! A good king who makes all things right, a humble king riding a donkey, a mere colt of a donkey. I've had it with war - no more chariots in Ephraim, no more war horses in Jerusalem, no more swords and spears, bows and arrows. He will offer peace to the nations, a peaceful rule worldwide, from the four winds to the seven seas.

Prelude

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!
Jubilate Ringers

Arr. Joel Raney

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. David Johnson

Call to Worship

Steve Meyer

Leader: Jesus' hour has come.

People: Palms wave, hope swells, hosannas fill the air.

Leader: A donkey carries him to the gates of the city.

People: Prophecies are remembered, expectations rise, stones cry out, could this be our king?

Leader: The week ahead will show what kind of king Jesus is.

People: We join with disciples and seekers who wish to see and follow him.

Leader: Jesus' hour has come. But there will be an hour of darkness before it is light.

Processional Hymn #196 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor

***Invocation**

Rev. Johnson

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, on Palm Sunday we sing "Hosanna", wave palm branches, and proclaim you to be our king, yet all too often we give unquestioned allegiance to human leaders and their methods. We say we will follow in the ways of Christ, yet often find ourselves following the way of least resistance. We want to be a disciple of Jesus, but sometimes our words and actions deny that we even know him. God we confess these sins and more, trusting that your love is stronger than our weakness, and will forgive us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Response #227

Jesus, Remember Me

*Affirmation of Faith

Confession of 1967 (9.08)**

In Jesus of Nazareth true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people sharing their joys, and sorrows while expressing the love of God in word and deed. But his life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them he took upon himself the judgment under which all people stand convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord.

*Gloria Patri # 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Children's Moment

Rev. Johnson

(Children leaving for Sunday School will be escorted from the Narthex)

Pastoral Prayer and 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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings and Change Can Make a Change

Offertory

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Douglas E. Wagner

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. David Johnson

*Hymn #265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun (vv. 1, 3, 5)

Anthem

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

arr. Mark Shepherd

Scripture Reading Luke 19:28-40 (pg. 78)
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon “What do the stones cry?” **Rev. David Johnson**

***Hymn #197** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Festival Toccata* by Percy Fletcher

*** Those who are able, please stand.**

****The Confession of 1967**, at the time, was the first new confession of the Presbyterian Church in three centuries, written to address the church’s role in the midst of the turbulent decade of the 60s. The confession is built around a single verse: “In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself...” 2 Cor 5:19.

Welcome to worship. All visitors are welcome to LPC where we seek to love and serve Christ. Let us know of your visit using the visitor card in the pew rack and dropping it in the offering basket. Care for infants through 6 years old during worship is provided in the nursery. Activity bags for elementary age children are available in the Narthex.

Infant Comforting Area - Like many adults, some infants struggle to make it through the entire service. An area has been set aside outside the nursery with sound and a view into the sanctuary. You are welcome to visit the area if the need arises.

Thank you to the Jubilate Ringers for the special music today!

Join Us this Holy Week

Maundy Thursday Service April 17th at 7pm

We tell the story of Jesus’ last night and remember his arrest and death as the sanctuary darkens.

Good Friday, April 18th

The sanctuary is open from 12pm - 3pm for prayer and reflection.

Easter Sunday, April 20th Service of the Resurrection 8:30am & 10:30am A celebration of hope and new life in music and word!

**The flowers today are to the Glory of God given by Lori Higgins
In memory and honor of our beloved pets.**

Adult Sunday School will not meet next Sunday, April 20th. When we resume April 27th at 9:15am our lesson will be Luke 24 :13-35, Our hearts burned along the road, as he opened to us the Scriptures.

Children's Sunday School is on the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month.

Change Can Make a Change for April will benefit the work of One Great Hour of Sharing through the Presbyterian Church USA. Each year our Congregation supports this program during the Lenten Season. Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disaster, food for the hungry and support for the poor and oppressed.

For additional giving to OGHS, please use the envelopes included in your bulletin and make your checks out to LPC .

There are food collection bins (in the Narthex and outside the office) to collect food to donate to Agape Family Life Center between our larger drive through food collections.

Bound Together Book Club, April 24th at 2pm in the Parlor -

Ordinary Grace, a New York Times bestseller, by William Kent Kruger will be our next book discussion. *Ordinary Grace* is a brilliantly moving account of a boy trying to understand a world that seems to be falling apart around him. It is an unforgettable novel about discovering the price of wisdom and the enduring grace of God. All are welcome to join us.

Betty Smith and Alane Peragallo will facilitate the discussion.

The cross in the sanctuary can be a part of your Lenten journey. Following worship, you are invited to place written prayers of confession or intercession on the nails; a visible sign of your intention to entrust your life and that of others to God. You may also come during the week to place your prayers there. Paper and pens are on the side pew near it.

Order forms for Memorial Easter plants are on the counter in the Narthex. Please fill out the form and place it along with your check payable to LPC in the offering basket, or send it to the church office by **tomorrow, April 14th**.

Faith Formation Challenge - The Faith Formation Ministry challenges you to join us as we reflect on Bible verses which have impacted our lives in significant ways. During our Lenten journey, we are sharing some of those versus with you. Which Bible verse is special in your spiritual walk? You can share it by sending it to Elaine Branda at- hgolfer@gmail.com or by placing it in her mailbox in the church office.

Luke 12:48 - "To whom much is given, much will be required." Dale Wilkes

The Flower Ministry is in need of one or two re-arrangers. This involves dividing and re-arranging the sanctuary flowers after the Sunday service, approximately once a month. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Fran Parker at frannieparker38@gmail.com or 843-757-8181.

The Caregiver Support Group led by Rev. Johnson and Debbie Hager will meet following worship Sunday, April 27th, in the back room by the nursery.

Upper Room devotionals for May/June are on the counter in the Narthex.

Thank you to everyone who came to help us celebrate our wedding day, and thank you for all your donations to charities in honor of our marriage.

Blessings and love, Chris & Larry Tremitiere

If you would like a digital copy of today's service please email the church office (office@lowcountrypres.org) and we will send it to you.

Temple Oseh Shalom Invites You to Join Them for a Yom Ha Shoah Program (Holocaust Remembrance Day) Thursday, April 24th at 5pm

This program commemorates the ten million men, women and children who were killed by Nazi Germany and its collaborators during the Holocaust. The program will include many musical moments of reflection and remembrance. Your presence would be appreciated.

Sermon Notes: