



Holly Presbyterian Church
Palm Sunday
March 29, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

Pennies from Heaven A voluntary small change offering for building projects.

Prelude

Julia Hull

*Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 118

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

Let Israel say, "His love endures forever!" and all who fear God say, "His love endures forever!"

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

With the Lord on our side, what can we fear? What can humankind do?

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

We shall triumph over those who surround us and stand in confidence in the Lord, our God!

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

The Lord is our strength and our might. The Lord has become our salvation!

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

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*Opening Hymn #196 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we come together and worship you weekly, but we must confess that our weekdays are not always as worshipful. We leave these walls and become distracted, anxious, selfish, greedy, and self-focused. We shout with the crowds on Sunday, "Hosanna!" But like the crowds, by Friday our actions shout "Crucify Him!" Forgive us for the inconsistency of our love and devotion. Turn our hearts away from the things that cause our lips to cease praising. Make us a people who continually shout, "Hosanna!"

(please take time for silent personal confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Based on Rev. 1:17-18

Amen!

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, give us eyes to see and ears to hear your Word. As we listen, plant the seed of righteousness in our hearts and water it, so that it might grow and produce fruit for the Kingdom eternal. Amen.

Scriptures

Old Testament Scripture Genesis 4:1-7

Pew Bible (OT) Pg. 3

New Testament Gospel John 3:1-21

Pew Bible (NT) Pg. 108-109

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon “People Loved the Darkness”

Rev. Chris Thomas

***Hymn #197 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”**

***Affirmation of Faith**

Selections from the Athanasian Creed**

That we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and human, equally. He is God from the essence of the Father, begotten before time; and he is human from the essence of his mother, born in time; completely God, completely human, with a rational soul and human flesh; equal to the Father as regards divinity, less than the Father as regards humanity.

**He suffered for our salvation; he descended to hell; he arose from the dead; he ascended to heaven; he is seated at the Father's right hand; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. At his coming all people will arise bodily and give an accounting of their own deeds. Those who have done good will enter eternal life, and those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.
Amen!**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

***Doxology Hymn #607 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)”**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Lord, we surrender all that we are and all that we have to you. Take our allegiance and fill us with your glory that we might become your reflection in the world you have placed us in. Fill us with your hope, that we might have the courage to speak your truth. Fill us with your love, that we might lay down our lives for the world you love. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #363 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"**
Charge and Benediction
Postlude

Julia Hull

Assisting with worship today: Worship Leader-Jan Bradshaw; Usher-Dessalee Cook; AV Setup-Karen Haneline; Sound-Gordie Bradshaw.

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Outreach Team

Traverse Place-We made toiletries and candy bags for 5 men and 3 women ages 17-21 years old. We appreciate your contributions for this project. This will be a gift for Easter for them.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday April 2nd is Maundy Thursday. We will have a soup & bread dinner at 6:00pm with a worship service at 7:00pm.

Easter Lilies for Easter

Thank you for your orders. You can take your plants home after worship on April 5th.

Volunteers needed

We appreciate all you do to help this church. Please check the sign-up sheets at the back of the sanctuary for coffee hour, worship, and the baby pantry and see where you could help.

Bible Study

Join us at 10am for an in-depth look at Scriptures. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

Care Team

If you have prayer requests, please submit them to Karen Haneline - haneline526@gmail.com or 248-894-3489.

Prayer Concerns

(For a more complete prayer list visit <https://www.hollypc.org/>)

Pray for peace and comfort to the family of **Judy Wood** who passed away 3/26/26. Judy

led the Friends with Needs program. A memorial will be held in May.

Pray for: Vicky (Tom Schettling's sister-in-law) fractured her femur; **Loretta Weiss** diagnosed with an autoimmune disease-causing inflammation of the muscle around her joints.; **Elizabeth Kici** at her apartment in Brighton and would appreciate visitors; **Mary Renico** broke wrist; **Ray Knudsen** (previous pulpit supply) fractured his scapula in left shoulder.; Randy's sister **Jenny and the Cook family.**; **Bob Killewald; Sherry McLaughlin.**

Ongoing prayers: Mike Pelton with dementia; **Lori and Don Vallance** (Randy Cook's sister and brother-in-law) strength and healing as Don has been diagnosed with dementia; **Glynnna Parker** pancreatic cancer; **Dale Huffman** for increased strength; **Perry Smith** recovering from brain surgery; **Toni** brain aneurysm. **James Teddy and Charly; Alex Perry.**

Prayers for those suffering: for all those affected by war, severe weather, hunger, gun violence, abuse, health issues, and/or addiction.

Mark your calendar

Sun Mar 29th	10:30am	Coffee
	11:15am	Worship
Thurs Apr 2nd	6:00pm	Soup and Bread dinner
	7:00pm	Service
Fri Apr 3rd	10:00am	Baby Pantry
Sun Apr 5th	10:30am	Coffee
	11:00am	Outreach Team
	11:15am	Worship



Dale Huffman & Karen Haneline

Should you visit someone-take a picture and share it with us!