

J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)



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Liturgy of the Palms

April 13, 2025 • 10:30 AM

Gathering

*Opening Sentences

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

*Prayer

We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ, who entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Let these branches be signs of his victory, and grant that we who carry and wave them may follow him in the way of the cross, that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Processional Hymn No. 204

All Glory, Laud and Honor

ST. THEODULPH

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Cassie Alston

Opening Prayer

Everlasting God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son to take our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

*Opening Prayer

Almighty God, Redeemer of all who trust in you, heed the cry of your people; deliver us from the bondage of sin, that we may serve you in perfect freedom and rejoice in your unfailing love; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

Call to Confession

Rom. 5:8; Heb. 4:16

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

God of heaven and earth, we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ in your name. Even though we profess to follow him, we confess that in times of trial we too often deny him. Forgive us and heal us, we pray. Help us to put our faith not in the princes of this world, but only in the Prince of Peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

1 Tim. 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

Summary of the Law

John 13:34

Hear the teaching of Christ:
I give you a new commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Word

Choral Anthem

The Holy City arr. Stephen Adams
featuring Jeremy Threlfall, tenor

Prayer for Illumination

Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God, and prepare our hearts to accept your word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever!"

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter.

I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

By the LORD this has been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

Hosanna! O LORD, save us! We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!

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 has given us light. Form a procession with branches, up to the corners of the altar.

You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, God's mercy endures forever.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 19:28-40*

Sermon

Shouting Stones

Rev. Cassie Alston

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from

the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he will come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Hymn No. 805** *Glory Be to the Father* GREATOREX
Gloria Patri

***Hymn No. 95** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* CORONATION

The Invitation to the Offering *Ps. 24:1*

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it. Let us return to God the offerings of our life.

Offertory *Sacred Harp Medley* arr. Brandt Adams
WARRENTON and BEACH SPRING (from *The Sacred Harp*, 1844)

***Hymn No. 809** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH
Doxology

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us and what we have gathered in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

... The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

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. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sending

***Hymn No. 203** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* ELLACOMBE

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty* arr. David Harrison

***Please stand as you are able.**

Announcements

Welcome to worship!

All who worship here are joyfully welcomed into our midst! To our visitors, we offer a special welcome and invite you to join us again soon. Please fill out the blue card in your pew and place it in the offering plate when passed.

Welcome to our guest musician, Ben Bullock

Ben Bullock joined the Hinds Community College staff in 2015 as the High Brass Instructor, Jazz Band Director, and Assistant Band Director. He holds a Master of Music degree in Trumpet Performance as well as a Bachelor of Music Education degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, where he was a National Trumpet Competition Semi-Finalist and also received the Section Trumpet Award for the 2012–2013 trumpet studio.

Mr. Bullock has taught both high school and middle school bands previously at Kosciusko Middle School, Milam Intermediate, and Lewisburg High School. He presently maintains a healthy high school private lesson studio in the Jackson area with numerous Mississippi Lions All-State Band and National Trumpet Competition High School Solo Division students. At Hinds Community College, Mr. Bullock has earned the HCC Honors Institute Honored Faculty Member Award and teaches Applied High Brass lessons, Jazz Ensemble, and serves as an Assistant Director to the HCC Band Program. His duties include Marching Band, Concert Band, and show music arranger. Mr. Bullock also enjoys a busy trumpet career with the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra, MSO Brass Quintet, Mississippi Brass and Percussion, and various other regional orchestra and music events.

Holy Week Services

Sunday, 4/13	10:30 AM	Palm Sunday Service (Palm Processional) Anthem: <i>The Holy City</i> (Jeremy Threlfall, tenor; Ben Bullock, trumpet)
Thursday, 4/17	6:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service (Communion)
Friday, 4/18	6:00 PM	Good Friday Service
Sunday, 4/20	10:30 AM	Easter Sunday Service: Resurrection of the Lord! Anthem: <i>Crown Him Lord of All; Worthy is the Lamb; The Lord's Prayer</i> (Dierdre Reynolds, alto; Jeremy Threlfall, tenor; Dr. LaTannia Ellerbe, violin)

Record from Last Sunday

Attendance: 48

Offering: \$11,274.00

Upcoming Events

Today, 4/13	11:45 AM	Session Meeting (Ewell Martin Room)
	4:00 PM	Prayer Group (1503 Vermont Ave.)
Wednesday, 4/16	7:15 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday, 4/17	9:00 AM	Prayer Group (919 N. James St.)
	10:30 AM	Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service (Communion)
Friday, 4/18	6:00 PM	Good Friday Service
Sunday, 4/20	9:00 AM	Breakfast (Ewell Martin Room)
	9:15 AM	Youth Sunday School (Youth Room)
	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship: Resurrection of the Lord

The Session

Rev. Cassie Alston, moderator

Class of 2025

Tommy Brock
Property

Linda Miller
Congregational Care

Noggin Wild
Clerk of Session

Class of 2026

Sam Daniel
Finance & Stewardship

Robbie DeCoux
Missions

Sarah Ross
Government

Class of 2027

Harrell Ables
Christian Ed. & Evangelism

Susan White
Fellowship

Lee Williams
Worship

Questions for Reflection:

As this Holy Week unfolds, spend some time each day pondering the compassion and love of Christ. What does it feel like to be so cared for?

Household Prayer: Morning

God, as I enter into this new day, I ask that you keep me mindful of the profound nature of this Holy Week. Help me to go beyond the joyful parade of the palms and to follow Jesus into the suffering of this world, mindful that he was obedient to you, even to the cross. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Thank you, God, for the gift of this day. If I remembered today my betrayals of you, remind me now of your steadfast love for me, as I give this day into your hands and rest in peace. Amen.

Worship Greeters

Thank you to today's worship greeters Elise and John Reeves, Jack and Collins.

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