

THE CELEBRATION OF OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH
Fort King Presbyterian Church
March 29th, 2026
Palm Sunday



Fort King Presbyterian Church Mission Statement

The mission of Fort King Presbyterian Church is to build a loving community of people living and growing in faith as we work for justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God in the world. Fort King Presbyterian Church welcomes all people of any age, gender, color, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic status, or disability into the full life and membership of this congregation.

We Gather to Worship God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENTS for MINISTRY

Mission

Sally Layendecker

OGHS Offering

Annette George

PRELUDE

Let's Just Praise The Lord

Wm. & Gloria Gaither

We Prepare to Hear the Word

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice, people of God –

your King comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey.

We lift our branches and our hearts,

welcoming the One who rides toward the cross.

Christ comes not in pride but in humility,

not grasping at glory but emptying himself in love.

We come to worship the Christ who descends to lift us up.

The, let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus –

a mind shaped by compassion, unity, and joy.

Come, let us follow the One who finds joy in the downward road.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #196 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor!*

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of heaven and earth, we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ in your name. However, on this Palm Sunday we must confess yet again, that though we profess to follow Jesus, in times of trial we too often deny him. Oh, we will sing our “hosannas” when everyone else is doing so – but not when the hostile “Good Friday” forces may hear us.

Forgive us and heal us, we pray. Help us not to put our faith in the princes or promises of this world, but only in the Prince of Peace, that he may yet teach us his way. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING THE PEACE

*ACCLAMATION, #196 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Refrain

*All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!*

We Hear the Word of God

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON	Matthew 21:1-11	Jesus' Triumphal Entry
HYMN OF FAITH, #197	<i>Hosanna, Loud Hosanna</i>	ELLACOMBE
SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON	Philippians 2:1-11	Imitating Christ's Humility
SERMON	Joy in Descent: Love Rides toward the Cross <i>(Joy, in Lent? – 6)</i>	Rev. Bob Scott

We Respond to the Word with Gratitude

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

What a strange paradox; the King is coming, the people rejoice, singing 'Hosanna in the highest!' yet fail to understand that the King they welcome is the Servant King, the King who washes his disciples' feet, the King who came not with an army but a weapon so powerful that not even death could resist, the sacrificial love of God laid out upon a Cross.

Lord God, as we sing our 'Hosannas' today may we remember also that which you were riding toward; the suffering and rejection, pain and humiliation, the cruel Cross. And let us look forward to the joy of Easter Day when you rose from death to reign forever.

Help us, as we daily lay our lives before you, and to live the resurrection life that acknowledges Jesus as Lord and King over our lives. Amen.

*ANTHEM *Hosanna, Hosanna* Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY *Happiness* Wm. Gaither

*RESPONSE, #606 *Doxology* OLD HUNDRETH

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Are Sent to Share Christ's Love

*CLOSING HYMN, #198

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

ST. DROSTANE

*INVITATION AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

[indicates all should rise in body, or in spirit]*

Assisting with Today's Service:

Fort King Ministers: *All our members and friends*

Worship Leaders: *Pastor Bob Scott, Cathy Beebe*

Executive Assistant: *Mary Wald*

Music Director: *John Leschak*

Ushers: March: *Missions*

Flowers: *Kathleen Polston for March Birthdays*

Zoom Host: *Ken McMurry*, A/V Operator: *Lorraine Fuller*

Nursery: *Tammy Kessler and Marlene Wittenwyler*

ANNOUNCEMENTS - for week of March 30th, 2026 – April 5th, 2026

03/30	Mon:	6:30	Scouts (FH/CE)
03/31	Tue:	3:30	TOPS (FH), 6:30 PNC Meeting (SR)
04/01	Wed:	1:00	Midweek Bible Study (SR), 3:30 PW Council (SR), 6:30 YAK (Zm)
04/02	Thu:	7:00	Legacy Allies [BNI] (FH), 10:00 Sit & Stitch (HH),
		3:00	Tai Chi (FH), 4:00 Choir Practice,
		6:00	Maundy Thursday Dinner (FH)
04/04	Sat:	10:00	-12:00 Easter Egg Hunt (FH)
04/05	Sun:	9:00	Crossroads Adult Class (SR)
		10:30	Easter Sunday Worship in person and on Zoom
			Equal Exchange

Maundy Thursday Dinner 6:00pm

At our Maundy Thursday Dinner-Service we will recall the events of our Lord's last night with his disciples, including the institution of the Lord's Supper.

Our service will begin with a meal, hosted by members of Session. To properly prepare, we need an accurate count. Please contact the church office.

Easter Sunday Worship Service, April 5th

All of Lent culminates on Easter Morning as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, rejoicing in Christ's victory over death and the new life God offers to all!