



PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 13, 2025

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Whether you are a member or a visitor, whether you are in person or online*, we hope you will sense God's presence and be open to God's blessing through the service we share this morning.

Children's bulletins and large-print Orders of Worship are available from our ushers. Our nursery, with attendant Taylor Stout, is available for infants and toddlers at the Aurelius Road entrance.

The asterisk (*) is an invitation for the congregation to stand, in body or spirit, as you are able. **Bold type indicates a congregational response in unison.**

As you enter the Sanctuary or look at the links beneath the YouTube window, you will find opportunities to submit a prayer request to be shared by the pastor during the "Prayers of the Community of Faith." Alternatively, you may personally voice your prayer request at that time or type it into the chat window on YouTube.

**During the livestream service, our cameras can capture almost every person in the sanctuary. If you would prefer to stay out of the camera's eye, you're encouraged to sit in the back pews on the pulpit side of the sanctuary.*

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PREPARATION

“Kilimanjaro is a snow-covered mountain 19,710 feet high...Its western summit is called by the Masai ‘Ngaje Ngai,’ the house of God. Close to the western summit there is the dried and frozen carcass of a leopard. No one can explain what the leopard was seeking at that altitude.”

--Ernest Hemingway, The Snows of Kilimanjaro

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Kirk Miller

PRELUDE

Jiwon Chun, Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Susan Land, Liturgist

One: Rejoice greatly, O daughters of Zion! Shout aloud, sons of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king comes to you.

All: He is triumphant and victorious; humble and riding on a donkey; on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

One: Let us take branches of palm trees and meet our king with shouts of praise:

All: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

One: Enter our hearts today, Lord, as you entered Jerusalem long ago;

All: Lead us by faith in the way of deep, everlasting life.

*HYMN #196

All Glory, Laud and Honor

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Loving God, as we walk the road of palms and blessing, as we near the hallowed ground of Gethsemane and Golgotha, we confess our unworthiness. Our deprivations are so few, our scars so scarce, our courage so seldom summoned, our passion so wasted on self. Who are we that we should bear Christ's name or claim to be your people? Forgive us, O God, for we know not what we do. Help us to come as the sinners we are, that we may obtain mercy and find help in our time of need. Through our lives and by our prayers, may your kingdom come.

(silence for personal confession)

*KYRIE

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*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE #197, v. 3

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you,
and also with you.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

RESPONSE #197, v. 1

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Following the Children's Sermon, children pre-K through 4th grade are invited to make their way to their respective Christian Education opportunities on the lower level. Infant and toddler care is available in the nursery near the Aurelius Road entrance.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:29-40

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Sacred Tracks”

Rev. Dr. Rob Carlson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

“Ride On, King Jesus”

arr. Philip Kern

Chancel Choir

Amanda Goldberg, Director

Mira Choi, Collaborative Pianist

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Philippians 2:6-11*

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God
a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself,
taking the form of a servant,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form he humbled himself
and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name which is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**



THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

Your offering can be made using this QR code or by visiting www.fpc-bolt.org/stewardship.

OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE #215, v. 1

What Wondrous Love is This

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: We pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our 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.

WE TAKE GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #202

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE (tune: Iona Kyrie)

Pilgrimage

**Christ before me on this day, Christ beside me on my way.
Christ within me this I pray, make me brave and faithful.**

*POSTLUDE



We give thanks to God for our ushers (Tim Turner, Jeff Cwiek, Judy Gubry),
production (A. J. Hill, Lois Furry, Don Parry),
and for our pastors, Rev. Kirk Miller and Rev. Dr. Rob Carlson.



THE CHANIER



Ongoing Prayer Concerns

- Bev Stewart
- Nevin Johnson, Betts' grandson with chronic kidney disease
- Priscilla Krohnke & BK Gopal
- Wilma & Jayna Akright
- Tanya Olson
- Bill and Nancy Brock
- Anita Betts' daughter and son-in-law (Robin & Kevin) - Kevin's lymphoma is in remission; continued prayers
- Steve Weinberger
- Paul Schmidt
- Tom Shaver, recovering from surgery, awaiting radiation & immunotherapy for stage 4 pancreatic cancer
- Rhonda Bryan, Kamryn Shumway's mother
- Phil Bennett
- Brionna Hornus, and her son, Evren, who is in the NICU at Sparrow Hospital

Prayers from the Pew and Chat Panel

- Flor Fratzke, her family, and the people of Othon P Blanco, following the abduction of Flor's uncle
- Congratulations to Ellen & Ryan Beyea (Ellen is Rob & Barb Carlson's niece) on the birth of their first child, Quin Michael Beyea

Let your feet follow your heart until you find your place of resurrection. - Mantra of the Celtic Pilgrim

HOLY WEEK OBSERVANCES BEGIN SUNDAY, APRIL 13



PALM SUNDAY

April 13 | 10 AM

- Palm Procession
- Liturgy of the Palms



GOOD FRIDAY

April 18

- Corporate Worship
12 noon
- Personal Reflection
1-3 PM



MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 17 | 7 PM

- Holy Communion
- Tenebrae - a Service of Shadows



EASTER SUNDAY

April 20 | 10 AM

- Brass Ensemble
- Chancel Choir
- Ringers of the Kirk
- Running of the Disciples



Running of the Disciples

(because hunting for eggs can't compare to finding an empty tomb!)

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

immediately
following worship

Children 4th grade and younger are invited to gather in the narthex for the fourth annual "**Running of the Disciples**", where they'll follow clues in search of hidden treasures that tell the Easter story.

Parents may accompany children, or wait in Fellowship Hall.



WE'RE GATHERING FOR EASTER EGG DECORATING & MORE!

THIS AFTERNOON - 4-6 PM

- Fellowship Hall
- Crafts for ALL ages!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT ALLISON TURNER
@517-525-7075

SAVE THE DATE

A Day at the Lake!
1 PM, Saturday, June 14
at the Turners' Cottage in Gregory, MI



One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing is a Presbyterian Church (USA) national offering that is directed toward victims of natural disasters, feeding the hungry and empowering the poor. It is collected at home throughout Lent, or online donations may be made by following the

QR code. Children are provided "fish banks" at WaterWorks! and adults can utilize a fish bank or a dedicated envelope.

The WaterWorks! fish banks and all other donations to One Great Hour of Sharing will be dedicated this morning.

75 YEARS |  ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT





FPC-HOLT & LANSING YOUTH EVENTS



MHYC

APRIL 13

YIA

Gather @ 1 PM;

Showtime @ 2 PM

Theran and Anora are appearing in the musical "Fame Jr." presented by the Williamston Youth Theater at Williamston High School!

Cost: \$15 per person or use your M³.



6-7:30 PM

Beyond a nice omelet at brunch, what do eggs have to do with Easter? Not much - but they are fun to decorate. Style up an Easter egg or two as we talk about what Easter really means for us today.



Mission Trip/ Presbyterian **Youth Triennium**

July 24-31, 2025

Open to all current 9th-12th graders!

Scan the QR code or contact Rev. Kirk, kirk@fpc-holt.org for more information!



**APRIL 20 IS THE DEADLINE TO SIGN UP AND
TURN IN YOUR \$100 DEPOSIT TO THE CHURCH OFFICE!**



**NO MEETINGS
SUNDAY, APRIL 20!**

Today is the deadline to order Easter Lilies!

This year's lilies will have gold foil and you'll be able to take the plants home (or deliver to someone else) after the 10:00AM service.

I wish to order _____ Easter Lilies at \$15.00 each

You may order your plants by scanning the QR code, or by completing this form and putting it in the offering plate with your payment, dropping it off in the office, or sending it by mail.

(Make checks payable to **First Presbyterian Church of Holt** and write **Easter Lily** on the memo line.) Order deadline is **today**.

(Please print names as you wish them to appear in the tribute page on April 20)

In Memory of: _____

In Honor Of: _____

A Gift For: _____

From: _____ Phone # _____



Ingham Festival Chorale

~ presents ~

Songs of Hope, Peace and Praise

conducted by Michael Huey-Jones


this afternoon at 4:00 PM

University United Methodist Church, East Lansing

Works include:

O Clap Your Hands by Rutter, *Sikirileke/Koloi* by Sabelo Mthembu,
Verleih uns Frieden by Mendelssohn, *Alleluia* by Basler,
works by Elaine Hagenberg and Deby and Kirk Dearman

*FPC-Holt members Susan Land, Dee Malone, Paul Bossenbroek,
Rebecca Bossenbroek and Amanda Goldberg are part of the Chorale*

 <p>V.I.P.S. Very Important Presbyterian Seniors</p>	<p>Admit All FPC-Holt Seniors 55-ish and up Tours, Lunches, Study, Fellowship & more!</p>
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Tuesday, April 22 Lunch Bunch at 12 noon

Get ready for a "home-cooked" meal at Anna's House in Okemos!



If you would like more information, please call Jan Babcock, 517-930-4809, Deb Bachman, 517-525-1194, or the church office, 517-694-8151. Scan the QR code for the complete schedule!

**Tuesday, April 15
Lunch Bunch at 12 noon**

Join us for lunch at The Depot Diner in Mason.



Grace for the Journey and Grace Upon Grace

Grieving the loss. Healing together.

There is a specific kind of pain that comes with the loss of a spouse or significant other. Widows become part of a sisterhood, bound together by a common experience of loss that is yet as unique as the relationship from which it arose.

Those who are recently widowed are invited to join "Grace for the Journey" at FPC-Holt on April 22, 12 noon, to share stories, support, encouragement and compassion with women who can meet you where you are.

For any who are less recent widows and would welcome continued support, a new group, "Grace Upon Grace," is being formed. Please contact Beth Byerley, bethbyerley@gmail.com, to express your interest.

Sanctuary Conversation 4.27.25



Since the 1980s, the Presbyterian Church (USA) has been at the forefront of the national sanctuary movement, an effort to stand in solidarity with immigrants and refugees as part of our calling to care for those in need.

After worship on **Sunday, April 27th**, **Dr. Brandon Grafius** will facilitate a discussion on the historical roots of the sanctuary movement, the various ways churches have responded to the calling, and some of the ways FPC-Holt might be called to be a part of this movement. While the most high profile instances have involved churches who have housed immigrants, the movement encompasses a wide range of actions: offering a public statement of support, pledging to provide meals, or publicizing that we will help connect immigrants with the resources they need through our contacts in the community.

Please join us in the fellowship hall after worship for what we know will be the beginning of a faithful and impactful conversation.

Feeling discouraged by current events?

Feeling called to do something?

Hope in Action

**Presbytery of Lake Michigan
Eastern Area Churches**

Potluck, Worship & Community Action

Friday, May 16, 2025

Gathering Time 6:00-6:30 p.m.

Potluck 6:30-7:15 p.m. (bring a dish to share)

Worship 7:15-7:45 p.m.

Action 7:45-8:30 p.m.

**Host: First Presbyterian Church of Holt
2021 Aurelius Road, Holt**





**Thank you for helping our youth
raise over \$700 last week
by donating your cans and bottles!**

REFUNDABLE BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE

**Help send a youth on a mission trip or ministry activity -
bring in your empties to start filling up the trailer again!**



CONGRATULATIONS, FPC-HOLT TRIVIA TEAM!



**WINNERS OF THE UKIRK@MSU
APRIL 4 TRIVIA FUN(D)RAISER EVENT**

It was a night of knowledge testing and friendly competition, but the true winner is UKirk@MSU, the recipient of the donations! If you can help us defend our crown in the fall, contact Beckie Corner or the church office.



Babylon
Daniel's Courage in Captivity™



It's time to start thinking about Vacation Bible School!

We'll need lots of helpers with this event, which is on
the calendar for July 13-17.

Are you being called to share God's word in a fun and engaging way?

We're looking for:

Tribe Leaders • Marketplace Shop Keepers • Food Court Prep
and Servers • and more!



Join Eileen Krawczynski, VBS coordinator,
on Sunday, May 4 in the Hospitality Room
following worship for our first
orientation and organizational meeting!



This Week at FPC-Holt

Sunday Palm Sunday	Apr 13	10:00am	Worship Service in the Sanctuary and on Livestream; Dedication of One Great Hour of Sharing banks and donations; WaterWorks! For children grades pre-K through 8th
		11:00am	FPC-Holt Family Fellowship Time; The Pilgrim's Table (both in Fellowship Hall)
		1:00pm	MHYC– "Fame. Jr." musical at Williamston High School
		4:00pm	FOYOs Easter Egg Decorating and more! YIA–The Meaning of Easter and Egg Decorating
		6:30pm	AA
Monday	Apr 14	12noon	Bible Study
Tuesday	Apr 15	10:00am	Staff Meeting
		12noon	VIPS Lunch Bunch at the Depot Diner in Mason
		7:15pm	Presbyterian Women
		8:00pm	AA
Wednesday	Apr 16	12noon	Labyrinth Lunch
		6:30pm	AA
		7:00pm	Square Dancing Tenebrae Rehearsal
Thursday Maundy Thursday	Apr 17	5:30pm	Ringers of the Kirk Rehearsal
		7:00pm	Tenebrae Worship Service Chancel Choir will rehearse following the service
		8:00pm	AA
Friday Good Friday	Apr 18	12noon	Good Friday Corporate Worship
		1:00pm	Sanctuary open for prayer and reflection until 3:00pm
Saturday	Apr 19	10:00am	Fellowship Hall reserved
		6:00pm	AA
Sunday Easter Sunday	Apr 20	10:00am	Worship Service in the Sanctuary and on Livestream; WaterWorks! For children grades pre-K through 8th
		11:00am	Running of the Disciples–gather in Narthex FPC-Holt Family Fellowship Time No evening youth activities
		6:30pm	AA