

Art by Greer Holder (age 10)
and Paisley Lane (age 9)

Hosanna

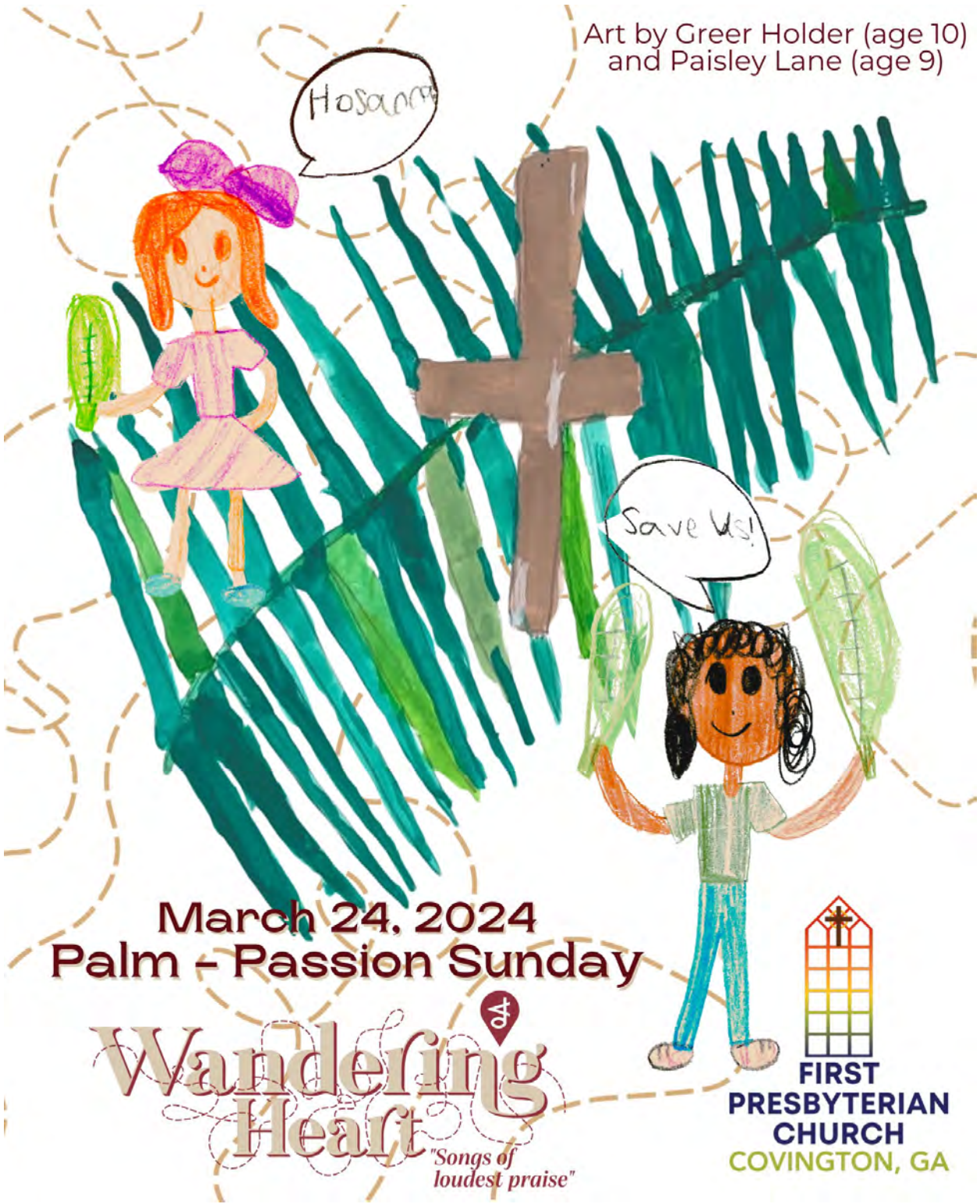
Save Us!

March 24, 2024
Palm - Passion Sunday

Wandering Heart ⁰⁴
"Songs of loudest praise"



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
COVINGTON, GA



✠ *You are invited to stand in body or spirit*



Gathering As God's Beloved People

Gathering Music

<i>Tuba Tune in D Major</i>	Craig Sellar Lang
<i>Prelude in Classic Style</i>	Gordon Young
<i>Let All Who Have Breath Praise the Lord!</i>	Douglas Wagner

Introit

<i>All Glory, Laud and Honor</i>	ST. THEODULPH
Handbell Choir	

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Sing songs of loudest praise!

Hosanna!

Sing songs that are unashamed.

Hosanna!

Sing songs without being afraid.

Hosanna!

Sing for the God of tomorrow and today.

Hosanna!

Let us worship the One worthy to be praised.

Palm Processional

Hymn of Praise 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

✠ **Call to Confession**

✠ **Community Confession**

Holy God, we want to run into the streets and sing your praise!

We want to be bold and unashamed of this good-news Gospel.

However, too often we find ourselves standing against the wall.
Too often we stay quiet. Too often we let others carry the song.
Forgive us for the moments when we could lead the parade
but instead find ourselves standing on the sidelines.
Show us which songs are ours to sing.
Show us which parades are ours to lead,
and then give us the courage and conviction to do both.
With hope and honesty we pray, amen.

✠ Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

Church, we are forgiven!
We are free to try again.

✠ Response to God's Grace 572

Holy, Holy, Holy

SANCTUS (Pavlechko)

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

✠ Passing of the Peace

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you!



Proclaiming the Word

Wondering with God's Children

Hosanna in the Highest

R.E. Schram

Children's Choir & instrumentalists

Loucy Hay, keyboard; Jordan Myers, jimbé;

Mary Lindsey Whisnant, cabasa

Prayer for God's Wisdom and Understanding

Scripture Reading

John 12:12-16

Pew Bible page 106

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Wandering Heart: Songs of Loudest Praise

Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane

Cantata

No Greater Sacrifice

Music and orchestration by Larry Shackley

Lyrics and narration by Pamela Martin

First Narration

*Whatever you did for the least of these,
you did for me*

Erin Morgan

Music

All Glory, Laud and Honor
Chancel Choir

ST. THEODULPH
Shackley, Martin

Second Narration

*The one who is at the table
or the one who serves*

Meghan Usry
Patrick Carmichael

Music

Remember
Chancel Choir

Shackley, Martin

Third Narration

*If You are willing,
let this cup be taken from me*

Peter Robinson
Larry Kennon

Music

Must I Drink the Cup?
Chancel Choir

Shackley, Martin

Fourth Narration

*Forgive them, for they do not know
what they are doing*

Meghan Usry
Patrick Carmichael

Music

Behold the Lamb!
Chancel Choir

Shackley, Martin

Fifth Narration

This is love

Neeley Rentz Lane

Music

Wondrous Love/ Worthy Is the Lamb!
Chancel Choir

Shackley, Martin
Quoting WONDROUS LOVE



Responding to the Word

Offering Our Gifts: An Invitation to Generosity

You are invited to "Text to Give" your offering! Text FPCCOV followed by your donation amount to: 73256 and follow the link to give online, or scan the QR Code to visit the giving page! Select "2024 Pledge" if you made a stewardship pledge. Select "Non-Pledge" for a general plate offering.*



Offertory

Adagio sostenuto
Alice Walker

Ludwig Van Beethoven



Being the Church in the World

✠ Sending Hymn

Worthy is the Lamb

Shackley, Martin

See next page for hymn.

✠ Benediction

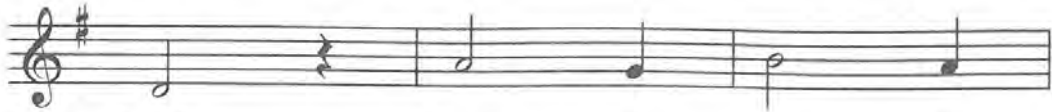
✠ Postlude

At the Name of Jesus

Michael Burkhardt



1. Wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy is the
 2. Wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy is the



Lamb. Wor - thy, wor - thy
 Lamb. Wor - thy, wor - thy



is the great "I AM." No great - er sac - ri -
 is the great "I AM." No great - er love out -



fice than Christ the cru - ci - fied;
 poured, no high - er name a - dored;



wor - thy is the Lamb.
 wor - thy is the Lamb.



Worship Practices

Worship Art—This Lenten season we are displaying art in the Narthex by the children and youth of FPC and children of Southern Heartland Art under the instruction of Elise Hammond. Our worship guide cover today is a digital composition of two artworks from some of our FPC Kids: a color pencil drawing by Paisley Lane (age 9) and a painting by Greer Holder (age 10).

Cantata—Today’s proclamation of the word is largely composed of a cantata titled *No Greater Sacrifice* with music and orchestration by Larry Shackley, and lyrics and narration by Pamela Martin. The following is an excerpt from the forward by Shackley.

The inspiration for this cantata initially comes from the book of Hebrews, in which the author reminds us that Jesus paid the penalty for our sins, He “sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high... being made so much better than the angels” (Hebrews 1:3-4). The following chapters demonstrate again and again the uniqueness and superiority of Jesus Christ and His sacrifice.

No Greater Sacrifice examines the idea in light of five key events of Holy Week. Not only do we find there is no greater sacrifice, but there is no greater king and no greater servant than the Lord Jesus. And through it all, He demonstrated the greatest obedience and the greatest love as He laid down His life for His friends.

Children in Worship—We have a “*Children in Worship*” guiding brochure available in the Narthex! This brochure is intended to serve as an aid to parents and other members of our congregation in welcoming our children to worship. Children are always welcome to wiggle and giggle in the pews at FPC! During worship children are invited to join us at the front of the Sanctuary for a time of Wondering with God’s Children. Afterwards, children planning to go to the nursery will be escorted downstairs by Pastor Neeley or Pastor Erin. If you need help finding the nursery, you are invited to ask an usher to point the way. If your child needs to leave the Sanctuary for whatever reason, please accompany them throughout the building.

Friendship Registers—In each pew there is a pad with a black cover that we invite everyone to fill out. If the Friendship Register is nearest to you, please fill it out and pass it down the pew so it can reach everyone. When you pass it on, we invite you to introduce yourself to your pew friends! We encourage visitors and newcomers to connect with us by filling out the Friendship Register so we can be sure to send you a message to thank you for joining us.

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Serving Today

Tech Team | Dan Walden, Kenny Compton,
Jonny Atkins, Brad Hawley, Kraig Howell

Acolytes | Ruth Ralston, Rose Ralston

Usher Chair | Curtis Watson



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Our Mission Statement

First Presbyterian Church Covington is a Christian community existing to glorify God by welcoming all of God's children. We celebrate through serving, teaching, praying, eating, crying, singing, and dancing with the Holy Spirit. As works in progress, we seek to respond to God's presence in our church, lives, and community.

First Presbyterian Church Staff

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Curtis Watson	<i>Witness (2024)</i>
Engaging	
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Dana Hall	<i>Faith & Fellowship (2025)</i>
Darcel Tabb	<i>Faith & Fellowship (2024)</i>
More	
Jodi Atkins	<i>Strategic Planning (2026)</i>
Kenny Compton	<i>Facilities (2026)</i>
John McCarthy	<i>Clerk of Session</i>
Danny Vining	<i>Personnel (2026)</i>

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Illness and Strife

- ✦ Emily Phillips, granddaughter of Carol McGiboney
- ✦ Tammy Quick, friend of Donna Weesner - recovering from ankle surgery
- ✦ Ken Fullerton, father of Scott Fullerton & Pawpaw to Audrey - health issues
- ✦ Nancy, friend of Mark & Jennifer Fogarty - stage IV pancreatic cancer
- ✦ Susan Hammond, aunt of Erin Morgan - cancer
- ✦ Christy Blanchford & daughter Samantha, friends of the congregation - mourning loss of husband, Sam Johnson
- ✦ Brian, brother of Adriane Ivey
- ✦ Jeanelle Brown - cousin for Randy Layton
- ✦ Armondo Castro, friend of Mark Fogarty
- ✦ Vonzella Lee, friend of Barbara Martin - gastric cancer
- ✦ Joel Kitchens
- ✦ Sheree Evans, friend of Cathy & Denny Dobbs - treatment for cancer
- ✦ Larry Cox, brother-in-law of Randy Layton - cancer

- ✦ Memama, great-grandma of Paisley Lane
- ✦ Bernice Bailey
- ✦ Brenda Buckelew, mother of Jennifer Buckelew
- ✦ Katherine Carey, mother of Erin Stillerman
- ✦ Jana Carter, aunt of Luke Usry - cancer
- ✦ Bob Darby, friend of Jeff MacKenzie - leg amputated, kidney problems
- ✦ Patsy Freeman, sister of Judy Davis
- ✦ Randy Jones, nephew of Faye Kitchens - lung cancer
- ✦ Joyce, sister of Faye Kitchens
- ✦ Karen Lein Kaasa, sister-in-law of Julie MacKenzie - home health care
- ✦ Rosalia Meadors, friend of Tom Crews - three year old with bone marrow failure
- ✦ Grant Moss & Chris Mattice, family of Louly Fowler Hay - cancer & care
- ✦ Meredith Nash, friend of Barbara Martin - four year old with stage IV kidney cancer
- ✦ Terry Smith, friend of Denny Dobbs - pneumonia with respiratory rehab
- ✦ Donald Vining, brother of Danny Vining - vision loss

Celebrations

- ✦ Congratulations to Curtis & Carolyn Watson on the birth of their first great-grandchild, Ford!

Condolences

- ✦ Our thoughts and prayers are with the loved ones of Jack Wheeler as they mourn his passing on March 3rd, 2024. A funeral was held on Friday, March 8th.

Military Service

- ✦ Koen Ardis - Navy
- ✦ Billy Scarborough - Marines
- ✦ Clint Williams - Army
- ✦ Daryl Williams - Army

Independent and Assisted Living

- ✦ Penny Blakeney - Oaks Assisted Living
- ✦ Homer Borders - Presbyterian Village
- ✦ Jean Elder - Florida with her daughter
- ✦ Dot Fincher
- ✦ Louly Hay - Presbyterian Village Athens
- ✦ Travis Moss - Westbury, Conyers
- ✦ Louise White - Merryvale

All **prayer requests** should be sent to: catherine@fpccov.org Requests may be removed after three weeks if not updated.

We will NOT have Sunday School on Easter Sunday, March 31st. Instead we invite you to bring your favorite breakfast item to share and join us in the upstairs hallway for a **Resurrection Breakfast at 10:00am!**

FLOWERING of the CROSS

Bring fresh flowers to fill the Easter cross starting Saturday, March 30th on the front lawn of the church

Foot & Hand Washing

Thursday, March 28 | 5:30pm
Maundy Thursday | Narthex
A special Maundy Thursday offering from the pastors.

Maundy Thursday

March 28 | 6:00pm
Sanctuary
Experience communion around The Lord's Table

Good Friday

March 29 | 12:00pm
at Grace United Methodist Church
Sermon by Neeley Rentz Lane

Save the Date:
Sunday, April 28th
Legacy of Love
Lunch
ALL ARE WELCOME!



CAMPFIRE CHURCH

WITH THE
MULE CREEK
EMPORIUM
BLUEGRASS BAND!

SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH
5:30PM ON THE
FPC PLAYGROUND



Dedicate an Easter lily to a loved one and help decorate the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday!

The names that donations are made in memory or in honor of will be listed in the worship guide on Easter Sunday so the deadline to submit names is TODAY, March 24th. Find the form at fpccov.org/lent or in the Narthex!

Easter Sunday

Traditional service

11:00am Sanctuary & on Facebook Live

March 31

Sunrise service

6:45am | FPC Memorial Garden

Please bring your own folding or lawn chairs to the Sunrise Garden service

Sunday, March 24

Palm-Passion Sunday

Easter lily deadline

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship with the Children's Palm Parade

Tuesday, March 26

Egg donation deadline

1:00pm A Novel Bunch Book Club

Wednesday, March 27

10:00am Coffee Club

5:00pm Children's Choir

6:00pm Handbell Choir

7:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 28

Maundy Thursday

5:30pm Foot & Hand Washing

6:00pm Worship with communion

Friday, March 29

Good Friday

12:00pm Worship at Grace United Methodist

Saturday, March 30

9:00am Meals on Wheels Delivery

10:00am Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday

Flowering of the Cross

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

6:45am Sunrise Service in the Garden

10:00am Resurrection Breakfast

11:00am Worship—Resurrection of the Lord

SOUL FEAST

APRIL 10

ON THE MENU:
FRIED CHICKEN



Feed your body and soul in the Fellowship Hall at 5:15pm.

RSVP by Monday, April 8th to catherine@fpccov.org or 770-786-7321

Accepting donations for our Youth to attend Montreat Middle School Conference! No minimum charge for dinner



Following Soul Feast we will hear from our friends at **Alcovy CASA!**

A Novel Bunch

Book Club

The next meeting of A Novel Bunch Book Club

will be via Zoom on **Tuesday, March 26 at**

1:00pm to discuss **"Killing Jesus: A History"** by **Bill O'Reilly**

Join at fpccov.org/zoom-links

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30th

10:00am

FPC Playground
ALL are welcome!

Want to donate for a great Easter Egg Hunt? Bring candy filled eggs to the church by March 26th!

Mini-mission trips in the Atlanta area with your FPC Family

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2024 MISSION

Extravaganza

JUNE 10TH-13TH

REGISTER AT [FPCCOV.ORG/SIGNUP](https://fpccov.org/signup) SEND QUESTIONS TO [ERIN@FPCCOV.ORG](mailto:erin@fpccov.org)

We are there



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YEARS



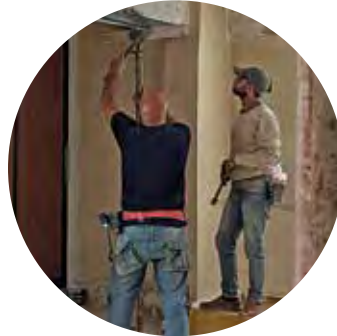
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

*Every time we set a table where all hungry hearts can eat;
every time we welcome neighbors and we add an extra seat;
and every time we live as servants,
free to wash each other's feet,
IN OUR LIVING, IN OUR GIVING, WE ARE THERE.*

WE ARE THERE, with the Middle East Council of Churches, repairing damage to alleviate the suffering of the Syrian people following a devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake.



HOUSE RESTORATION - VILLAT

WE ARE THERE, with Caridad Gardens, a Las Vegas-based nonprofit dedicated to “humanizing the homeless, and repairing what’s broken due to trauma and destitution.”



CARIDAD GARDENS

WE ARE THERE, with Kasupe Ministries in Malawi, helping women who are repairing their world to overcome challenges made worse by a cyclone that destroyed crops and the ongoing impact of the HIV/AIDS epidemic that has decimated their community.



AMINA

We are there

For 75 years,
One Great Hour of Sharing
has partnered with others to take action
to share God’s love.

Through these three life-saving programs,
we are there to advance the causes of
justice, resilience and sustainability.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Restore Streets to Live In

PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM

Share Bread with the Hungry

SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE

Loose the Bonds of Injustice



Please give what you can.

IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!

75
YEARS



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MATTHEW 25

February 14-March 31, 2024

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

WAYS TO GIVE —

- + Through your congregation
- + Online at pcusa.org/give-oghs
- + Text OGHS to 91999 to give

-or-



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To learn more about how your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference, visit pcusa.org/oghs



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