



Rev. Shannon Weston | Bridge Pastor
Minister Lea Gilmore and Marie Herrington | Music Director

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024 | 10:30 a.m.

**Indicates all who are able please stand*
GtG = Glory to God | SoZ = Songs of Zion

*GATHERING ON PEACE TERRACE *“Hosanna”*

*PROCESSIONAL WITH PALMS

CHILDREN’S SERMON & READING Rev. Shannon Weston & Missy Smith

Matthew 21-1-11

*HYMN #197 *“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”*

*LITURGICAL PRAYER Elena Storey, Lay Leader

**Blessed is the One who comes to us by the way of love poured out
with abandon.**

**Blessed is the One who walks toward us by the way of grace that
holds us fast.**

**Blessed is the One who calls us to follow in the way of blessing, in the
path of joy.**

—Jan Richardson

*Sung Response #192 (SoZ)

“We’ve Come this Far by Faith”

***We’ve come this far by faith
Leaning on the Lord;
Trusting in His holy word,
He’s never failed me yet.
Oh, can’t turn around
We’ve come this far by faith.***

INTRODUCTION TO MUSICAL PRESENTATION

Psalm 150

PALM SUNDAY MUSICAL PRESENTATION

*see insert

A Moment of Margaret Bonds

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Minister Lea Gilmore

The Lord’s Prayer

...so now we join our voices in prayer to you, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, our Ally, Guide, and Friend, our Mother and **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.**

CHURCHWORKS

Elder Sam Fuller

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Elena Storey, Lay Leader

You are invited to bring your offering and place it in the offering plate at the front of the Sanctuary. In addition to placing your offering in the offering plate, you can scan this QR code to give through your checking account or credit card.



You can also:

- Use the blue “Give” button in the top right corner of our website www.govanspres.org
- Mail your offering to the church office
- Call the church office to set up automatic debit from a checking account or credit card.

Offertory

“The Messiah is Coming Again”

R. Buchanan

Prayer of Dedication

Elena Storey, Lay Leader

*Sung Response #388 (GtG) *“Come All You People”*

***Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come now and worship the Lord.***

*ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Shannon Weston

*HYMN #196

“All Glory, Land, and Honor”

BENEDICTION

Rev. Shannon Weston

POSTLUDE

“The Holy City”

by Stephen Adams

Thank you to todays ushers: Kaye Gooch and Cordelia Alexander.

Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers:

The Thomson/Harris family following the death of Bonnie's mother, Pat Thomson.

The family and friends of Beth Zimmerman, upon her passing on March 7, 2024.

Kristin O'Connor and Zoe, as Zoe recovers from a collapsed lung.

Deb Smith

Homebound Individuals

Bonny Lewis

Marilou Moore

Phyllis Ross

Dottie Sharp

Overseas Mission Partners

St. Andrew's Refugee Service (StARS) in Cairo

David and Danny Guillaume and the children at Kay Papa Nou and Unity House

Paul and Pat Stock and the Presbyterian Education Board (Pakistan)

Butoke in DR Congo

****If you would like someone added to the prayer list, please contact the Pastor or the church office at 410-435-9188 or wilson@govanspres.org. Those added to the list will be removed after three weeks unless we are notified that you would like them to remain on the list****

The memorial service for Beth Zimmerman will be held on Saturday, April 13 at 2:00 p.m. at Broadmead. Condolences can be sent to her niece:

Carolyn Gibbs

9552 Castleton Dr.

Allison Park, PA 15101

THIS WEEK AT GOVANS

Sunday, March 24

Adult Options, 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Soul Kitchen Meal Pick-up, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 26

Lenten Small Group, 6:00 p.m.
Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 27

Govans/Knox Bible Study, 12:00 noon
Band Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 28

Maundy Thursday Supper, 5:30 p.m.
Holy Week Service, 7:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

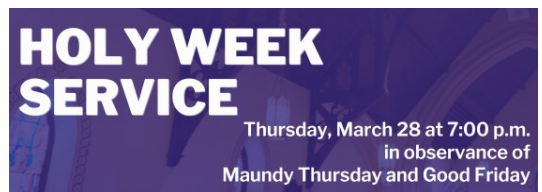
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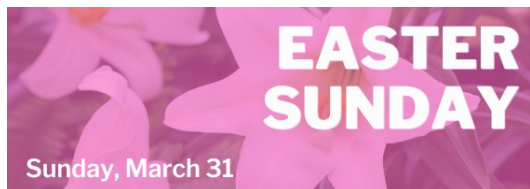
Maundy Thursday Supper - March 28 at 5:30 p.m.: Join us at 5:30 p.m. for a heartwarming community meal featuring delicious soup and bread, lovingly prepared by Soul Kitchen, alongside a variety of salads and desserts generously provided by the Mariners and the congregation. Also, we have special activities

planned for the children, including a movie in the Youth Room! We look forward to seeing you there! Help is needed for setup, cleanup, and supporting in the youth room, or helping in any other way, please email missy@govanspres.org.

Holy Week Service in observance of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday - March 28 at 7:00 p.m.: Following the supper will gather in the sanctuary for a Holy Week Service. The week between Palm Sunday and Easter is special in the church year. This service will be one of prayer,



scripture, and song. We will hear the entirety of the passion narrative from Jesus at the table, his prayers in the garden, his betrayal, arrest, trial, and execution. We invite you into this important narrative to reflect on Jesus' life and our own. So when we declare on Easter morning that "He is Risen!" we do so having experienced the weeping before the joy, making our declaration much richer.



Easter Sunday, March 31 - Worship at 10:30 a.m. followed by and Easter Egg Hunt and Petting Zoo.: Join us for Easter Sunday, March 31st! Experience the joy of the resurrection as we come together to sing Easter hymns, reflect on scripture, and offer prayers of gratitude. This year, our

celebration will be enriched by the uplifting melodies of early music performed on baroque violins, viola, cello, and the triumphant Easter trumpet, alongside our talented band, choir, and handbell choir.

After the service, join in the excitement as the Easter Bunny pays a visit, and delight in an Easter egg hunt and family-friendly activities on the church lawn. Plus, enjoy interactions with animals provided by Woodberry Crossing for a day of fun suitable for all ages.

Understanding the Cross: A Home-Based Holy Week Devotional on Jesus' Seven Last Words: The cross is everywhere: inside sanctuaries and atop church steeples, in jewelry and art, tattoos and logos, billboards and graffiti. But what does the cross actually mean and how should we understand it?



In this devotional, we explore seven such avenues, using as points of entry Jesus' traditional "seven last words" (seven key comments he makes in the New Testament passion narratives). Each avenue approaches the cross from a different angle. Taken together, these lines of sight create a kaleidoscopic, complementary whole, as well as a reminder that there is no single "right answer" to what the cross means for us today.



Copies are available in the back of the sanctuary or by scanning the adjacent QR code.

Volunteers Needed for ALL Youth Events: For all events and classes, adults are required and appreciated. We need volunteers for supervision, set up, breakdown, decorating, and everything that we do for adult events and learning. We have recurring events to make it

easy to offer support. Volunteers are asked to arrive up to 15 minutes before an event. Guest teachers and activities are also welcome.

- 1st Wednesdays (6-7pm) online or in person
- 2nd Fridays (5:30 - 7pm) in person
- 3rd Sundays (5:50-7pm)
- 4th Sundays (After Church)
- Sunday School (9:45-10:15am)

And there are so many other ways to support youth, and for youth to support Govans. Have an idea for an intergenerational event? Need youth support or want to support youth with a church project? Please e-mail Missy at missy@govanspres.org to express your interest.

Have an idea for an intergenerational event? Need youth support with a church project. Let's work together! Email Missy Smith (missy@govanspres.org).



Bring your aluminum cans to church to help raise money for Kay Papa Nou in Haiti: Did you know Govans member, Wayne White collects empty aluminum cans to raise money for Kay Papa Nou in Haiti? Drop your cans off in Sharp Hall on Sunday or contact the church office to drop off during the week.

Church Staff	Govans Session Members
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rev. Shannon Weston, Bridge Pastor (pastor@govanspres.org)• Lea Gilmore, Minister for Racial Justice & Multicultural Engagement Music Director (lea@govanspres.org)• Marie Herrington, Music Director (marie@govanspres.org)• Missy Smith, Interim Christian Education Coordinator (missy@govanspres.org)• Rufus Ingram, Bookkeeper (rufus@govanspres.org)• Andy Wilson, Office Manager (wilson@govanspres.org)• Sylvia Usher, Sexton (ushersylvia@gmail.com)• Myra Brosius, Rental Manager (rentals@govanspres.org)• Pam Ferguson, Preschool Director (govanspreschool@yahoo.com)• Gwen Lloyd, Program Director, Senior Network (glloyd@gedco.org)	<p>Rev. Shannon Weston, Moderator</p> <p><u>Class of 2024</u> David Boersma Ben Hobbs McKenna Traynham Maria Wong</p> <p><u>Class of 2025</u> Sam Fuller Jennifer Parks Karl Starks</p> <p><u>Class of 2026</u> Akilah Atkinson Eric Johnson (Clerk) Sherry Peck Angela Pinaglia</p>

WELCOME VISITORS

Govans Presbyterian Church is a theologically progressive community empowering people to make the world better.

We empower people to make the world better by encouraging each person to develop and nurture a relationship with God as they understand God. God is the source of our life, joy, healing, wholeness, ability to overcome obstacles and make a positive difference in the world. We provide the means for each person to grow in their relationship with God, by inviting and welcoming all people to worship, learn, serve, and care for one another.

For more information about Govans Presbyterian Church, visit us on the web at www.govanspres.org or scan the QR codes to fill out our Visitor Form and sign-up to receive our weekly email newsletter. We hope to see you again soon!



Visitor Form



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Restrooms with changing tables are available in the Education Building across from the sanctuary.

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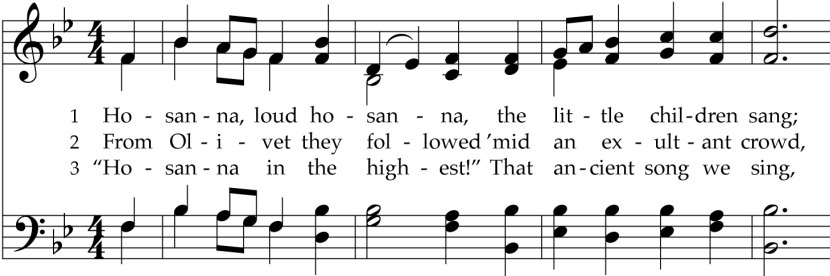
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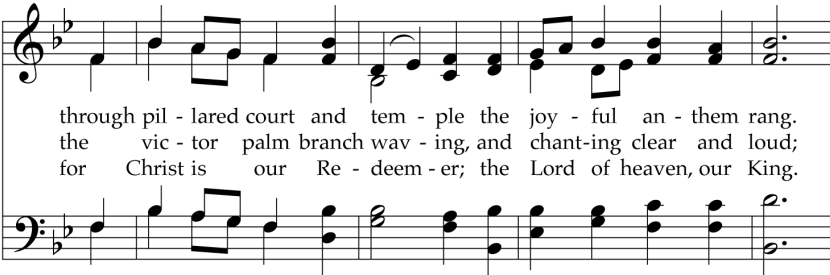


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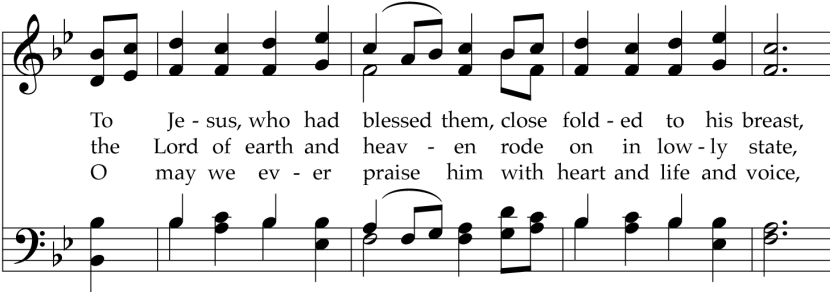
197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



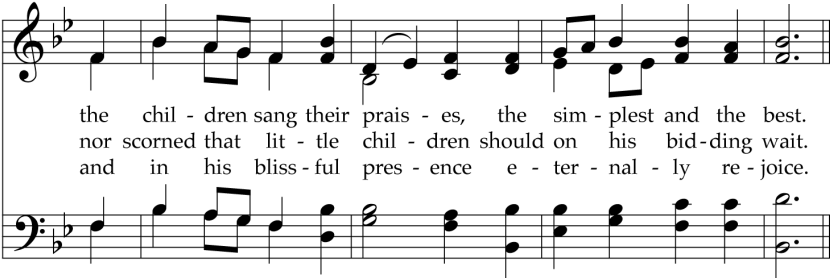
1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

We've Come This Far by Faith 656

We've come this far by faith, lean-ing on the Lord,

trust-ing in the ho-ly Word; God's nev-er failed us yet.

O, can't turn a-round, we've come this

far by faith. We've come this far by faith.

This refrain from a longer hymn could well be understood as a black gospel reflection on several biblical passages: 2 Corinthians 5:7, 1 Samuel 7:12, and 1 Chronicles 17:16. All these texts bear witness to God's faithfulness toward all who are engaged in the pilgrimage of faith.

Come All You People

Uyai mose

Leader

U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na -
Come all you peo - ple, come and

U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na - ma - te
Come all you peo - ple, come and praise your

Ahom Ahom

ma - te Mwa - ri; u - ya - i mo - se,
praise your Mak - er; come all you peo - ple,

Mwa - ri; u - ya - i mo - se,
Mak - er; come all you peo - ple,

Ahom

ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri; u -
come and praise your Mak - er; come

ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri; u - ya - i
come and praise your Mak - er; come all you

Ahom Ahom

This short gathering song (based on a text adapted from Psalm 95:6) is a great favorite among children in Zimbabwe, and it is frequently used as a processional song for worship. The choir enters singing, the congregation picks up their excitement, and soon all are singing.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.