

# *Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church*



*Entry into the City* by John August Swanson

*Worship for April 13, 2025*

**Liturgy of the Palms**  
**April 13, 2025**

*We are glad you are worshipping with us today.  
Please join us for refreshments after the worship service.*

**Meditation (In preparation for worship)**

"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone but in every leaf of springtime."

Martin Luther

"If you recognize your involvement and prepare to walk with Jesus into the city, to the cross and the tomb, there is a joy and a mystery at the end of the path, because it is inexhaustible divine love that walks with us."

Rowan Williams

**Prelude**

*Palm Sunday Processional*  
*Choir and Handbells*

**Welcome!**

**Call to Worship**

**Carolyn Layburn**

The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

**Today we arrive in Jerusalem.**

As Christ now approaches the path down from the Mount of Olives, we join with the whole multitude of the disciples praising God joyfully with a loud voice,  
**"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven! Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!"**

*\*Please stand if you are able. The congregation reads aloud the **bold** print.*

**\*Opening Hymn #196**      *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

### **Prayer of Procession**

**\*Hymn #199**      *Filled with Excitement (Mantos y Palmas)*

### **Confession and Pardon**

**Loving God, you rode a donkey and came in peace, humbled yourself and gave yourself for us. We confess our lack of humility. As you entered Jerusalem, the crowds shouted, “Hosanna: Save us now!” On Good Friday they shouted, “Crucify!” We confess our praise is often empty. We sing Hosanna but cry Crucify. As the crowd laid their palms in front of you, you took the way of God: you took no glory for yourself. We confess that we want to be accepted and take the easy way. We do not stay true to your will. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to follow in the way of obedience. Lord, have mercy upon us as we lift our voices in song together...**

**\*Sung Response #575**      *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*

Let us continue in a time of silent confession...

### **Pardon**

Hear the Word of the Lord from Psalm 118: Let those who fear the Lord say, His steadfast love endures forever. Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. In Christ, God answers us and sets us free!  
In Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God. Amen!**

**\*Gloria #581**      *Glory Be to the Father*      GLORIA PATRI

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Children’s Conversation**

**Children's Hymn #626**                      *As the Deer*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Poetry Lesson**                      *Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (p. 565)*                      **Carolyn Layburn**

**Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem** *Luke 19:28-35 (p.83)* **Janine Bernard**

**Solo**                                      *Ride On, King Jesus*  
Ashley Vance, soprano

**Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem** *Luke 19:36-40 (p. 83)*    **Dan Radcliffe**

**Choir Anthem**                      *Intro to Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

**\*Hymn #197**                              *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

**Epistle Lesson**                      *Philippians 2:5-11 (p.197)*

**\*Hymn #198**                              *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

**Call to Discipleship**

**Offering**

**Offertory Anthem**                      *Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Announcements**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**\*Hymn #200**                              *A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd*

**\*Benediction**



***Welcome to our worship at Pebble Hill!***

*If you are with us for the first time, we hope that you find our worship meaningful and our fellowship inviting.*

*Please reach out to Pastor Courtney or Nancy Byrne to learn more about Pebble Hill Church.*

**THANK YOU TO TODAY'S ASSISTANTS:**

ZACH HUITINK AND JANINE BERNARD – USHERS

CAROLYN LAYBURN – LITURGIST

*This morning's flowers are given by Carolyn Layburn in memory of Beulah Edgars.  
Thank you.*

*THANKS TO THOSE WHO ARE LIVE STREAMING THIS MORNING'S SERVICE.*

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## Announcements



The April deadline for donations of non-perishable food items to the food pantry is Sunday, April 20th. The Deacons will be making their delivery the following day. As always financial donations to the food pantry are also welcome. Thank you for your support, the Deacons.



Bellevue Elementary School has an ongoing need for “accident” pants for their students. Here are the specifics: there is a desperate need for Boys’ pants or joggers sizes 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12; Girls’ underwear size 6, 8, and 10; and Girls’ leggings or pants size 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12. There is a collection box in the atrium under the coffee table. Thank you, from the Deacons’ Charitable Outreach committee.



Learning Together With Our Neighbors (LTWON) annual learning day is April 27th. This year's event is entitled Acting For the Good of All. Led by staff from the Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies, this year’s workshop will focus on moving from understanding and appreciating other religious traditions to thinking and acting together through an interreligious lens. See Crosscurrents for more information and a link for registering. Please consider the volunteer opportunities when you sign up.



**American  
Red Cross**

Our next blood drive will be Saturday, May 10th from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. The Red Cross is always looking for new donors so please share this with anyone you think might be able and willing to donate. I am also looking for volunteers to help with registration and canteen. Please let me know if you can help. Thank you, Maggie Reid.

## **This Week at Pebble Hill April 13 – April 19**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b> <b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Worship</b> <b>Coffee and Fellowship – Atrium</b>
<b>Monday</b>	9:30 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Bluebirds – KR Bluebirds – KR L. Stafford Flute Lessons – CE#3
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Bluebirds – KR Syracuse Chorale Rehearsal – FH L. Stafford Flute Lessons – CE#1
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b> 3:00 pm 3:15 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm <b>6:00 pm</b> <b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Tat and Chat – Atrium</b> On Point Español – CE#3 L. Stafford Flute Lessons – CE#1 ESCG – Lounge, Forum Dewitt Rotary Club Meeting – FH <b>Lenten Prayer Service – Sanctuary</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary (Choir Loft)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	9:30 am 4:30 pm <b>6:00 pm</b> 6:00 pm	Bluebirds – KR Bluebirds – KR <b>Worship for Maundy Thursday – Sanctuary</b> Salt City Ukulele – FH
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> 9:00 am <b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Good Friday Prayer Stations – Sanctuary</b> Bluebirds – KR <b>Good Friday Ecumenical Service at University Methodist Church</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 am 10:00 am <b>6:30 pm</b>	Bluebirds – KR L. Stafford Flute Lessons – CE#1 <b>Great Vigil of Easter – Sanctuary</b>

# A Lenten Journey: JESUS WALKS WITH US



Throughout this Lenten season, we will be focusing on the humanity of Jesus, and how that speaks to our call as Christians today. In Sunday morning worship, in our Wednesday evening embodied prayer services, and even in our Adult Forums on the PCUSA's Matthew 25 initiative, we will affix our eyes on the cross as an image of Jesus joining us in both suffering and hope.

This week's bulletin features the painting *Entry into the City* by John August Swanson. Swanson's aim in this 2012 depiction of Palm Sunday was "to convey his feelings from being in marches for peace and justice. This scene has been repeated countless times in the lives of heroic and selfless leaders who have fought for love, peace, and social justice. It is relived in the lives of Martin Luther King, Mahatma Gandhi, Oscar Romero, and Cesar Chavez."

According to Swanson, in this painting, "thousands march, watch, wave banners, and hold their palm branches in hope. They focus their attention on Jesus. The people lay their cloaks and rugs before Him. With love and dignity, He rides a donkey through the crowds, as the sky shines with a golden glow, while storm clouds look down with anger, foreshadowing, The Passion."