

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

April 13, 2025

9:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

Procession of the Palms

Special Music: Kids of the Kingdom

Children's Message: Jillian Blankespoor

*Greetings

***Song** "You Are My King, Amazing Love"

***Song** "In Christ Alone"

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-17

Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

21 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵ "Say to Daughter Zion,

'See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had

instructed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went

ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna! to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" ¹¹ The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Jesus at the Temple

¹² Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. ¹³ "It is written," he said to them, "'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it 'a den of robbers.'" ¹⁴ The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. ¹⁵ But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they were indignant. ¹⁶ "Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked him.

"Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read, "'From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise'?"

¹⁷ And he left them and went out of the city to Bethany, where he spent the night.

Message: "Wrath and the Meek Peacemaker"

Theme: God's way of setting the world right is through Jesus, the meek peacemaker.

Series: Worldly Directions and Christian Corrections

Prayer

***Song** "It Was Finished Upon That Cross"

***Benediction**

***Postlude**



Welcome to the First Reformed Church, we are glad to have you worshipping with us. Please join us for coffee, juice & cookies in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

Calendar for the Day:

9:30 AM Pastor Doug Van Aartsen will lead us in worship.

10:45 AM Sunday School & Catechism.

No middle school catechism/Sunday school due to the middle school retreat.

Serving Today:

Music: Team 2

Sound: Jerry Kelderman & Kevin Bouwman

Nursery: Deb Kempema, Ava & Raya Blankespoor

Lift: Wilbur Vander Heul

Coffee Servers: Laurie Baatz & Bud Vogelzang

Offering: Church Ministry Fund
Hope Haven

Prayers & Praises:

Prayers for our Middle-School students and sponsors as they attend their retreat.

Gerri Reinke is under the care of Hospice.

Bill Bouwman remains in the local swing bed.

Doris Wesselink is healing slowly; she plans to return to her home on April 15. I appreciate the prayers offered on my behalf. Also am grateful for the on-line services ministry and being able to read the services.

Our family would like to thank you for the important service you provided at the funeral lunch. We appreciate it so much!

The family of Ady Dykstra

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

April 14: Sawyer Vonk
April 15: Maria Van't Hul
April 18: Brody De Jager
Ed De Ruyter (85)

NEXT WEEK:

Monday, April 14:

3:30 PM Kids Block/The Block
7:00 PM Elder & Deacon Mtgs.
8:00 PM Consistory Meeting

Tuesday, April 15:

3:30 PM Kids Block/The Block

Wednesday, April 16:

10:00 AM Lydia Circle
6:30 PM JAM
6:30 PM Grace Bible Study
7:30 PM CLASS

Thursday, April 17:

3:30 PM Kids Block/The Block
7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship
Pianist: Madelyn Vander Heul
Nursery: Ross & Marissa Van Kekerix
Lift: Wilbur Vander Heul
Sound: Jerry K. & Kevin B.

Sunday, April 20: *Easter Sunday*

Pianist: Freida Vander Sluis
Sound: Blankespoor family
Nursery: Gary & Donna Miller
Lift: Steve Van Den Top
Coffee: Self Serve
Offering: Church Ministry Fund

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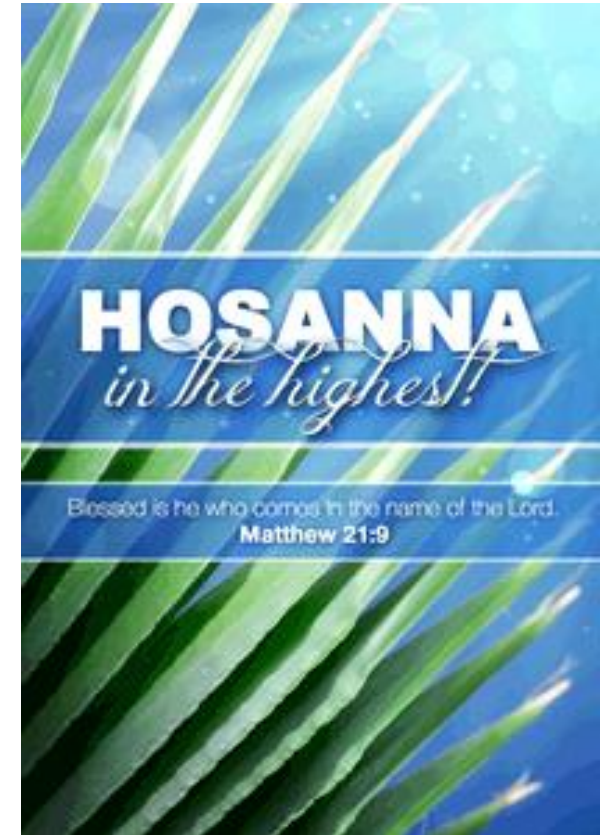
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Accepting...Growing...Serving

Our **vision** is to follow Jesus daily as we love and serve all people.



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