



March 29, 2026

Palm / Passion Sunday



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On behalf of Riverside Presbyterian, it is our pleasure to welcome you to worship this morning. The opportunity to worship together as the Family is one of God's greatest gifts. It is our hope that this time and place will be a grounding place for us all, one that enables us to live as freely and fully as God intends.



STEWARDSHIP

To support the ministry of Riverside Presbyterian Church, contributions may be sent to the church office or you may pledge electronically at www.riversidepresbyterianchurch.org or scan the QR code on the left to give through [tithely.com](https://www.tithely.com).

Do you want to get a head start in preparing for Sunday worship? The Sunday worship bulletin is now being linked in the Friday e-mail, together with the livestreaming web link, which are also posted on the church's website: riversidepresbyterianchurch.org. The worship service is livestreamed and is available on the church's website: <https://www.youtube.com/@riversidepresbyterianchurch8946>. Please spread the word to those who are interested in worshipping with us online.

The term "voluntary" is used to denote a piece of music or improvisation for instrument, played before, during, or at the end of a church service.

The Sunday that begins **Holy Week** has functioned two ways in the history of the church: First, it has been an occasion for the remembrance and celebration of Christ's entry into Jerusalem, that is, **Palm Sunday**; it is also an occasion for looking ahead to the long and lonely events of Christ's suffering and death, that is **Passion Sunday**. May the irony of this day bless you as we celebrate the lordship of Jesus Christ and, at the same time, reflect on the redemptive grace in his suffering and death on **Good Friday**.

SESSION

Class of 2026

Teri Beeler
Anda Ray
Ann Stone

Class of 2027

Bob Howard
Meghan Johnson
Paula Yost

Class of 2028

Girard Middleton
Carl Plaughter (26)
Tom White (26)

DIACONATE

Class of 2026

Janice Eastes
Carolyn Hattaway
Tammy Ivan

Class of 2027

Jorge Castillo

Class of 2028

Martha Williams
Fern Wolle
Bob Yost

The April issue of our newsletter *Down by the Riverside* will be sent out by email this week. If you wish to have a hard copy, it will be available in the church office and the narthex. If you're interested in receiving our electronic monthly newsletter (except for January and July), please leave your e-mail address. If you wish to receive a hard copy by mail, please call the church office at 321-783-6085.

Lectionary Readings for Today (Year A):

Liturgy of the Palms: Matthew 21:1-11; *Psalms* 118:1-2, 19-29

Liturgy of the Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a; *Psalms* 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66

✦ **Standing for those who are able**

People's response in ***bold & italic*** type

APPROACHING THE THRONE OF GRACE

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP: *"This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it ... O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever"* (Psalm 118:24, 29).

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Bob Yost

GREETINGS & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor Bill Teng

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you***

. . . The grace and peace of the Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***

VOLUNTARY

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
Diana Amtower, *Organ*

arr. Lani Smith (1994)

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST'S ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM (Matthew 21:1-11)

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 118:1-2, 24*)

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

This is the day that the LORD has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Hosanna, Lord, Hosanna; you are my God, and I will thank you.

✦ HYMN #197

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

ELLACOMBE

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

STIRRING OF THE SPIRIT

"Forever"

"Hosanna"

Chris Tomlin (2001)

Hillsong Worship (2021)

Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

MAKING OUR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of great mercy: We confess we have sinned against you — First we greet you with praise, then we abandon you in peril; first we welcome you with songs, then we forsake you in suffering.

Forgive us, O Lord, by your steadfast love. Create a clean heart within us, teach us your holy way, and restore to us the joy of salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord; for we ask in his holy name.

SILENT REFLECTION (*Reflecting on the Prayer of Confession*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

... Friends, believe the Good News. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God. Amen.

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

... The Peace of Christ be with you. ***And also with you.***

GIVING TO GOD

TIME FOR CHILDREN & FUSION YOUTH

Pastor Jane Wesson

CALL TO OFFERING

Pastor Teng

OFFERTORY

“Lift High the Palms”
Chancel Choir / Diana Amtower, *Director*

Joseph Martin (2016)

✠DOXOLOGY #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

✠PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING AND HEARING GOD’S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Isaiah 50:4-9a (Old Testament, p. 680)
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Elder Girard Middleton

✠HYMN

“In Christ Alone”

Getty & Townend (2002)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Matthew 27:11-54 (New Testament, p. 32)
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Pastor Teng

SERMON

“Palm or Passion?”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

. . . Lord, in your mercy, ***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.

✠HYMN #198

“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”

CANONBURY

✠CHARGE AND BLESSING

✠SENDING SONG

“Your Love Never Fails”
Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

Jesus Culture (2011)



This Sunday’s flowers are given to the glory of God by **Carol & Edward Roldan** and in loving memory of the 50th anniversary of Edward’s father’s graduation into heaven on March 29, 1976.

CELEBRATING RIVERSIDE'S 70TH YEAR OF MINISTRY IN 2026

Don't miss the church history display tables in Fellowship Hall highlighting Riverside's first two decades of faithfully serving God in our community and beyond. Each month, we will spotlight a new decade of church history as we journey through 70 years on the Space Coast.

Next month, our focus shifts to 1976-1986. Please let the Anniversary Committee know if there's something special that you'd like us to showcase!



Riverside's Session has joyfully approved an exciting new proposal by Robbie Ward to launch a weekly youth group "Anchor Youth" on Tuesday nights in Calvin Hall. The vision is simple and welcoming: a safe, relaxed, and inviting place for youth in our community to gather. As the group grows, one or more rooms in Calvin Hall will become a space where young people can belong, laugh, and be themselves. Evenings will include social time (and sometimes dinner!), games, movies, and a cozy coffee-house atmosphere, followed by a short, Bible-based conversation grounded in faith and real life. *Please pray that youth will respond by being here!*

CHILDREN'S HUNGER PROJECT

CAR SHOW

When:
May 2, 2026
10a- 2p

Where:
Riverside Presbyterian
3400 N. Atlantic Ave
Cocoa Beach 32931

Cash & Food Donations Accepted

Awards

Food Trucks

Raffles & 50/50

DJ & Yard Games

The Children's Hunger Project
"Brevard County's" Breakfast Program

The poster features three octagonal images of cars: a dark grey sedan, a light blue classic pickup truck, and a red BMW sedan. The background is black with yellow and white text and graphics.

First Tuesday Dinner — Our next First Tuesday Dinner will be **Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Our dinner will again be catered by Brano's Italian Grill and the menu will be Chicken Piccata, Penna Florentine, Caesar Salad, Green Beans, bread, and dessert. Cost is \$12.00 a person. Following dinner our program will be presented by Pastor Bill as he shares about the Christian Church in China and a little bit about his own background. Sign up after church in Fellowship Hall, phone the church office, or phone **Betty Peterson** at 406-750-9202. **Please RSVP by Sunday, April 5.**



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday	7:00 p.m., April 2
Easter Sunrise	6:50 a.m., April 5 (Sidney Fischer Park)
Easter Sunday	10:00 a.m., April 5

Easter Sunrise
COMMUNITY SERVICE
ON THE BEACH

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026 @ 6:50 AM

**Bring a beach chair or towel*

Join Us

Cocoa Beach Community Church

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF COCOA BEACH

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION
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Riverside Presbyterian Church
COCOA BEACH, FL

Sidney Fischer Park | 2200 N Atlantic Ave. | Cocoa Beach, FL

SERMON NOTES



Lift your prayers this week to the Throne of Grace for: **Fern Wolle, Paula Yost, Rebecca Burns, Betty Gould, Judy Howard, Bill Cheney, Linda Harris, Cliff Schmitt, Glenn Stout, Travis Vick, Roxanne Stout, Jorge & Coleen Castillo, Doug Furls, Dale Ringerwole**; peace for Ukraine, Iran, Cuba, and the Middle East.

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Morning: Psalms 119:73-80; 145 / Evening: Psalms 121; 6 Lamentations 1:2, 6-12; 2 Corinthians 1:1-7; Mark 11:12-25
Tuesday	Morning: Psalms 34; 146 / Evening: Psalms 25; 91 Lamentations 1:17-22; 2 Corinthians 1:8-22; Mark 11:27-33
Wednesday	Morning: Psalms 5; 147:1-11 / Evening: Psalms 27, 51 Lamentations 2:1-9; 2 Corinthians 1:23–2:11; Mark 12:1-11
Thursday	Morning: Psalms 27; 147:12-20 / Evening: Psalms 126; 102 Lamentations 2:10-18; 1 Corinthians 10:14-17; 11:27-32; Mark 14:12-25
Friday	Morning: Psalms 22; 148 / Evening: Psalms 105; 130 Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-33; 1 Peter 1:10-20; John 13:36-38
Saturday	Morning: Psalms 43; 149 / Evening: Psalms 31; 143 Lamentations 3:37-58; Hebrews 4:1-16; Romans 8:1-11
Sunday	Morning: Psalms 93; 150 / Evening: Psalms 136; 117 Exodus 12:1-14; John 1:1-18; Luke 24:13-35

WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY

✦ In January of 1788, Methodist leader and hymnist **Charles Wesley**, brother of the English founder of Methodism **John Wesley** — and himself known as “the sweet singer of Methodism” — was too weak to go out, and in February he was confined to his bed. He had neither illness nor pain, but weariness and weakness. Late in March he became too feeble to use a pen or write any more of his famous hymns. His final hymn was dictated to his wife: “In age and feebleness extreme, / Who shall a sinful worm redeem? / Jesus, my only hope Thou art, / Strength of my failing flesh and heart; / Oh, could I catch a smile from Thee, / and drop into eternity.” Shortly afterward, Wesley slipped into a state of unconsciousness and passed away peacefully on March 29, 1788. During his lifetime he wrote over 7,200 hymns, giving full expression to an evangelical, biblical faith, that include: “*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*” and “*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*.” ✦ Another famous hymnist died on this day in 1887 — **Ray Palmer**, author of “*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*.” But today is the birthday of **Winfield Scott Weedon**, born in 1847. He’s the author of “*I Surrender All*.” ✦ The Roman Catholic lay fraternal society, the **Knights of Columbus**, was chartered on this day in 1882 in New Haven, Connecticut. It was founded to encourage patriotism, religious and racial tolerance, and benevolence, as well as to promote the interests of the Roman Catholic Church.

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 29 - April 5, 2026

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Monday - Thursday

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 a.m.	Worship — <i>Palm/Passion Sunday</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
Monday	1:00 p.m.	Lenten Bible Study (Knox Hall)
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Anchor Youth (Calvin Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Missions Team (Zoom)
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (Knox Hall)
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Circle (Knox Hall)
	3:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Knox Hall)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary) <i>(Please prepare your heart for Communion)</i>
Sunday	6:50 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Community Service – Sydney Fischer Park <i>(Please prepare your heart for Communion)</i>
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 a.m.	Worship — <i>Resurrection of the Lord</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)

PSALM 66 PRAISE BAND

Guitar / Vocal — Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

Bass guitar — Rafael Perez

Drums — Ryan Perez

Keyboard — Andrey Plata

Backup Vocals — Madalynn Pearson & Jordan Boggs

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