

ELIZABETH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Helping people meet and walk with Jesus

April 13, 2025



*** Please stand if you are able**

CELEBRATING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

CRYSTAL COTTRELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BARB BATT

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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BIND US TOGETHER SONG

CHOIR PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

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JOHN DAHM, CHOIR & CRYSTAL COTTRELL,

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

ACCOMPANIST

* CALL TO WORSHIP

BARB BATT (from Psalm 118)

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

People: **The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.**

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

People: **This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

People: **This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes!**

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

People: **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!**

All: **Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!**

*HYMN - #173

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

JOHN DAHM, CHOIR & CRYSTAL COTTRELL, ACCOMPANIST

*PRAISE SONGS

“God With Us” and “More Love More Power”

CLARK HAGAN, BONNIE FRANKEN, MIKE & JULIE BAGGETT, BOBBIE MARCHESI & CRAIG PASTINE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

BARB BATT

Our dearest Father, long ago the crowds with incessant hallelujahs greeted Your dearly loved Son, but how quickly they mocked as He went lonely to the cross. Forgive us for the ways that we, too, have welcomed Him only in words and resisted His kingship. Subdue our restless and rebellious hearts so that we might serve You faithfully. Forgive us for the times that we have not accepted Your dealings with us as good and have disputed with You and resisted Your will. You are the potter, and we are the clay. Mold us into the gentle ways of King Jesus in whose name we pray.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: As Christ entered Jerusalem so long ago, He has also made His peaceful way into each of your hearts. The forgiveness you ask for has already been joyfully granted in His infinite grace and love. Hallelujah! May the Lord be praised!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CELEBRATING GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

OFFERING AND MUSIC

BARB BATT

“Why Me Lord”

CLARK HAGAN, BONNIE FRANKEN, MIKE & JULIE BAGGETT, BOBBIE MARCHESI & CRAIG PASTINE

DOXOLOGY

**“Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen”**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BARB BATT

MINI MESSAGE

JULIE BAGGETT

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MARILYN TRAVIS

The Lord’s 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.

CELEBRATING THE GOOD NEWS

BARB BATT

Old Testament Reading: (from English Standard Version)

Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

New Testament Readings: (from English Standard Version)

Luke 19:28-40

And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" And they said, "The Lord has need of it." And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road.

As he was drawing near--already on the way down the Mount of Olives--the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SUNG BENEDICTION

EVERYONE

“Go Now in Peace”

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

***PASTORAL BENEDICTION**

MIKE BANTA

POSTLUDE

CRYSTAL COTTRELL

EPC FINANCIAL REPORT

DECEMBER 2024

Tithes/Offering/Other Income \$15,994.94

Expenses \$7,550.03

Surplus/(Shortfall) \$8,444.91

YEAR TO DATE 2024

Tithes/Offering/Other Income \$199,939.86

Expenses \$157,301.28

Surplus/(Shortfall) \$46,784.71

Avg Monthly Tithes, Offering and Income: \$15,872.00

Total Offerings 4/6/2025 \$2,605.00