

Prayer List:

Please pray for our prayer partner church and their Pastor
Dios Viviente Aldea Pueblo Nuevo, San Juan Ostuncalco
Pastor Martin de Leon Juarez

Georgie, Kelly, Joe, Pastor Bonnie & Rick, Mary Hamilton. Joan & Paul, Bev,
Nancy & Malcom, Larry & Heather Eckhardt, Phil Trowbridge, Linda Cook,
Sophia's brother, Susan (Marge's daughter), Jonathan (Donna's nephew), Jim,
Colleen, Jonathan Koepp

Calendar of Events:

- Food Pantry - each Saturday from 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- SFC Choir Practice - Thursday's at 6:00 p.m.
- Search Committee Meeting - 3/30/26 @ 2:00 p.m.
- General Committee - 3/31/26 @ 7:00 p.m. (in person & on Zoom)
- Easter Sunrise Service - 4/5/26 @ 6:30 a.m. - Garfield Cemetery
 - Continental Breakfast follows in Pierce Hall
- Worship Committee Meeting - 4/14/26 @ 7:00 p.m. (via Zoom)
- Sonshiner's Breakfast Meeting - 4/19/26 @ 8:00 a.m. (Pierce Hall)

Financial Stewardship:

Weekly \$1,076.75 is needed to meet our budget.

General Offering: 3/22/26 - \$800.00

- Front Door Fund - \$4.00

Apportionment: Presbyterian \$1,242.00 Methodist \$5,496.00

Individual Apportionments Due: \$46.00 \$134.00

Donations Received: \$138.00 \$402.00

Thank you all for your continued generosity!!

Guest Pastor - Rev. Kathi Jones

Pianist - Bev Westfall

Please join us for Coffee hour after the service



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Stephentown Federated Church

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Sunday, March 29, 2026

Palm/Passion Sunday

Welcome!

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
BELL CALLS US TO GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

* PROCESSIONAL *Choir* Hosanna in the Streets

WELCOME

Announcements, Joys, and Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: What will we lay down as Christ passes by?

All: We have no cloaks today, but we will lay down our hearts, our hopes, and our lives.

One: As the crowds in Jerusalem cried out long ago, we echo,

All: Hosanna! Save us! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

* HYMN #279 (P) Filled with Excitement

*** PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE:**

God of all the ages, make us real or make us nothing. As we sing "Hosanna!" bring us to the foot of the cross. As we wave palms, show us your tomb. On this day of praise and passion, help us to hold the tension between life and death and to learn the mystery that you are in both. Teach us to turn our faces toward you and help us to bear witness, that we might testify always to your faithfulness.

Amen.

Response #278 (P) vs 1 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

YOUNG PEOPLE IN WORSHIP

PALM SUNDAY - THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY Matthew 21:1-11

PASTORAL PRAYERS:

Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

THANKSGIVING FOR OUR GIFTS

* Response #95 (P)

Praise God . . .

HYMN #297 (P)

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

THE EVENTS OF HOLY WEEK

THE PLOT TO KILL JESUS Matthew 26:1-5

JUDAS AGREES TO BETRAY JESUS Matthew 26:14-16

PASSOVER MEAL Matthew 26:17-30

JESUS PRAYS Matthew 26:36-46

JUDAS BETRAYS JESUS Matthew 26:47-52

JESUS BROUGHT BEFORE THE HIGH PRIEST Matthew 26:57-68

JESUS BROUGHT BEFORE PILATE Matthew 27:1-2, 11-14, 24-26

ANTHEM Lay His Body Down

THE CRUCIFIXION Matthew 27:27-56

BURIAL Matthew 27:57-6

HYMN #301 (P) Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

CHRIST'S PASSION AND STRIPPING THE ALTAR

*The altar is stripped of adornments in observance of Christ's Passion
Please wait to be dismissed row by row & exit with silence*

Please wait in Pierce Hall in silence until all rows are dismissed.

* Please stand if you are able . . . thank you

Code for Hymnals:

(P) - Methodist Hymnal (Purple) (B) - In Faith We Sing (Black)
(G) - Worship & Song (Green) (PH) - Presbyterian Hymnal