



CORNERSTONE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Hosanna!

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL
Sixth Sunday of Lent—Palm Sunday
24 March 2024

Holy Week

AT CORNERSTONE

136 3rd Ave S, Franklin

Maundy Thursday

March 28, 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday

March 29, 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Registration is required
for Good Friday.

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Easter Sunday

March 31, 7:30 a.m.,

9:00 a.m., & 10:45 a.m.

We will also enjoy a time of fellowship outside in the churchyard from 8:45-10:45 a.m. Please bring a breakfast item to share. We have much to celebrate!



Worship Notes—This Sunday is Palm Sunday, which marks the beginning of Holy Week with Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem, just a few short days before his condemnation, crucifixion, and resurrection. Our service today is centered on the sermon passage in Matthew 21:1-11 in which Christ’s kingship is recognized as He enters Jerusalem on a donkey while the crowd waves palm branches before him. The Call to Worship comes predominantly from Zechariah 9:9-12, which Matthew quotes as the fulfilling of this prophecy “Behold your king is coming to you...humble and mounted on a colt.” The opening hymn, “All Glory, Laud, and Honor,” is an offering of praise to Christ our King, “David’s royal son, who in the Lord’s name comest.” Isaiah 11:1-5, as our Old Testament Reading, directs our attention to another prophecy of Christ foretelling his reign: “with righteousness He shall judge the poor.” The Confession of Sin, based on Psalm 102:1-22 speaks to the feeling of being distressed, and even thrown down by God, but “You will arise and have pity on Zion.” We then move to sing praises from Psalm 89 of the Lord’s faithful covenant love and of his “glorious name.” The second communion hymn is “Ah Holy Jesus,” in which we reflect on the irony that this glorious and perfect king is the very one who received the “bitter passion for my salvation.” “Lift Up Your Heads,” Revelation 7:9-12, and “We Will Glorify” then conclude our service as we, with psalm branches in hand, cry hosanna to our king of Glory.

Children’s Choral Prelude—Jubilate Deo

Jubilate Deo. Hallelujah (*Rejoice in the Lord. Hallelujah*)

Text: Psalm 100. Music: Michael Praetorius 1571-1621

Announcements, and Preparation

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE AND REVEALS HIMSELF

God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.

Introit—Behold the Glories of the Lamb

Be - hold the glor - ies of the Lamb A - midst His Fa - ther's throne. Pre - pare new ho - nors
for His name, And songs be - fore un - known. Now to the Lamb that once was slain Be
end - less bless - ings paid; Sal - va - tion, glo - ry, joy re - main For - ev - er on Your head.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1668; Music: ELLACOMBE, Later form (1868) of a melody in Wüttemberger Gesangbuch (1784).

Call to Worship—John 12:13, Zechariah 9:9-12

Pastor: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

All: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD, the King of Israel!

Pastor: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

All: Behold, your king is coming to you.

Pastor: He is righteous and bears salvation;

He is humble and mounted on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

All: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD.

All: The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

Hymn of Praise—All Glory, Laud, and Honor

The Children's Choir will sing verse 1. We will respond by singing the rest of the hymn as a congregation.

Verse 1 (Children's Choir):

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!

The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went; our
Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring, who

praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent: to
in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King! All

thee be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise; to
glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King, to

thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 820, Tr. John Mason Neale, 1854; Music: ST. THEODULPH, Melchoir Teschner, ca. 1615.

+++New Arrivals, please wait in the Narthex to be seated.
Following the Confession of Sin, Ushers will assist you.+++

Old Testament Reading—Isaiah II:I-5

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

² And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
And faithfulness the belt of his loins.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE & RECONCILIATION

The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Sung Response—Lord, Have Mercy



Text: Luke 18:13; Music: FRANKLIN KYRIE, Gregory D Wilbur, 2009. ©2009 Greyfriars Press.

Congregational Confession of Sin—based on Psalm 102:1-22

Leader: Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let our cries come to you.
Do not hide your face from us in the days of our distress.

**All: Incline your ear to us;
Answer us speedily in the day that we call!**

Leader: For our days pass away like smoke, and our bones burn like a furnace.
Our hearts are struck down like grass and have withered.

**All: We eat ashes like bread and mingle tears with our drink,
because of Your indignation and anger;
for You have taken us up and thrown us down.**

Leader: Our days are like an evening shadow;

All: We wither away like grass.

Leader: But you, O LORD, are enthroned forever;
You are remembered throughout all generations.
You will arise and have pity on Zion;

**All: Lord, look to the earth and hear the groans of
those who are prisoners to sin,
set free those who were doomed to die,**

Leader: That we may declare in Zion the name of the Lord,
and all the kings of the earth may fear your glory.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—Colossians 1:11-14

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

+++New Arrivals are Welcome to be Seated+++

Psalm of Praise—Psalm 89:1-18: We Will Sing Your Love Forever

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff.

We will sing Your love for - ev - er, We will tell Your faith - ful - ness;
Faith - ful - ness and might sur - round You And You rule the rag - ing sea,
All our strength is by Your glor - y For ex - alt - ed is Your Name.
Faith - ful - ness and love be - fore You, Just and right - eous is Your throne.

From the throne of Da - vid's off - spring You've es - tab - lished right-eous - ness.
 Yours the world, for You have found - ed North and south and all be - tween.
 As the Ho - ly One of Is - rael Shouts of joy to You we raise.
 Yours the king - dom and the glo - ry, All the strength is Yours a - lone.

Let the heav - ens sound their praise; let the heav - ens sound their praise;
 You ex - tend Your might - y arm, You ex - tend Your might - y arm,
 Bless the Lord for - ev - er - more; Bless the Lord for - ev - er - more;
 We will shout Your glo - ri - ous name; We will shout Your glo - ri - ous name;

let the heav - ens sound their praise; "Great and might - y is His name!"
 You ex - tend Your might - y arm, Strong to save, to keep from harm.
 Bless the Lord for - ev - er - more. Spread His praise from shore to shore.
 We will shout Your glo - ri - ous name; from e - ter - ni - ty the same.

Text and Music: Gregory D Wilbur, 2020.

Sacrament of Baptism —Josephine Ralph & James Wyatt Ralph, *children of Stephen & Tara Ralph*
 —August Ambrose Johnson, *son of Nathan & Hannah Johnson*

“For to you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call unto him. ‘And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your seed after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto you and to your seed after you.’ Therefore, believe on the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your house.” (Acts 2:39; Gen. 17:7; Acts 16:31)

Parental Vows:

1. Do you acknowledge your own, as well as your child’s, need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God’s covenant promises for him/her, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus—and only to the Lord Jesus—for his/her salvation, just as you do for your own?
3. Do you now consecrate your child to God; will you in humble reliance upon His sovereign grace set before him/her a godly example—praying with and for him/her, teaching him/her the good hope of the Gospel, opening to him/her the truth of the Scriptures, and striving by every means of grace God provides, to bring him/her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Congregational Vow:

Will you as a covenant community joyously commit to assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

The Reading of the Word—Matthew 21:1-11

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me.³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵“Say to the daughter of Zion,
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” ¹⁰And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” ¹¹And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

All: **But the Word of our God will stand forever.**

Sermon—The Servant Songs part 6

The Ironies of Palm Sunday

—Nate Shurden, *Pastor*

Sung Response—Let Glory Be to God on High

Let glo - ry be to God on high: Peace be on earth as
 O Lord, the sole be - got - ten Son, Who bore the crimes which
 Have mer - cy on us, through Thy blood; Re - ceive our prayer, O

in the sky; Good will to men! We bow the knee,
 we had done; Son of the Fa - ther, who wast slain
 Lamb of God! For Thou art ho - ly; Thou a - lone,

We praise, we bless, we wor - ship Thee; We give Thee thanks, Thy
 To take a - way the sins of men; O Lamb of God, whose
 At God's right hand, up - on His throne, In all His glo - ry,

name we sing, Al - might - y Fa - ther! Heav'n - ly King!
 blood was spilt For all the world, and all its guilt—
 art a - dored, With Thee, O Ho - ly Ghost, one Lord.

CCLI #11121087 Text: From the Liturgy of St. James & an 8th Century manuscript (*Gloria in excelsis Deo*); Music: Gregory D. Wilbur, 2018.

Profession of Faith—The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
Very God of Very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;
who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man,
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered, died, and was buried.
On the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven,
and now sits on the right hand of the Father.
And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead,
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And we believe in one holy and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

Celebration of First Communion

—Josephine Ralph

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

God offers to His people the gift of communion with Him through the grace of the sacrament and we respond in thanksgiving.

Words of Institution and the Lord's Table


Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians who are members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, and who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ to join us.


If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. You can find some sample prayers on the next page. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church.

At Cornerstone, we come forward to receive communion. Proceed to the first table for the bread, and then on the second for wine/juice.


Psalm of the Month—Psalm 79:8-13: Remember Not, O God



Re - mem - ber not, O God, The sins of long a - go;
O Lord, our Sav - ior, help, And glo - ri - fy Your Name;
Then, safe with - in Thy fold, We will ex - alt Your Name;




Re - mem - ber not, O God, The sins of long a - go;
O Lord, our Sav - ior, help, And glo - ri - fy Your Name;
Then, safe with - in Thy fold, We will ex - alt Your Name;




In ten - der mer - cy vis - it us, Dis - tressed and hum - bled low.
De - liv - er us from all our sins, And take a - way our shame. (to bridge)
Our thank - ful hearts with songs of joy Your good - ness will pro - claim.

BRIDGE



In Your com - pass - ion hear The pri - soner's plain - tive sigh,



In Your com - pass - ion hear The pri - soner's plain - tive sigh,



And in the great - ness of Your power Save those a - bout to die. (to vs 3)

Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord's Supper

If you are not able to partake in the Lord's Supper today, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth. Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. *Amen*

Prayer of Belief. Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. *Amen*

Prayer of Commitment. Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. *Amen*

Hymn of Communion—Ah, Holy Jesus

Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how have you of - fend - ed, that mor - tal
 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on you? It is my
 For me, kind Je - sus, was your in - car - na - tion, your mor - tal
 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay you, I do a -

judg - ment has on you de - scend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 trea - son, Lord, that has un - done you. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 sor - row, and your life's ob - la - tion; your death of an - guish
 dore you and will ev - er pray you, think on your pit - y

by your own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed!
 I it was de - nied you; I cru - ci - fied you.
 and your bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 and your love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Text: Johann Heerman, 1630; tr. Robert Bridges, 1887; Music: Johann Crüger, 1640.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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*

Hymn of Praise—Lift Up Your Heads

The musical score is written in 2/2 time and consists of three systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; Be - hold, the
A Help - er just He comes to thee, His char - iot
O blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the
Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a
Re - deem - er, come, with us a - bide; Our hearts to
King of glor - y waits; The King of kings is
is hu - mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is
Rul - er is con - fessed O hap - py hearts and
tem - ple, set a - part From earth - ly use for
Thee we op - en wide; Let us Thy in - ner
draw - ing near; The Sav - ior of the world is here!
ho - li - ness, His scept - er, pi - ty in dis - tress.
hap - py homes To whom this King in tri - umph comes!
heaven's em - ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
pre - sence feel; Thy grace and love in us re - veal.

Text: Psalm 24, Georg Weissel, 1642, Tr by Catherine Winkworth, 1855; Music: TRURO, *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789.

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction—Revelation 7:9-12

Pastor: “I looked, and behold, there was a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages. They were standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes. And they all had palm branches in their hands.”

All: They cried out with a loud voice,
“Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb!”

Pastor: And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God.

All: They said,
“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving
and honor and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Sung Response—We Will Glorify Vs 4

Ho - san-na to the King of kings, Ho - san-na to the Lamb;

Ho - san-na to the Lord of lords, Who is the great I Am.

Ho - san-na to the King of kings, Ho - san-na to the Lamb;

Ho - san-na to the Lord of lords, Who is the great I Am.

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Welcome to Cornerstone! If you are visiting with us today, we are glad you're here!
We invite you to fill out a visitor form by scanning this QR code so that we may welcome you personally.
Alternatively, visitor cards are available at either entrance to the chapel
and can be placed in one of the offering boxes as you leave.



Focus on Church Ministry

Good Friday Service Registration

To ensure that we can accommodate everyone inside the Chapel and avoid using overflow space, we are offering two Good Friday services at 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. We ask that you register online to let us know which service you plan to attend. Scan this QR code or visit the website or app to register now. Contact: dan@cstonepres.org



Holy Week Devotional

As we enter Holy Week, we have a new, brief devotional picking up where the Lenten devotional leaves off to take us from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. Pick up this resource at either entrance to the Chapel.

Cornerstone Youth

Our Youth Spring Retreat is coming up April 26-28 at Deer Run. Retreats like this are a unique opportunity for students to cut out distractions and get to know one another more deeply. We would love to see our students there! Registration closes at the end of the month—sign up this week to join us. Contact: drew@cstonepres.org

Golf Tournament Fundraiser: May 13

Make plans to join us for a Golf Tournament at the Franklin Bridge Golf Club on Monday, May 13, to support our youth mission team heading to Belize. For more information or to sponsor a hole, play in the tournament, or simply donate, visit the Cornerstone website and click on the Golf Tournament image. Thank you for helping our youth get to Belize!

Loving Franklin's Elderly

On the first Sunday of each month, a group from Cornerstone leads a brief worship service at Morning Pointe of Franklin. We'd love to have you offer friendship to the residents and lend your voice to the singing of hymns. Please join us after the service on April 7 from 1:30-2:15 p.m. Contact: ethan@cstonepres.org

Men's Breakfast

Calling all men! Join us at the chapel on Saturday, April 6 at 7:30 a.m. for a delicious meal from Big Bad Breakfast, fellowship, and a panel discussion on the timely theme, *Facing Faith Challenges in the Workplace*. Please register online or on the Cornerstone app.

Holy Week Services

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Literature Discussion

Join us at The Corner House on Monday, April 8, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *Jayber Crow* by Wendell Berry. Contact: greg@cstonepres.org

Christianity Explored at Cornerstone

Christianity Explored (CE) Training is coming to Cornerstone this April! CE is an "off the shelf" evangelistic resource to help further equip our church to share the gospel. We will meet on Wednesday nights in April at Cornerstone (6:00-8:00 p.m.). Our hope is to have some trained members and a place to point our neighbors to when we invite them to church. Everyone is welcome to join us—starting April 3. Contact Liz Taylor with any questions: etaylor78@icloud.com or 615-424-5946. Visit CE's site to learn more: christianityexplored.us.

Young Adults: Save the Dates

April 13: The young adults are invited to the Thompson home (133 Parker Dr, Antioch) for brunch on April 13 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

April 27: Join us for a Nashville SC game! We will have a reserved section with a limited number of tickets for Saturday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. Contact: youngadults@cstonepres.org

Taking the Message Home

Today's message, "The Ironies of Palm Sunday," is taken from Matthew 21:1-11. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group.

- Why is the "triumphant entry" of Jesus Christ not so triumphant?
- How does the choice of a donkey both fit and not fit Jesus Christ?
- What does the word "Hosanna" mean? How is this cry an ironic fulfillment given the nature of Passion week?
- While joyous singing and shouts of "Hosanna" were ringing in Jesus's ear, he begins to weep (Luke 19:41-44). Why, in the midst of celebration, is Jesus weeping?
- How does Palm Sunday set the stage for all that happens in Passion week?

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