

# NORTHMINSTER

## *Presbyterian Church*

**Palm Sunday 2024**



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### Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,  
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.  
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;  
for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,  
the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,  
O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

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nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.  
and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

## GATHERING

Chimes

Welcome

\*Hymn #196

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

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.

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!  
The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!  
To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!  
Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

\*Scripture – Matthew 21:6-11

Jesus' disciples went and did as he had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

**“Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”**

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?”  
The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Musical Offering

*The Palms*

Faure

Andreahanna Resenquist, Soprano

Opening Prayer

Scripture – Psalm 118

## CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Merciful God,  
as together we enter Holy Week  
and gather in your house of prayer,  
turn our hearts again to Jerusalem,  
to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus,  
that united with him and all the faithful  
we may one day enter in triumph  
a city not made by human hands,  
but the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens,  
where with you and the Holy Spirit,  
Christ lives in glory forever.**

**Hear our silent prayers ...**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Remembering our Baptisms

Hymn #197 (remain seated)

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,  
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;  
the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,  
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.  
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

\*Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Gathering of our Offerings

Offertory Music

*Hosanna to the Son of David*

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\*Response — Doxology #606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God for all that love has done Creator, Christ, and Spirit one. Amen

Prayers of Intercession, Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed by Thy name, Thy Kingdome 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.**

**LISTENING**

\*Hymn #198

*Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;  
thy humble beast pursues its road  
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin  
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
The hosts of angels in the sky  
look down with sad and wondering eyes  
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
bow thy meek head to mortal pain;  
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Sermon – Come join in the parade! Christianity is a MOVEMENT, not a monument.

**DEPARTING**

\*Hymn #741

*Guide My Feet*

Guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!) guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)  
guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

Hold my hand while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!) Hold my hand while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)  
Hold my hand I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

Stand by me while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!) Stand by me I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)  
Stand by me while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

I'm your child while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!) I'm your child while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)  
I'm your child while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

Search my heart while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!) Search my heart while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)  
Search my heart while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

Guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!) guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)  
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\*Charge and Benediction

\*Sung Response

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind blow at your back. May the sun shine warmly on your face, may the rain fall softly on your fields. And until we meet again, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen

Postlude



## **Information & Announcements**

### **Welcome to our guests!**

Whether you are sharing in the worship of God with us for the first time, visiting with family or friends, or returning for a visit to your home church, we welcome you today in the name of Jesus. Please share some contact information with us so we can follow up with you and make a place for you in our weekly fellowship. You may email our church office at [admin@northminstermacon.org](mailto:admin@northminstermacon.org).

### **Prayer Concerns**

If you have a need or a request for prayer, please contact the church office.

Current Member Concerns: Ann R. Smith; Jane Prentice; Ann Hall; Jane Ebey; Evelyn Clark; Nancy Miles; Annette Hutto - Current Friends and Family Concerns: Margaret Yawn; Donna Carole Kitchens; Joel Jones; Nelda Crow; John & Louise Sallstrom - Military Personnel Prayer List: Austin Riley; Joshua Sulkers; Isaac Falkenstine (Bonnie Diboll's grandson); Nicholas Sanchez (Kathy McCord's godson); James Watwood; Dawson Everett (Gwen Kitchens' great-nephew)

### **Children's Sunday School – seeking donations**

All children (5th grade and under) are invited to attend Sunday School at 10:00<sup>AM</sup>. Beginning April 7<sup>th</sup>, children's Sunday School will meet at 9:30<sup>AM</sup>. We'll have a lesson with a craft and a morning snack. All children will join their parents for the worship service at 10:30. Our children's ministry has had a wonderful response for donations – thank you! We could still use some stickers and juice boxes. Please bring any of your donated items to church any Sunday morning.

### **Easter Lilies**

Every year, Northminster congregants help fill our sanctuary with Easter Lilies on Easter Sunday. This year, due to supply chain issues, we will have both potted lilies and bud-vase lilies. These flowers represent beautiful memories of loved ones who have died. Please see your blue sheet for information about having a lily for your loved one(s). After worship, lilies can be taken home or taken to someone you know who could appreciate their beauty. Cost is \$12 each; checks can be made payable to the church with "lilies" in the memo line.

### **Maundy Thursday Service – March 28**

We will hold our annual Maundy Thursday worship service March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6PM.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship Meal**

Typically, we share lunch together after worship on the last Sunday of a month with five Sundays. Since this month holds the same, but falls on Easter, we will share breakfast at 9AM instead. Sunday School will not be held. Please let us know on your blue response sheet if you plan to attend.

### **Easter Egg Hunt – March 31<sup>st</sup> at 10AM**

All NPC kids – bring your Easter basket Easter morning! As the adults are winding down breakfast and the kids have likely finished, we invite all children to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt around 10:00. If you are willing to donate towards the purchase of the eggs and candy, please notate "Egg Hunt" on your donation. If you are willing to help prepare for the hunt Sunday morning, please let Donna Shuford or Chloe Napier know.

### **PCUSA Special Offerings – One Great Hour of Sharing**

Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing-Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self Development of People-all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development. Their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. This offering will be collected Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Lenten Bible Study – Wednesdays through April 3**

Join us for a 7-week Lenten series featuring videos from the late Dr. Kenneth Bailey on Jesus' instructions for prayer (Matthew 6) and Paul's love language (1 Corinthians 13). Women can meet Wednesday mornings at 10am in the community room with discussion led by Jeanne Roddenberry and all are invited to attend Wednesday evenings at 7pm via Zoom with discussion led by Ralph Hawkins.

## **Sunday Study at 9<sup>AM</sup>**

Join us for Sunday Study at 9<sup>AM</sup> in the fellowship hall. The next 6-week study, “Do Pharaohs Still Exist,” will begin Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, led by Janell Johnson. A light continental breakfast is provided.

### **NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Our calling at Northminster is to make disciples, to grow in faith together, and to serve others in Christ.

CONGREGATION: Ministers of the Good News; SESSION of Ruling Elders: Kari Alderman; Mark Brown; Jeff Denny; Barbara Fatkin;  
Nita McCord; Michael Napier; Donna Shuford; Amanda Smith; Minor Vernon; Gail Walker  
RALPH HAWKINS, Pastor and Teaching Elder PAUL EVANS, Parish Associate GUNNER CHANCEY, Director of Music  
KAREN JONES, Clerk of Session JENNIFER WHITEHEAD, Ministry Assistant

**Office hours this week:** 9:00-3:00 Tuesday-Thursday; 7:00-1:00 Sunday; Jennifer Cell: 478-318-7911

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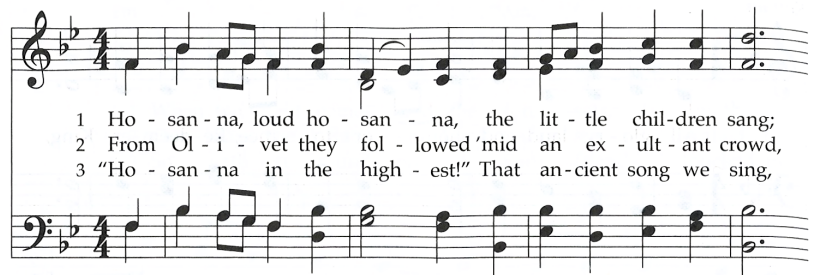
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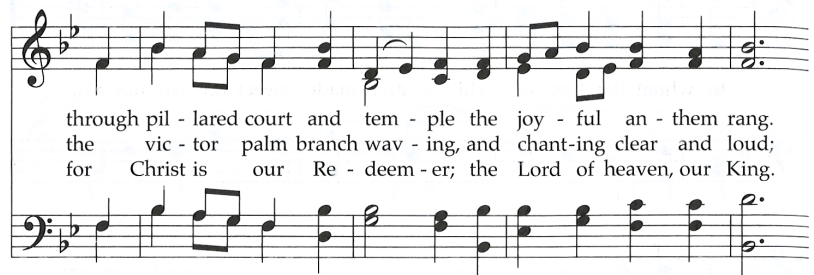


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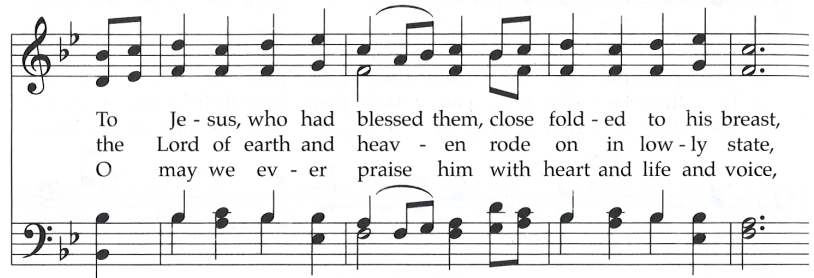
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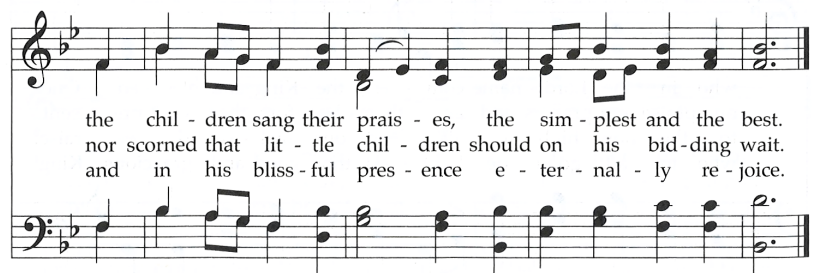
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