

Amity Presbyterian Church



Palm Sunday **March 24, 2024**

Glorifying Christ - Always Loving, Serving, & Growing

Welcome to worship! We're glad you're here. At Amity, we truly believe that each person is a loved child of God, so we seek to welcome everyone as fully as God does. We celebrate the presence of children of all ages in worship, along with their noise and wiggles. Please make yourself at home.

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We Gather Around the Word

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CHORAL PRELUDE

Palm Sunday Welcome

arr. Lovelace

O hark!", the cry. A thousand voices shouting! They greet a King, for him wild welcome sing! His majesty, they sing beyond all doubting; and loud the people cry: "Hosanna! Hosanna! O Zion, see, your King comes nigh! Hosanna! Hosanna! O Zion, see your King comes nigh."

Today they cry, but will they cry tomorrow, and hail him King? To him wild welcome sing? He goes to die, to die in lonely sorrow, and few will hear him sigh. Hosanna! Hosanna! O Zion, see, your King comes nigh. Hosanna! Hosanna! O Zion, see, your King comes nigh.

O Christ, thy day shall come again at Easter; to thee as King, in triumph shall we sing, and homage pay; and once again, O Master, in love shall raise the cry: "Hosanna! Hosanna! O Zion, see, your King comes nigh! Hosanna! Hosanna! O Zion, see, your King comes nigh."

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*The congregation speaks the words in **bold***)

We raise our voices and wave with joyful hope
the palms of deliverance of God's people.

Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David!

Our hearts are filled with expectation
as we welcome the coming king.

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

We receive into the crowded streets of our lives
the one who is Savior, not only of us, but of all the earth.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

*SONG OF PRAISE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Hymn #197

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Singing together:

Music: #695

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you. (repeat)

Together we make our confession:

Lord, as our Lenten journey draws to a close,

**we confess that so much of our lives
are still rooted in the ways of the world.**

**We are quick to be seduced by power,
clamoring for an earthly king who can elevate us
to a position of privilege and status over others.**

Forgive us for not understanding the meaning of your arrival.

**Give us the courage to continue walking with you,
boldly shouting “Hosanna! Save us!”**

even as the path leads us to the cross.

**For it is in sharing your suffering and death
that we will be raised with you in glory at Easter.**

We give you our hearts and our lives...

Silent prayer

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: ...Hear and believe the good news of the gospel!

Many: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia, amen!

We Proclaim the Word

THE GOSPEL IN OTHER WORDS

Children of all ages are invited to come to the front.

THE GIFT OF MUSIC

Hosanna to the Son

Harris

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the Son.

Hosanna to the Son of David, hosanna to the Holy One; hosanna to the Son, the long awaited One, hosanna to the Holy son.

O blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord; O blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord, blest is he.

PSALTER READING *Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29* Page 956 in Pew Bible

GOSPEL READING *Mark 11:1-11* Page 1576 in Pew Bible

*SUNG RESPONSE *Glory Be to the Father* Hymn #581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

MESSAGE *"What's So Special About Jesus?"* Pastor Megan

We Respond to the Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

INVITATION TO GIVE

We Follow the Word Into the World

*SONG OF PRAISE *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* Hymn #353

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Amen* Hymn #561

The image shows musical notation for the benediction response. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 6/8. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men.' are written below the treble staff. The music features a simple, rhythmic melody with a steady bass line.

*POSTLUDE

*You are invited to stand, if able

Announcements

Today, we will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, in addition to our regular offering. Please use the enclosed envelope.

Weekly Lenten Bible Study will be held each Wednesday, February 21st through March 27th from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Amity Room. Pastor Megan will lead a study deeper into the scriptures and themes for each week.

Food Justice Ministry Team is having two additional raised beds added to our Edible Landscape and Orchard by Mecklenburg County on Tuesday, April 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Programs for the children will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with the NC State Master Gardeners. Lunch will be provided in Johnston Hall. Come join us to help set up these new beds.

On Good Friday, March 29th, we will worship together in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. This will be a communion service, as well as a Tenebrae service to remember Christ's death.

On Easter Sunday, March 31st, we will flower the easter cross during worship. You are invited to bring flowers from home to place on the cross. Trimming the stems from 5-6 inches works best. We will also have flowers available for those who need them.



75
YEARS



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

FEBRUARY 14 – MARCH 31, 2024

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY —
FOR WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE,
IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.

'ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING'

Celebrating 75 Years!

February 14 - March 31, 2024

Around the world, 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 (OGHS) - **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.

Received during the season of Lent (February 14 - March 31), each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

Amity Prayer Needs

Health Needs

Jack Hudspeth

Charlie and Penny Mills

Betty Valek (surgery this coming week)

Ben Stokes

Tina Emmons

Donna Dobson

Ray and Rick Gelinas

Dick & Marie Houston

Karen Edwards

Elizabeth and Matt Crabtree (Tom Phlegar's daughter)

Stephanie Ellis (Melissa Ellis' daughter)

Teresa Pavlik, cancer (Melissa Ellis' mother)

Carl Weiss (friend of Kirstin Gelinas)

Bill Ross (Parkinson's)

Sharon DeBoer (doing well following surgery)

Glenn Butterworth

Jamie Beck

Marilyn Long

Grieving

Betty Valek (death of her sister, Peggy Parker Schlapkohl)

Other Concerns

Angela Johnson and for her daughter, Sarah's, safety

Jimmy Jones, housing

The Farrell Family (Melissa and Dylan, and sister Christina's health)

Prayers for the World

Victims and Perpetrators of Gun Violence

The people of Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, Russia

Peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Victims of natural disasters

Those suffering from addictions

Your church family wants to pray for you. To be added to the prayer list, call the church office or email your request to office@amitypc.org



Love. Serve. Grow.

Come hear the story of God's great love for you.

Holy Week at Amity

Palm Sunday



March 24

11:00 am
English Service

2:00 pm
African Fellowship in Swahili

Good Friday Tenebrae Worship



March 29

6:30pm in the Sanctuary

We will begin with communion, remembering the Last Supper, then let scripture tell the story of Christ's death in a Tenebrae service.

What is a Tenebrae Service?

"Tenebrae" is a Latin word meaning "shadow of darkness." This ancient worship tradition, over 1600 years old, recounts the final events in the life of our Savior. With each step toward his death, a candle is extinguished, reminding us of the absence of Christ's light in the world while we await the hope of the resurrection. Together, we will follow Jesus to the cross through scripture and song.

Easter Sunday



March 31

11:00 am
Bilingual Worship in English and Swahili

Easter Egg hunt after worship for children 12 and under. Everyone is welcome!