

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Eleven O'Clock

March 29, 2026

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Elder James Lyle

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Psalm 24:7-10, Zechariah 9:9

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O gates,
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
That the King of glory may come in!

People: **Who is the King of glory?**
The LORD strong and mighty,
The LORD mighty in battle.

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O gates,
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
That the King of glory may come in!

People: **Who is this King of glory?**
The LORD of hosts,
He is the King of glory.

All: **Blessed is he who comes in the name**
of the Lord!

Hymn of Praise*

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

No. 235

God Calls Us to Confess Our Sin

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Merciful Father, we confess that we would rather join the crowds than stand alone. We'll sing "Hosanna" when everyone else is doing so, but not in the activities of everyday life. We prefer the popular point of view to a solitary witness for justice and truth. We like safety and security while shrinking from the risk of bringing Christ into public discourse. We do not like to admit our lukewarm response to you, but neither do we want to be considered fanatics by the world. We believe Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. We know that means us, not just others involved in evils everyone knows about. We ask you to be patient with us, to help us face our own guilt. Then pour out your

forgiveness in such a way that we are forever changed. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

My Personal Confession of Sins

God Calls Us to Give to His Kingdom Work

The Offertory

Karin Lyle

Doxology*

[Tune: Old Hundredth]

No. 771

God Calls Us to Pray to Him

Anthem

Karin Lyle

O. T. Responsive Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

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.
I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
And the war horse from Jerusalem;
And the battle bow shall be cut off,
And he shall speak peace to the nations;
His rule shall be from sea to sea,
And from the River to the ends of the earth.
And because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
Today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Hymn*

Come, Thou Almighty King

No. 101

God Calls Us to Receive His Word

Luke 19:28-44

The Sermon

"A Royal Welcome"

Pastor Ed Olson

Hymn*

Lead On, O King Eternal

No. 580

Benediction*

Postlude*

*Congregation standing

Remember in Prayer:

Ed and Connie Olson: Continued travel mercies for them, and for a time for healing and sharing with the family.

Joe and Jayna Johnson (and Daughters, Verity and Eve): As Joe prepares for Ordination and Installation here at Covenant, and the family prepares for the move to North Carolina, and the baby's arrival as well!

Missionary of the Week:

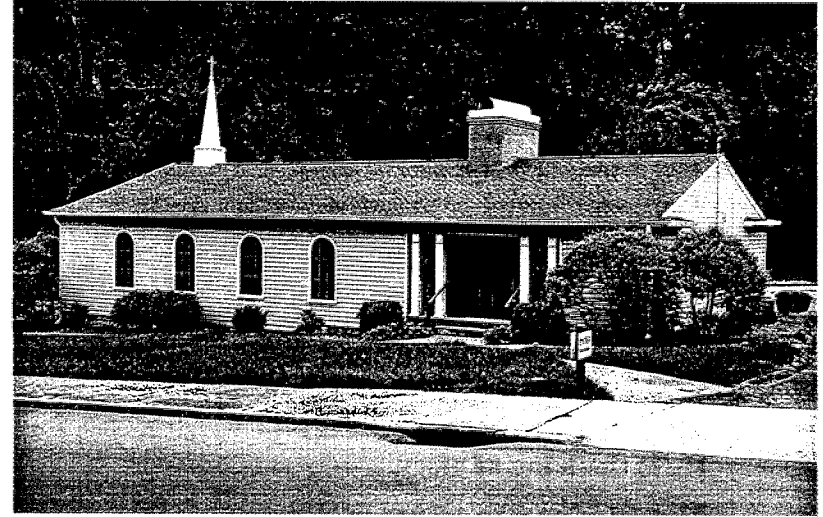
Rick Aschmann: Pray for the Aschmann family and their work in Quito, Ecuador (MTW).

Upcoming Events of Note:

Joe Johnson Ordination and Installation Service: Sunday, April 19, at 6 pm.
Session Meeting: Thursday, April 9, at 5 pm.
Next Holy Communion: Sunday, May 3.
Presbytery Meeting: Tuesday, May 5, at Ridgehaven, Brevard.
Church Picnic: Sunday, June 28 at Allen's Creek Park 1-3 pm.

**Love the LORD, all his faithful people!
The LORD preserves those who are true to him,
but the proud he pays back in full.
Be strong and take heart, all you
who hope in the LORD.
--Psalm 31:23-24**

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