

Welcome!

Whether you are a long-time member, occasional worshiper, or new visitor with us, we hope that in this service you will encounter the living Christ and be strengthened by God's promises for you. Please visit our website at covenantpresstaunton.org to learn more about our ministries and Covenant life together. We are happy to have you as part of our church family today!

The flowers today are given by Marney Gibbs
in memory of John A. Zinn, Jr.

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Covenant Presbyterian Church

Striving to be Faithful Disciples of Christ:
Worshiping with Joy, Growing in Faith, Serving in Love

APRIL 13, 2025
PALM SUNDAY

10:30 AM

*As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship, please silence any mobile devices.
This service is live streamed on YouTube.*

STRIVING TO BE FAITHFUL DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

PRELUDE.....Schroeder
Maestoso

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT.....ELLACOMBE
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

WORSHIPING WITH JOY

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 118)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good!

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: Hosanna! The Lord is our salvation!

*HYMN No. 196.....VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor



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*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God our Redeemer and King, we celebrate this day with hosannas on our lips, but sin lurks in our hearts. We confess that we are more concerned with ourselves than with you on this road to Jerusalem. Our praise is tempered by selfish desires, distracted minds, sour moods, and indifferent airs. You wept over Jerusalem, and we suspect that you weep over us as well, for we are not the loving people you created us to be, nor the faithful disciples you call us to be. Forgive us. Kindle in us faith; inspire us to be more faithful and so to pursue the things that make for peace. Lord, hear our prayer . . . (silent confession) . . .

*KYRIE – Hymn No. 2275

*Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.
Christe, Christe eleison. Christe, Christe eleison.
Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie eleison, eleison.*

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE – Hymn No. 215 (stanza 1 alt.)

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the heavy cross for my soul.*

GROWING IN FAITH

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE — Those who prefer their child(ren) not be on camera are welcome to have their child(ren) continue sitting with them during this time. (Following the Children’s Message, children ages 3-1st grade are invited to exit the sanctuary for Covenant Kids.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING.....Pg. 694 of the Old Testament, *Pew Bible Psalm 118:1, 22-25*

SECOND READING.....Pg. 101 of the New Testament, *Pew Bible Luke 19:28-48*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON.....**JOHN PETERSON**

“SINGING STONES”

MUSICAL REFLECTION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — *Question 21 of the Heidelberg Catechism*

Q. What is true faith?

A. True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace granted solely by Christ’s merit. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen

*HYMN No. 198.....ST. DROSTANE

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!
SERVING IN LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER (...“sins”)

DEDICATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY.....Forrest

Hosanna to the King

PRAYER

*HYMN No. 826.....CRUCIFER

Lift High the Cross

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE.....ELLACOMBE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

POSTLUDE.....J.S. Bach

*Christus, der uns selig macht
(Please be seated for the Postlude or exit the sanctuary quietly while the Postlude is being played.)*

**Those who are able, please stand.*

*Children are always welcome in the Sanctuary during worship.
Children’s worship folders are available in the Narthex.
Should you find that your child grows restless, there is childcare available in the nursery for ages 3 and under.*

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HYMN No. 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain:

**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.
(Refrain)**

**The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems
before thee we present.
(Refrain)**

**To thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.
(Refrain)**

**Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King!
(Refrain)**

HYMN No. 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.**

HYMN No. 826

Lift High the Cross

Refrain:

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.
(Refrain)**

**All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
(Refrain)**

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally.
(Refrain)**

**So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory.
(Refrain)**