

March 21, 2021 Announcements
Pennies for Hunger: April 4, 2021

March special mission offering:
Noé & Laurie Juarez's Peru ministry

WELCOME TO WORSHIP today.
Worship services are live-streamed **each Sunday**. Instructions to set up and use a Livestream account are on www.alamancechurch.org.

MARCH MISSIONS OFFERING is for Noé & Laurie Camp Juarez's work in Peru. See insert for details.

NOTICE: Our **Session continues to craft policy specifically for APC**, per state and Salem Presbytery *Safer at Home* recommendations for COVID-19 Phase 3, now scheduled to end **Mar. 31**. All groups **MUST** apply to Session for permission to meet on our campus.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS: Submit nominations to Steve Starr (stevestarrrep@aol.com) **by today, Sun., Mar. 21**.

KIDS R.O.C.K.: Kids Reaching Out to Christ's Kingdom is a fellowship group for children in grades 3-5. **Today, Sun., Mar. 21: The Three Little Pigs (Matthew 7:24)**. Meet at **4:45p** at the Picnic Pavilion. Masks and social distance **required**.

YOUTH GROUPS: Tonight, March 14: High schoolers in person in the Picnic Pavilion at **6p**. Masks and social distance **required**.

FOOD PANTRY asks for volunteers to help unload and shelve food from the monthly Second Harvest pick up. **Tues., Mar. 23, 4p**. Contact Doug Clapp for info (doug.clapp@triad.rr.com).

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS for potted white geraniums are due by **Fri., Mar. 26**. Use form in bulletin packet, or online at church website (www.alamancechurch.org).

APC BOOK CLUB meets **Tuesdays, 7-8p**, via Zoom. Email Rev. Jess Rigel for link to join study of **Getting Involved with God** by Ellen Davis (jess@alamancechurch.org).

RE-OPENING TASK FORCE allows worship inside the sanctuary, at **25% capacity**. When sanctuary is full, overflow worship is in the Gathering Place, via Livestream. **Face masks, worn properly, are required** for the entire time on church property.

DIVINE FOCUS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB: in-person outing at Hagan-Stone Park, **Sun., April 18 at 2p**. Rain-date is **April 25**. Meet in the parking lot by the little chapel, near the park entrance.

EASTER CANDY: Plans are hatching for an abbreviated Easter Egg Hunt **Sun., Mar. 28 at 4p**. We're keeping it small this year, only for APC regulars, because of COVID-19. We pray that we can open the event to the wider community in 2022.

PRAYER REQUEST PUBLICATION: "Celebrations and Concerns" are posted on Home page of the website. www.alamancechurch.org.

Positions available at APC Child Development Center: full-time and part-time. Pay: \$8.25-\$8.50 / hour (\$9 with college degree. Annual merit-based raises) Link to access applications: <http://alamancecdc.com>.

Substitutes also needed.

Required before starting (CDC will help with this):

- Qualification letter from state of NC (criminal background check)
- TB test and drug screen
- Medical form filled out by a licensed healthcare provider

COVID-19 considerations: **This workplace follows CDC COVID-19 guidelines for safety of all children and staff.**

Christian sympathy is expressed to the family and friends of Bryce Millard Greeson, who died on March 14, 2021.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Submit your nominations for Elder, Class of 2023, to Nominating Committee Team Leader Steve Starr (stevestarrrep@aol.com)

by Sunday, March 21.

Guidelines for officer nominations are on the church website (www.alamancechurch.org) and on the church Facebook page.

Class of 2023 will serve on the Session, our governing board, in **2021, 2022, and 2023.**

Food Pantry

Special collection for March: Peanut butter, jelly

We can always use clean, dry, plastic grocery bags — and clean, dry, empty egg cartons, to re-pack a weekly bulk donation of "chicken fruit."

VOLUNTEERS ESSENTIAL: Food Pantry Team **needs** you. Volunteer your service! **Go here to sign up:** <http://signup.com/go/h2b6xy>

ONLINE GIVING: See the Bulletins & Announcement page of website (www.alamancechurch.org) for details of how to use. **You need to sign up with this service to access online giving.**

To give by Text: text the word "give" to **336-396-6133**. Then follow the simple prompts to set up your account and make donations.

CHURCH OFFICE

(336)-697-0488

info@alamancechurch.org

NC's Safer at Home order is scheduled to end March 31.

Church offices are open. Buildings will remain closed until Session rules that it is safe to re-open the church.

APC Cookbook Orders:

Use the order form on the Home page of the church website (alamancechurch.org) to place your order for a copy of the APC cookbook — a fabulous collection of recipes from our congregation. Or, phone or e-mail the church office; or contact a member of the Christian Education Ministry team to pre-order your copy or copies.

Books are \$15 each; please pay at time of order.

Order deadline is **Sun., April 4** — to receive them in time for Mother's Day.

NC Safer at Home pandemic protocols are now scheduled to end **Wednesday, March 31.**

Session will decide the safest course of action for our congregation, based on trending data relating to COVID-19 — particularly hospitalizations and ICU census numbers. Data considered will be from reliable sources such as county and state departments of health, the Center for Disease Control, and the Cone Health System. After a steady two week's downward trend in numbers, Session will consider re-opening buildings for public use. **Face masks are required at all public events.**

Church Staff

Dr. Kyle Goodman, Lead Pastor
Rev. Jess Rigel, Discipleship Pastor
Andrew Long, Dir., Youth Ministries
Joy Thomas, Dir., Children's Ministries
Katie Long, Director of Music
Rebecca Oden, Accompanist
Dana Adams, Finance Coordinator
Lynn Barnes, Administrative Assistant
Mary Ellen Shores Director, Child Development Center
Jane Preston Asst. Dir., CDC

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We welcome all to the community of Jesus: to connect, to learn, to worship, to serve.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 21, 2021 10 a.m.



Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming the Hour

Prelude

There Is a Balm in Gilead

- arr. John Carter

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

Song sheet

Confession and Reconciliation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of covenant fidelity and steadfast love, we come before you today admitting our failures to begin, believe, and behold. You call us into a new and deeper relationship, yet we do everything in our power to keep everything in our lives exactly the same. You call us to walk through valleys of shadow and to sail through the storm; yet, time and again, we prove to be of little faith. You call us to see the world differently in order to see you more clearly, but we are too near-sighted and hard of heart. Gracious God, have mercy when we fall short; and help us to follow you, to hold on to your promises, and to make you the focus of our lives. We pray in the name of your Son Jesus. Amen.

A Promise of Forgiveness and Peace

Passing of the Peace

We invite you now to take this time to pass the peace, however you can.
Send a text, post a tweet, share a photo, make a call.
God has blessed us with creativity. We can share Christ's presence with one another, even if we aren't in the same physical space.

One: The peace of the Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

Special Music

I Believe

- Mark A. Miller

Video features members of the Adult Choir and special guests Ali Garner-McGraw, Krista Cook, and Jacob Cook; accompanied by Rebecca Oden

The Word

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

One: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Message

Holy Condescension

Rev. Jess Rigel

The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible is used during worship.

Thanksgiving & Offering

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our God in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Call to Offering

Sharing of Offering

We invite you to prayerfully make a donation to contribute to the continued life and work of our congregation, even — and especially — in these times of anxiety. Please consider mailing contributions directly to the church, or using our online giving platform, available at <https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-giving>.

Offertory

What Wondrous Love

- arr. Vicki Collinsworth

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sending

Sending Hymn

The Days Are Surely Coming

Song sheet

Charge and Benediction

Lectionary Year B Scripture for the Fifth Sunday in Lent, **March 21:**
Jeremiah 32:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12, 119:9-16; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33.

Lectionary Year B Scripture for Palm / Passion Sunday, **March 28:**
Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16, Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 11:1-11, 14:1-15:47; John Joh 12:12-16

Monday of Holy Week: ***Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11.***

Tuesday of Holy Week: ***Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 71:1-14, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, John 12:20-36***

Wednesday of Holy Week: ***Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 70, Hebrews 12:1-3, John 13:21-32.***

Maundy Thursday: ***Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 21-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-7, 31b-35.***

Good Friday: ***Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9, and 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42.***

Holy Saturday: ***Job 14:1-14; Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24; Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16; 1 Peter 4:1-8; Matthew 27:57-66; John 19:38-42.***



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