

**March 28, 2021 Announcements**  
**Pennies for Hunger: April 4, 2021**  
**March special mission offering:**  
**Noé & Laurie Juarez's Peru ministry**  
**April special mission offering:**  
**Habitat for Humanity**  
**Women's Build**

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](http://www.alamancechurch.org).

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:  
 Purpose of meeting: to receive the report of the Nominating Team and to elect officers. Meeting will be **immediately after worship on Sun., Apr. 4, 2021**. Adequate notice: Meeting was announced from the pulpit during worship on Sunday, Mar. 21; printed in bulletin on **Sundays Mar. 28 and Apr. 4**.

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

EASTER EGG HUNT: Abbreviated Easter Egg Hunt **today, 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.

KIDS R.O.C.K.: **Today, March 28:** Easter Egg Hunt for children. Meet at **4p** at the Picnic Pavilion. Masks and social distance **required**. **No Kids R.O.C.K. on April 4.**

YOUTH GROUPS: **Tonight, March 28:** Easter Egg Hunt for youth. Meet in the Picnic Pavilion at **5p**. Masks and social distance **required**. **No youth group meeting on April 4.**

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](mailto:jess@alamancechurch.org)).

RE-OPENING: Worship inside the sanctuary is at **25% capacity**. When sanctuary is full, overflow worship is in the Thin Place, via Livestream. **Face masks, worn properly, are required** for the entire

time on church property. *Welcome Back* cards must be filled out **each week** (in case COVID-19 contact tracing becomes necessary).

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.

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 **Apr. 30**. **All groups MUST** apply to Session for permission to meet on our campus.

PRAYER REQUEST PUBLICATION: "Celebrations and Concerns" are posted on Home page of the website. [www.alamancechurch.org](http://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: <https://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.**

**Congregational Meeting to Nominate and Elect Elders, Class of 2023**

There will be a congregational meeting for the purpose of hearing the report of the Nominating Team, and electing officers; to be held **immediately after worship on Sunday, April 4, 2021**.

Notice of this meeting was announced from the pulpit during worship on Sunday, March 21, 2021; printed in bulletin announcements on **Sundays March 28 and April 4**.

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](http://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**  
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**NC's Safer at Home order is scheduled to end April 30.**

**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](http://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 Friday, April 30.**

**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



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

Palm / Passion Sunday

March 28, 2021 10 a.m.



Christ Entering into Jerusalem

Albrecht Dürer c. 1510

**Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Chiming the Hour**

**Prelude**

*Lamb of God*

- arr. Lloyd Larson

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymn**

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Song sheet

## Confession and Reconciliation

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

God of anticipation, you know that we love parades! We love the excitement, the colors, the noise! We love celebrating! But today, as we wave our palms in triumph, we must also acknowledge the reality that we have not always behaved as disciples. Too often we have wandered from the path of Christ and stumbled along on our own, believing our way to be superior. We have turned from those who have needed help, because it wasn't convenient for us to be of service. We have done and said things that are cruel and unworthy of your calling for our lives. Yet, here we stand, in the parade route, waving our branches. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to turn our lives around and truly serve you. Help us to really mean "Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the Name of the Lord!" Let Jesus enter our hearts and transform our lives today, for we ask this in his holy name. 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.**

## The Word

### Scripture Reading

**Mark 11:1-11**

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

### Pastoral Reflections

Today's Pastoral Reflection will model "Lectio Divina" or "Divine Reading," a contemplative prayer practice focused on listening.  
Three voices will read the text aloud this morning. After each reading, there will be a brief silence and a time to practice the following steps:

1st Reading: Rest in the word, fully present to God  
as God is fully present to you.

2nd Reading: What words, phrases, and images catch your attention?  
Stay with each one, see where they take you.

3rd Reading: Did anything shift in your focus  
from your hearing of the second reading, and your hearing of the third?  
Did anything new stand out to you?

We hope that those of you at home will participate alongside us this morning.  
As always, we welcome hearing what stood out to you!

## 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

*Triumphal Entry*

- arr. Joel Raney

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Sending

### Sending Song

*Ride on, King Jesus*

- arr. Hall Johnson

Katie Long, soloist; Rebecca Oden, accompanist

### Charge and Benediction

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

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 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.**

Lectionary Year B Scripture for Easter Sunday, **April 4:** **Acts 10:34-43; Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; John 20:1-18; Mark 16:1-8.**



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