CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
8:15 & 11:00 AM
CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
11:00 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Given the guidance from the Presbytery and public health officials, we have suspended all group gatherings, including Christian Education for children, youth and adults until further notice. We are exploring ways in which we can meet virtually. Please use our website for up to date information.

Experiencing God Class, led by Vicki Krueger
If you’d like to join the Experiencing God class virtually via Zoom at 10:30am on Sunday mornings, please contact Vicki Krueger at vickilee33@aol.com and she will send you the meeting details each week.

Church Online
Not Canceled

Quiet Time with God
Not Canceled

Praying for the Sick
Not Canceled

Checking on a Friend
Not Canceled

Helping Others
Not Canceled

Being the Church
Now More Than Ever!

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Order for the Worship of God  
April 5, 2020  
Palm/Passion Sunday  
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)  
Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
People: Hosanna in the highest!  
Leader: Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion.  
People: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Leader: Lo, your king comes to you; People: triumphant and victorious is he,  
Leader: humble and riding on a donkey, People: on a colt, the foil of a donkey.

OPENING VOLUNTARY  
"Partita on “All Glory, Laud and Honor””  
Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Curvin, Pastor

HYMN #196  
“All Glory, Laud and Honor”  
(stanzas 1,3)  
(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)  
To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.  
(Refrain)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Eternal God: in Jesus Christ you entered Jerusalem to die for our sins. We confess we have not hailed you as king, or gone before you in every city, to live for justice and tell of your loving-kindness; for the sake of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jean-Baptiste Faure

SOLO  
“The Palms”  
Rachelle Cox, Soloist

FAITH STATEMENTS

Rosalie Bradford

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

HYMN #197  
“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”  
ELLACOMBE

Hosanna, loud Hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed ‘mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud; the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

WE GROW IN THE WORD

Matthew 21:1-13 (NIV)

SCRIPTURE READING

Faith in Unprecedented Times

Sermon Series: Faith in Unprecedented Times

Sermon #2  “Having Faith in the True King”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #93  
“Lift Up Your Heads”  
TRURO

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold the King of glory waits; the King of Kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart from earthly use for heaven’s employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide. Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.

BENEDICTION

Rachelle Cox, Soloist

SUNG BLESSING

“A Parting Blessing”  
J. Jerome Williams

STEWARTSON

Stephanie Carson, Music Director

SOCIETY OF SONGS

”The Wonderful Cross”

Michael Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

”Build My Life”

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:1-13 (NIV)

MESSAGE

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SONG OF DEDICATION

”The Wonderful Cross”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU