



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship
Palm Sunday

March 25, 2018 11:05am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

PRELUDE "The Lord's My Shepherd" arr. Sarah Linn Drye

THE LIGHT ENTERS Conor Schesser

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Fred Holbrook
(Please sign and pass the Grace Greetings books at this time.)

PROCESSIONAL "Prepare a Way for the Lord" Music by Buryl Red
Celebrate Life Singers – Andrew Alka, soloist

*CALL TO WORSHIP
One: The Lord is merciful and gracious,
All: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
One: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
All: Hosanna in the highest! Let us worship God!

*SINGING 197 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" ELLACOMBE

COME AS A CHILD
*(Children ages 4 through 1st grade may go to **Awakening to Worship**, our child-friendly worship time. Greeters at the back of the Sanctuary will go with children to Room 12 downstairs where parents may pick up their children following worship. Our Nursery welcomes young children and our ushers can assist families to the nursery located in the children's wing.)*

Sing 196 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
*All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*
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 into the world with praise. For brief faith that fades in trouble, for enthusiasms that fizzle out, for hopes we parade but do not pursue, have mercy on us. Forgive us, God, and give us such trust in your power that, in every city, we may live for justice and tell your loving-kindness; for the sake of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
One: God's love has entered our world through the triumphant love of Christ Jesus our Lord. Sisters and brothers, our sins are forgiven.
All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
One: May the peace of Christ be with you and everyone.
All: And also with you and all others!
(Let us greet one another with expressions of love.)

*HYMN 70 "What Does the Lord Require of You?" MOON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

*Equipping People to Develop and Share a
Faith That Works in Real Life*

SUNG TESTIMONY Music by Lloyd Larson
"Ain't No Rock Gonna' Shout for Me" Based on Luke 19
*Here comes the Lord ridin' on a donkey with people waving branches and callin' him "King." Here comes the Lord ridin' through Jerusalem.
If the people don't shout, the rocks will cry out! Rocks, keep silent!
Jesus comes to set me free. Rocks, keep silent! I'm gonna' shout in victory!
Rocks, keep silent! Jesus reigns in majesty. Ain't no rock gonna' shout for me.
Here comes the Lord as thousands throng to see him. Children stand on tip-toe to see the King. Here comes the Lord; excitement in the air.
If the people don't shout, the rocks will cry out! Here comes the Lord;
hosannas fill the air. The people bow and worship the promised King!
Here comes the Lord. "Hosanna in the highest!"
If the people don't shout, the rocks will cry out!*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 12:33-42 Ellin Schoenfeld
(Old Testament, Page 59)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 19:28-40
(New Testament, Page 83)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON Jimmie Hawkins

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS & MUSIC Linda Dover
"Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus" by Paul Manz

*HYMN 757 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" KINGSFOLD

SHROUDING OF THE CROSS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Jimmie Hawkins

POSTLUDE "The Gates of Jerusalem" by David Paxton

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Welcome to the Rev. Dr. Jimmie R. Hawkins, director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency's Office of Public Witness, a position he has held since January 2017. From 1996 through 2016, he served as the pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Durham, NC. Jimmie previously served as the yoked pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, Holmes Memorial, and Trinity Presbyterian in Peaks Presbytery in Virginia.

Jimmie has a background in the area of youth ministry having served as a program director of Presbyterian camps in North Carolina and Virginia. He has served as a youth minister and provided leadership for several youth retreats as well as a campus ministry intern for Salem Presbytery. Jimmie brings a focus on children and young people in his role.

Jimmie's denominational service includes numerous committees of the P.C.(U.S.A.) including as a General Assembly and synod commissioner, as well as numerous presbytery committees and administrative commissions. He has demonstrated a commitment to ecumenical relations having served on the global board of Church World Service and the National Council of Churches. Jimmie has chaired several local interfaith and ecumenical boards.

Jimmie's community advocacy includes serving as a leader for the Moral Monday Movement since its start in 2013. He is a member of the NC NAACP Executive Committee and has advocated on issues of social justice before congressional and state legislative leadership.

Jimmie and his wife Sheinita have two children, daughter Kaela (14) and son James (13).