



# GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship  
Palm Sunday

March 25, 2018 8:50am

*Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community*

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

\*SINGING Hosanna (Praise is Rising) By Brenton Brown and Paul Baloche  
Prepare the Way By Darell Evans and Eric Nuzum

*If you would like to participate in the Parade of Palms during the next Hymn, please gather in the Concourse with your palms.*

THE LIGHT ENTERS Bradley Stromberg

\*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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.)*

\*SINGING I Will Follow By Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, And Reuben Morgan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

SINGING Lord Have Mercy By Steve Merkel

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 12:33-42 Jami Howe  
*(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

SINGING Were You There? Praise Team

SHROUDING OF THE CROSS

THE LIGHT DEPARTS Bradley Stromberg

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Jimmie Hawkins

*\*If convenient/able, please stand.*  
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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).