

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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9:00 am Faith Formation

10:15 am Worship Service

March 29, 2026

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Palm Sunday

PRELUDE- The Holy City arranged by Witworth

GREETING

If able, please rise in body or spirit

CALL TO WORSHIP

Will you follow? Will you lay down your coat?

Will you shout "Hosanna"? Will you join the parade?

Will you sing, even if your throat is hoarse?

Will you cut down a palm branch? Will you wave it in the air?

Will you follow the one riding on a donkey?

Will you let this good news inspire you to act?

We will. We will sing. We will listen.

We will worship. We will follow. We will act.

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest.

*** BLESSING OF THE PALMS**

On this day Jesus entered Jerusalem triumphantly to suffer and to die and was greeted with palms and green branches. Bless these palms and let them be for us symbols of martyrdom and majesty.

Hosanna to the Son of David! May we who carry the palms, follow Jesus Christ in the way of the cross that leads to life. Amen.

Hymn #267

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Please be seated.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The very first Palm Sunday was a day of action. It was a day of movement, of crowded city streets, and cries of "Hosanna!" It was a day of peaceful protest and dreams for a better world. The first Palm Sunday was a day of peaceful, hopeful action.

Friends, on this Palm Sunday, let us join the saints before us in an act of faith. Let us begin with an act of prayer, an act of honesty, an act of transformation. Let us begin by drawing close to God and sharing the truth of our lives.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus of Nazareth, we know that you spent your days teaching and healing. You marched through the streets and walked on water. You laid hands on the sick and broke bread at crowded dinner tables. Your good news was not confined to conversation.

It was not confined to the Temple. Your good news was an act of love, alive in the world. Holy God, we long for a faith like that. Forgive us for the times when we confine our faith to something we think about, as opposed to something we act upon.

Inspire us to love as you loved. Inspire us to act. With hope for tomorrow we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Church family, whether or not you wave your palm branch, whether or not you live out your faith, whether or not you allow this good news to inspire your actions, God will never stop loving you. Jesus will never stop marching for you. The Spirit will never stop listening to you.

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Bell Choir: The Palms - Faure

All Glory, Laud and Honor – Teschner/Callahan

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy One, whether we've heard the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem riding on a donkey before or if we've never heard this story before or the cries of "Hosanna," give us the wisdom to follow along. Give us the wisdom to hear these words. Give us the wisdom to take them into our hearts. Give us the wisdom to act on their truth. We are listening. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

Matthew 21:1-11

The word of the Lord.

Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
SERMON

If able, please rise in body or spirit.

Hymn #265 All Glory, Laud and Honor
Please be seated.

Koinonia Time (community; communion; fellowship; intimacy)
(Please date, sign, and pass the pew pad to your neighbors)

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer
Our Creator/Mother/Father/Spirit, 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 and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY
Let our hosannas to the one who brings liberation take form in our tithes and offerings.

OFFERTORY - The Old Rugged Cross by Innes
Please stand in body or in spirit

OFFERTORY RESPONSE
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host.
Praise Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Faithful God, we praise you that you love us and that you have come to us in Jesus to reconcile the world to yourself. We offer you our gifts and pray that you teach us, like Jesus, to hand ourselves over in love for you, for one another and for all people. Amen.

Hymn #268 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

BENEDICTION
Beloved, as we move into the week ahead, may God bless you with the insight to know the way of Jesus, the courage to hold firm to the way of Jesus when the crowds try to lead you astray, and the strength to follow the way of Jesus, the way of God's steadfast love that never fails. Amen.

Postlude - Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem by Asman

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**Head Ushers for March are Angela Stofflet and Herb Volk  
Today's Ushers are Jen Flexer and Jess Reese  
Altar Guild the month of March are Karen Gossard and Lois-Ann Barndt**

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**2026 Consistory**  
Elders: Ron Grace, Tara Howell, Doris Lindmeier, Karen Peterson  
Deacons: Amanda Duffy (President), Cindy Grace, Lance Ide, Erin Rush, Evie Starkey, Angela Stofflet (Secretary), Herb Volk (V. President)  
Jen Flexer (Treasurer)

## 267 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,  
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang:  
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;  
for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heaven our King.

to Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,  
the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,  
O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.  
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.  
and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

WORDS: Jennette Threlfall (1821-1880); para. Matthew 21:1-11  
MUSIC: Gesangbuch der H. W. K. Hofkapelle, 1784

ELLACOMBE  
7.6.7.6.D.

## 265 All Glory, Laud and Honor

All glo - ry, laud and hon - or to you, Re - deem - er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the King of Is - rael, and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high,  
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore you went;  
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
5 As you re - ceived their prais - es, ac - cept the prayers we bring,

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and bless - ed One!  
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply:  
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent:  
to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise:  
for you de - light in good - ness, O good and gra - cious King!

WORDS: Theodulph of Orleans (ca. 760-821); tr. John M. Neale (1818-1866), alt.  
MUSIC: Melchior Teschner (1584-1635)

ST. THEODULPH  
7.6.7.6.D.

# Ride On, Ride On in Majesty! 268

1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear all the  
 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
 3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The host of  
 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Your last and  
 5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, pur -  
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs  
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and  
 fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on his  
 pomp ride on to die, bow your meek head to

sue your road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
 now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
 won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 sap - phire throne a - waits his own a - noint - ed Son.  
 mor - tal pain, then take, O Christ, your power and reign.

WORDS: Henry H. Milman (1791-1868), alt.  
 MUSIC: Thomas Williams' *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

**APRIL 4TH**

# EASTER FAIR & EGG HUNT

PRESCHOOL - 5TH GRADE  
 SCAVENGER HUNT | CRAFTS | FOOD | AND FUN

10 am - Noon | St. Andrew's UCC  
 615 E. Walnut Street, Perkasio

Egg Hunts occurring every half hour.  
 Bring a can good or non-perishable item for Pennridge FISH



**RamPacks**

**FOOD FEST &**

**CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**

APRIL 19TH, 2026



**BAKE SALE**



**ITEMS NEEDED!**

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

PENNRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL | 1228 N 5TH ST, PERKASIE

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CONTACT PERSON FOR  
MORE INFORMATION

