

**April 21, 2024**

**Pennies for Hunger: May 5**

**April Special Missions Offering:  
World Central Kitchen and  
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** Vimeo live-streamed services may be accessed from [www.alamancechurch.org](http://www.alamancechurch.org).

**TODAY IS YOUTH SUNDAY.** Members of the APC youth groups lead our worship service today.

**APRIL SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERING** for World Central Kitchen, and for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, is to further their efforts to provide food relief in war-torn Gaza.

**KIDS R.O.C.K.: Tonight, Apr. 21, 4:45-6p: MOVE! (Mark 10:27).** Last meeting of the school year is **next week, Apr. 28: Cookout at the Pavilion, 4:30-7p.**

**YOUTH GROUPS: Tonight: No meeting.** Last meeting of the year is **next week, Apr. 28: Cookout at the Pavilion, 4:30-7p.**

**CARE PACKAGES:** Congregational Care & Outreach Team asks for gift cards and treats, for care packages for 11 college students and recent graduates. Make your monetary donation to the cause **by Apr. 21.**

**TOGETHER WE CARE TUESDAY:** Applebee's restaurant partners with local hunger-relief agencies. See insert for details about the **Tues., Apr. 23** event for the APC Food Pantry.

**BOOK CLUB:** Jess Rigel leads. **Tues., Apr. 30, 7p: How the Irish Saved Civilization**, by Tom Cahill. **Tues., May 28, 7p: The Book of Longings**, by Sue Monk Kidd. To sign up, contact Jess [jess@alamancechurch.org](mailto:jess@alamancechurch.org).

**SENIORS & FRIENDS** outing to GSO Science Center is **Tues., May 7, 9a-noon** (plus lunch). \$20 per person, plus money for lunch. Call church office to get a seat on the bus.

**GAMES NIGHT:** Board games for ages 10 and up. Ed Schubert acts as Chief Games Wrangler. Next Games Night:

**Fri., May 10, 7-9p.** (Meets on **second Fri. each month**, in Gathering Place.)

**WEDDING SHOWER** for Rebecca Oden and Larry Pugh is **Sat., May 18, 11a-1p** at the Coble House. You are invited to attend this celebration of their impending nuptials.

**POTTER'S HOUSE:** APC has served supper at Greensboro Urban Ministry's Potter's House since 2004; on the **third Saturday of odd-numbered months.** Next time to serve: **May 18.** Contact Darren Hadley to tell him you'll help ([darren.hadley@triad.rr.com](mailto:darren.hadley@triad.rr.com).)

**HOLY GHOST CHICKEN ROAST after worship, Sun., May 19;** in Brown Hall (take-out available). \$10 a plate, \$1 for a cookie. Chicken quarter, roast potatoes, green beans. Reserve your plates here: <https://app.easytithe.com/App/Form/3cee5acc-b92e-444c-b383-3ea3684da2b78>

**SENIORS & FRIENDS:** Fellowship group meets and eats on **first Mon. of even months at 11:30a**, in the Coble House. **Mon., June 3** is the next date for this pleasant event.

**PUERTO RICO TEAM** feeds us and regales us about their recent mission trip. **Sun., July 14, 12 noon**, in Brown Fellowship Hall.

**APC CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER** seeks substitutes, for when regular teachers are absent. Paid positions. Teaching experience preferred, background check required. Contact Dr. Goodman for more information.

**OPEN MEETING:** 12-step recovery program (AA); **7p every Thursday** in the Gathering Place. All are welcome.

**The Men's Group** meets at **6:30p** on the **third Tuesday of each month.** Next meeting is on **May 14.**

**Christian sympathy is expressed to Betty Sizemore and family, at the death of her stepmother, Melinda Moore, on April 14, 2024.**

**ONLINE GIVING NEWS:**

Easy Tithe now charges APC a monthly fee to accept online giving, *in addition* to a processing fee for each transaction. Easy Tithe recommends that donors use the ACH payment type with online donations, since processing fees are significantly lower this way.

**To give by text:** Text the word "give" to 336-396-6133. Follow prompts to set up an account and make donations. [www.alamancechurch.org](http://www.alamancechurch.org) has instructions to sign up with Easy Tithe for online giving.

To make changes to your account, contact Dana Adams (336-697-0488 x 127, [dana@alamancechurch.org](mailto:dana@alamancechurch.org))

No one from this church will **EVER** email you, phone you, or message you to ask you to send gift cards. This form of request is a scam. Do not respond to these requests.

**Special Missions Offerings**

**February** Special Missions Offering for the Puerto Rico Mission Trip was \$2,775. Thank you for your generosity.

**March** Special Missions Offering was for *Foam Trailer 2.0: Finishing the Funding.* You donated enough — \$5,556 — to buy the trailer! It is now here, across the street, near the Coble House.

**Remember:** Only clean, dry, styrofoam packaging materials are to be deposited into the trailer.

The devotion of this congregation to support mission works is deeply appreciated.

**Presbyterian Women Circles** meet:

**Red Hat: Mon., May 13, 6:30p** in the Coble House.

**Agapé: Tues., May 14, 11a:** meet to go eat; **12:30p** in Uffman classroom.

**L.I.F.T.: Sat., Apr. 27,** Ladies' Tea at the Coble House.

**"Questions and Answers with Kyle"**

Sunday school class "Questions and Answers with Kyle" meets **Sundays at 9a** in the Parlor (near the Gathering Room). Here are the questions currently under consideration:

**April 21:** How Is Jesus Sinless?

**April 28:** Why Did Judas Betray Jesus?

**May 5:** Q: the Fifth, Hidden Gospel

**May 12:** What Does God Look Like?

**May 19:** Who Is the Holy Spirit to You?

**May 25:** What Happens after We Die?

**June 2:** What Happens after We Die?

Join them! Be there right on the dot of time: the pastor ends class promptly at **9:50** each week, so that he may get to the sanctuary to lead worship.

**Food Pantry**

**April special collection: Canned fruits**

**VOLUNTEERS ESSENTIAL:** sign up at [https://signup.com/group/987658676044?utm\\_source=group-badge-volunteer-green](https://signup.com/group/987658676044?utm_source=group-badge-volunteer-green) — please **DO** sign up ahead of time. It makes the coordinator's life easier.

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

Third Sunday after Easter

April 21, 2024 10 a.m.



Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Music

Jared Gill, violin

\* Call to Worship

One: No one can lay any foundation other than that already laid, which is Jesus Christ, for as it states in Scripture:

**All: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."**

One: Come to him, a living stone, rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house.

**All: We are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple of the Lord.**

\*Opening Hymn

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

Song sheet

Grant Smith, clarinet

Confession and Reconciliation

Call to Confession

## Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, we admit that we have not always built up your foundation in a way that authentically reflects the goodness of your dwelling place. We have sometimes even been the cause of its ruin. Forgive us, Lord. Protect our work, and grant us a fresh chance to work for unity. Create in us an ardent longing to live as your disciples and empower us to be restorers of the breach, builders of your kingdom here on earth. Amen.**

## A Promise of Forgiveness and Peace

One: The peace of the Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

We invite everyone to share Christ's peace with your neighbors, both now and after the service. If you are with us on-line, we invite you to send a message or make a call to share peace. If you are here in person, we invite you to greet those near you.

**Sung Response**    *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*    Song sheet

## The Word Proclaimed

### First Scripture Reading      *Psalm 25*

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

**Anthem**      Keegan Mendenhall

## Children's Message

Children from age 4-5th grade may now go to the Grace Space, at the front of the sanctuary.

### Second Scripture Reading      *Matthew 7:24-29*

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

**Message**      Naomi Church, Andrew Long

**Words for Reflection**      What a Strong Foundation      - Gary James Smith

What a strong foundation to keep our souls at ease: the everlasting Word of God, the Bible if you please! For all those "yeas" and "amens" solidify our faith, for we believe every Word written of the Lord's ... "Thus saith."

And present with his Word ... amen!  
we have unconditional love,  
the very Presence of our God  
who watches from above.  
When sin comes to mess us up,  
and leave us in turmoil,  
our Holy Spirit Comforter  
protects us from its spoil.

For instruction from the Word  
directs us in our thought.  
We are motivated by its power  
to erase what sin had sought.  
O, that blood of Jesus Christ  
that cleanses us from sin!  
It still has forgiveness power  
to walk again with him!

And in the Light of his Presence,  
our hearts continue in song:  
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"  
It's melody all day long.  
High and Holy, lifted up  
our glorious God most High,  
we praise you for your Word, O Lord  
may your name be magnified!

## Thanksgiving and Offering

### Prayers of the People

#### The Lord's Prayer

King James Version

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowéd be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in 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.**

Pray with the words that hold the most meaning for you,  
even if they differ from your neighbor's.

### Call to Offering

### Sharing of Offering

We invite you to prayerfully donate to the continued life and work of our congregation. Please consider mailing gifts directly to the church, or use our online giving platform, at <https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-giving>

## Offertory

\* **Doxology**      *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*      Song sheet

### \* Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Sending

\* **Sending Hymn**      *The Church's One Foundation*      Song sheet

### \* Charge and Benediction

## Closing Music

\* One asterisk means to stand, as you are able.

The nearest restrooms are out the sanctuary side door, through the breezeway, and into the alcove on the long wall of the Thin Place Gallery.

Citations for references used during worship are available from the ministers, upon request.

The New Revised Standard Version (Updated Edition) of the Bible is used during worship, unless otherwise noted.

Lectionary Year B for the Third Sunday after Easter, **April 21: Acts 4:5-12, Psalm 23, 1 John 3:16-24, John 10:11-18.**

Lectionary Year B for the Fourth Sunday after Easter, **April 28: Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:25-31, 1 John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8.**



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We are a Hunger Action Congregation.  
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