

April 13, 2025

Pennies for Hunger: May 4

April Special Missions Offering:
Western NC/Fuller Center

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Vimeo live-streamed services may be accessed from www.alamancechurch.org.

SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERING in April is for the Fuller Center's Hurricane Helene relief efforts in Western NC.

NOTA BENE: Admin. Team April meeting is today, Sun. Apr. 13 at 1:30p in the Bible Seekers classroom.

EASTER EGG HUNT is at 4p today, Apr. 13. (Youth and helpers, *y'all* need to be here at 3p.)

KIDS R.O.C.K.: No meeting tonight, Apr. 13. No meeting Easter, Apr. 20.

YOUTH: No meeting tonight, Apr. 13. No meeting next week, Apr. 20.

"STOCK SALE" fundraiser for Youth: from now until May 4. See flyer for details of the sale.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Maundy Thursday worship at Community in Christ is 7p on Thurs., Apr. 17. Good Friday worship at APC is 7p on Apr. 18. Community Easter Sunrise Service is 7a, Apr. 20 at the Tabernacle Church ball field. Blood Drive is Fri., Apr. 25. Ladies' Tea is Sat., Apr. 26. Youth Sunday is May 4. Last day of Youth Group and Kids R.O.C.K. is May 4. Book Sale is May 9-11. Vacation Bible School is July 6-10.

CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED on Good Friday, Apr. 18 and Easter Monday, Apr. 21.

BLOOD DRIVE: American Red Cross blood drive at APC is Fri., Apr. 25, 1:30-6p in Brown Hall. At website www.redcrossblood.org use the search word "Alamance." Or, call Terri Busby (336.509.7166).

LADIES' TEA AT APC is Sat., Apr. 26. See flyer for details. Seating is limited: call soon to reserve your spot.

STATED SESSION MEETING is in the Bible Seekers classroom, on the

fourth Sun. each month, at 2p — unless otherwise noted. Next meeting is Sun., Apr. 27.

APPLEBEE'S NIGHT at the 4406 West Wendover Ave. location shares 25% of fundraiser sales all day long on Tues., Apr. 29.

YOUTH SUNDAY is Sun., May 4. Members of the Youth Group will lead worship that morning.

END OF YEAR COOK-OUT for Kids R.O.C.K. and Youth groups is Sun., May 4. These fellowship groups take a break for summer, then resume meetings in September.

CIC AND APC BOOK SALE is Fri., May 9, 2-7p; Sat., May 10, 9a-3p; Sun., May 11 for one hour after worship. Large bin to deposit books is outside main entrance to middle building (deadline is Thurs., May 2).

POTTERS HOUSE: Since 2004, APC has fed Greensboro Urban Ministry guests on the third Sat. of each odd month. May 17 is next date. Contact Dave Purvis to offer your assistance.

MEETS Fish Fry: Sat., May 31, 5:30p at the Maness home (3609 Basington Rd.). Fish, french fries, hushpuppies, slaw, tea provided. Bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert to share — and a swim suit, if you wish. RSVP deadline: May 29 (kathyefay@gmail.com). This fellowship group is for adults only.

SENIORS & FRIENDS: Fellowship group meets and eats on first Mon. of even months at 11:30a, in the Coble House — unless otherwise noted. Next event: Mon., June 2.

Christian sympathy is expressed to Dana Adams and family, at the death of her father, Robert "Bob" Pounder, on April 7, 2025.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the church staff.

March Special missions offering, for Comfort Zone Camp, was \$2,855.

Questions & Answers with Kyle

This Sunday school class for adults, led by Pastor Kyle Goodman, meets every Sunday at 9a in the Parlor. You are welcome to join at any time.

Read the Bible in Two Years
This new Sunday school class meets in the Uffman classroom from 9-9:30a on the first Sunday of each month. Bobbie Black leads. Next class is on Sunday, May 4.

Food Pantry

April special collection:
Canned Fruit

The APC Food Pantry serves up to 30 families a week. Your contributions of food, money, and volunteer hours make this vital mission to our local community possible. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS ESSENTIAL: sign up at https://signup.com/group/987658676044?utm_source=group-badge-volunteer-green.

Give us your clean, dry, plastic bags.

We have more than enough egg cartons now. Please, no more!

ONLINE GIVING:

Easy Tithe 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: this significantly lowers processing fees.

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 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)

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

Presbyterian Women Circles meet:

Red Hat: Mon., Apr. 14, 6:30p in the Coble House.

Agapé: Tues., May 13, 11a go out and eat; 12:30p in Uffman room for Bible study and business meeting.

L.I.F.T.: Tues., May 13, 7p in the Coble House.

The Men's Group meets at 6:30p on the third Tuesday of each month (unless otherwise noted). Next meeting is on Tues., Apr. 15.

No one from the 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 sorts of requests.**

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

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 13, 2025 10 a.m.



Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Lay Reader today is JoAnn Camp.

Centering Music

Joy in the Morning

- Lani Smith

* Call to Worship

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

One: Let all who fear the Lord say,

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

One: The Lord has answered our prayer and become our salvation.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

One: Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

Song sheet

Confession and Reconciliation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Triumphant God, we join the crowds of the ages in shouting your praises. While our lips give you glory, our lives seldom reflect your purposes. We sing easily of your greatness, but living faithfully is often beyond us. We hear of your salvation, yet sin is still close and real, daily leading us away from you. Have mercy on us. Ride into our hearts with healing grace. Forgive what we have done, and direct who we shall be. Lord, save us. Hosanna! Amen.

A Promise of Forgiveness and Peace

Passing of the 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** *Lamb of God* Song sheet

The Word Proclaimed

First Scripture Reading *Luke 19:29-40*

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

Anthem *Hosanna to the Son of David* - Allen Pote

Children's Message

Children from age 4-5th grade may now go to Children's Church, for a time of worship designed especially for them. They return after the Message.

Second Scripture Reading *Philippians 2:5-11*

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

Message *Who Do You Say I Am: A Crucified God* Dr. Kyle Goodman

Words of Reflection "The King Does Come" from *A Room Called Remember*
- Frederick Buechner

When Jesus of Nazareth rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and his followers cried out, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord," the Pharisees went to Jesus and told him to put an end to their blasphemies, and Jesus said to them, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

This church. The church on the other side of town, the other side of the world. All churches everywhere. The day will come when they will lie in ruins, every last one of them. The day will come when all the voices that were ever raised

in them, including our own, will be permanently stilled. But when that day comes, I believe that the tumbled stones will cry aloud of the great, deep hope that down through the centuries has been the one reason for having churches at all and is the one reason we have for coming to this one now: the hope that into the world the King does come. And will come afire with glory, at the end of time.

In the meantime, King Jesus, we offer all churches to you as you offer them to us. Make thyself known in them. Make thy will done in them. Make our stone hearts cry out thy kingship. Make us holy and human at last that we may do the work of thy love.

Thanksgiving and Offering

Prayers of the People and 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. You may mail gifts directly to the church, or use our online giving platform, at <https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-tithing>.

Offertory *I Hear Thy Welcome Voice* - arr. John Purifoy

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sending

* **Sending Hymn** *Beautiful Things* Song sheet

Feel free to come forward during the closing song to light a candle, as a public sign of an inward commitment to life in the light of Christ. If your religious tradition includes crossing yourself, feel free to do that here.

You may kneel on the steps to the pulpit platform, should you wish to take an attitude of deeper prayer.

* 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 C, Palm/Passion Sunday, **April 13**; Liturgy of the Palms:
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Luke 19:28-40.

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Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 22:14-23:56.

Lectionary Year C, Easter Sunday, **April 20**: ***Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18; Luke 24:1-12; Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26.***



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