

March 29, 2026

Pennies for Hunger: April 5

**March Missions Offering:
Wycliffe Bible Translators
Jesse & Erin Atkinson**

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

SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERING in **March**: Wycliffe Bible Translators Jesse & Erin Atkinson.

EASTER EGG HUNT is on Palm Sunday, **today, Mar. 29**, at **4p**.

STATED SESSION MEETING: Sun., Apr. 26 at 2p EDT; in the Bible Seekers' classroom (top floor, Education Bldg).

KIDS ROCK: Kids Reaching Out to Christ's Kingdom is a fellowship group for grades 2-5. **No meeting tonight**: Come to the Egg Hunt! **No meeting Easter Sunday, Apr. 5**.

YOUTH GROUPS: No meeting **tonight**. Arrive at **3p** to help hide eggs!

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE is **7p, Thurs., Apr. 2**; at Community in Christ Presbyterian Church (5401 Liberty Rd.). Feet will be washed. Communion will be served.

PLEASE NOTE: Church offices will be closed on **Good Friday, Apr. 3**.

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE is **7p, Fri., Apr. 3**, in the sanctuary.

EASTER SUNDAY is **Apr. 5**. Worship is at **10a**. Bring fresh flowers to adorn a cross on the front lawn.

CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED **Easter Monday, Apr. 6**.

SENIORS & FRIENDS: Fellowship group meets and eats on **first Mon. of even months at 11:30a**, in the Coble House — unless otherwise noted. Otherwise noted: Next meal is **Apr. 13, 2026**.

MEETS meets at **12:30p, Sun., Apr. 19**; at the Old Homeplace Vineyard (623 McGee Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27107). Meet, Eat, Entertain, Travel

Socialize (MEETS) is an adults-only fellowship group.

SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREW gleaning network sponsors a Potato Drop at APC on **Wed., Apr. 22**. A truckload of rescued potatoes donated to food pantries and community members will be “dropped” onsite, for volunteers to pack and distribute. Free to all, bring your own bags. These SoSA events prevent food waste, and feed thousands.

LADIES' TEA is **Sat., Apr. 25** in the Coble House. Search out your bonnets and gloves, and check the insert in this week's bulletin packet for details about the event.

SOUTHEAST GUILFORD COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (SEGCF) invites you to a Derby Party on **Sat., May 2, from 5-10p** at the Moose Lodge. \$65 per ticket. See insert for more information.

POTTERS HOUSE: Since 2004, APC has fed Greensboro Urban Ministry guests on the **third Sat. of each odd month. Sat., May 16** is next date. Contact Dave Purvis to help (336-362-0584).

CHURCH NURSERY is in room #313 (top floor, Education Building). Sign up to help there at Children's Ministries Volunteer (Please contact Dana Adams for a background check: **you MUST have one** to work with children in this church. (dana@alamancechurch.org).

LAY READERS: Those interested in assisting with weekly liturgy (reading responsive prayers and Scripture aloud in front of the congregation) should contact Doug Clapp, and ask to be put into regular rotation on the Lay Reader list. (doug.clapp@triad.rr.com)

Christian sympathy is expressed
*to Mary Ellen Shores and family,
at the death of Robert Lee Shores
on March 25, 2026.*

Congratulations are offered
*to Travis & Alexis (Sullivan) Thurman,
who were married on March 20, 2026.*

Food Pantry
March special collection:
Peanut butter, jelly

April special collection:
Canned fruit

The APC Food Pantry serves up to 30 families each week, all year long. Your donations make this vital local mission possible.

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

Do, please, continue to donate clean, dry, plastic grocery bags.

MEN'S GROUP meets on the **third Tuesday of each month**, at the home of Kirby Ward, unless otherwise noted. Next meeting is **Tues., Apr. 21**.

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Office hours: **8:30a-2:30p M-T-Th-F, 8:30a-12:30p on Wednesday**

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Questions & Answers with Kyle is a Sunday school class for adults, led by Pastor Kyle Goodman. Class meets **most Sundays at 9a** in the Parlor (middle building, middle floor). Join them there anytime — except **not on Easter Sunday, April 5**; or the following **Sunday, April 12**.

Class begins to wrestle with the question “Does the Bible really say that?” beginning **April 19**.

Read the Bible in Two Years
Bobbie Black leads this Sunday school class in the Uffman classroom from **9-9:30a** on the **first Sunday each month, unless otherwise noted**.

Otherwise noted: Next class will meet on **Sunday, April 12**.

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

Presbyterian Women Circles meet:

Red Hat: Mon., Apr. 6, 6:30p in the Coble House.
Agapé: Tues., Apr. 14; 11a to go eat, **12p** in Uffman room for Bible study.
L.I.F.T.: Check with your moderator.

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)



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

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 29, 2026 10 a.m.



Gathering

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements Lay Reader today is Matthew Gill.

Minute for Mission Wycliffe Bible Translators video

Centering Music

*** Call to Worship**

One: Come, people of God, and lift your voices!

All: Hosanna! Blesséd is the One who comes in God's name!

One: See the King arriving, armed not with weapons, but with the strength of love.

All: We wave our palms and sing with joy, welcoming the one who turns the world upside down.

One: Open your hearts to the one whose greatness is revealed in humility, whose path leads to service and surrender.

All: Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Blesséd be the one who comes in God's name.

One: Come, let us worship the Lord.

*** Opening Hymn**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Song sheet

Confession and Reconciliation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we too often long for triumph without sacrifice, celebrations without service, honor without humility. We shout “Hosanna” with a full voice, yet we cling to our own agendas with our hearts. We follow those who wield power, rather than the one who gave it up. We forget that true greatness is found in self-emptying love, and that the way of Christ calls us to serve, to yield, and to lay down our pride. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn our hearts toward your humble reign. Teach us to walk in the path of Jesus, who comes not to be served, but to serve; and in whose obedience we find life everlasting. Amen.

A Word 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

Matthew 21:1-11

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 the Grace Space, at the front of the sanctuary.

Second Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

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

Message

A Humble Hosanna

Dr. Kyle Goodman

Words of Reflection

from *Here and Now*

- Henri Nouwen

The compassionate life is the life of downward mobility! in a society in which upward mobility is the norm, downward mobility is not only discouraged but even considered unwise, unhealthy, or downright stupid. Who will freely choose a low-paying job when a high-paying job is being offered? Who will choose poverty when wealth is within reach? Who will choose the hidden place when there is a place in the limelight? Who will choose to be with one person in great need when many people could be helped during the same time? Who will choose to withdraw to a place of solitude and prayer when there are so many urgent demands from all sides?

My whole life I have been surrounded by well-meaning encouragement to go “higher up,” and the most-used argument was: “You can do so much good there, for so many people.” But these forces calling me to upward mobility are completely absent from the Gospel. Jesus says, “Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. (**John 12:25**)

This is the way of downward mobility, the descending way of Jesus. It is the way toward the poor, the suffering, the marginal, the prisoners, the refugees, the lonely, the hungry, the dying the tortured, the homeless — toward all who ask for compassion. What do they have to offer? Not success, popularity, or power; but the joy and peace of the children of God.

Thanksgiving and Offering

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

King James Version

Our Father who 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.

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

* Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Song sheet

* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Sending

* Sending Hymn

Ride on, Ride on in Majesty

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.

* 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 of the Thin Place Gallery.

Assisted listening devices are available from the technician at the Audiovisual booth, which is located at the back of the sanctuary.

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.

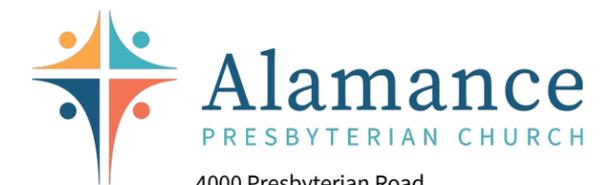
Lectionary Year A, Palm Sunday, **March 29: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Matthew 21:1-11.**

Lectionary Year A, Passion Sunday, **March 29: Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 26:14-27:66.**

Lectionary Year A, Maundy Thursday, **April 2: Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10); Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; ! Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35.**

Lectionary Year A, Good Friday, **April 3: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9, 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42.**

Lectionary Year A, Easter Sunday, **April 5: Acts 10:34-43; Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18; Matthew 28:1-10.**



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