

TOPSAIL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICE



PALM SUNDAY MARCH 24, 2024

First time guests...Welcome! Please be sure to ask an usher for any assistance you may need. Restrooms are located through the door to the right of the chancel. Church Parlor available for nursing mothers & parents in need of a quiet space with their children during worship.

*Please stand as you are able.

Cover Art Title: Palm Sunday; Artist: Jen Norton

Prelude "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" J. Wayne Kerr

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship (Call & **Response**)

With crowds from ancient times we cry,
Hosanna! Save us!
O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!
God's steadfast love endures forever.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
We bless you in the house of the Lord!
Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,
Humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
Let us worship the living God!

*Gathering Hymn #196 "All Glory, Laud and Honor" page 5

Announcements

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (**Unison**)

Merciful God, as we enter this Holy Week of Lent, solemnly gathered at your house of prayer, we turn our hearts toward Jerusalem. We want to walk the way with Jesus, to be present each step from the Mount of Olives to the cross to the empty tomb. And yet we fall away. Forgive our stubborn resistance to Christ's work and witness. Inspire us by your Spirit to follow in his way, until we enter with him into the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Silent Confession

Hymn #698 "Take, O Take Me As I Am" page 6

Promise of Forgiveness

*Passing the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

Mark 11:1-11
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem	“Sing Hosanna”	Lloyd Larson
	Joyful Noise Children’s Choir	

Sermon	“A New Power in Christ”	Rev. Cam Thomas
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Affirmation of Faith

*Christ Jesus,
though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death-
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.*

Call for Offering

Offertory Hymn #221	“Oh Sacred Head, Now Wounded”	page 7
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Doxology	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	606
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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*Unison*)

***Our Father, 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 sins
as we forgive those who sin against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, the power, the glory, forever.
Amen.***

*Closing Hymn

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

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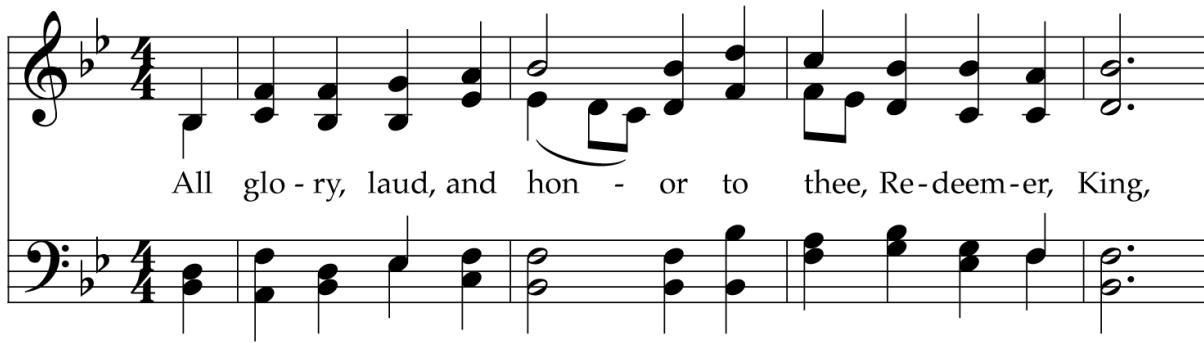
*Benediction

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

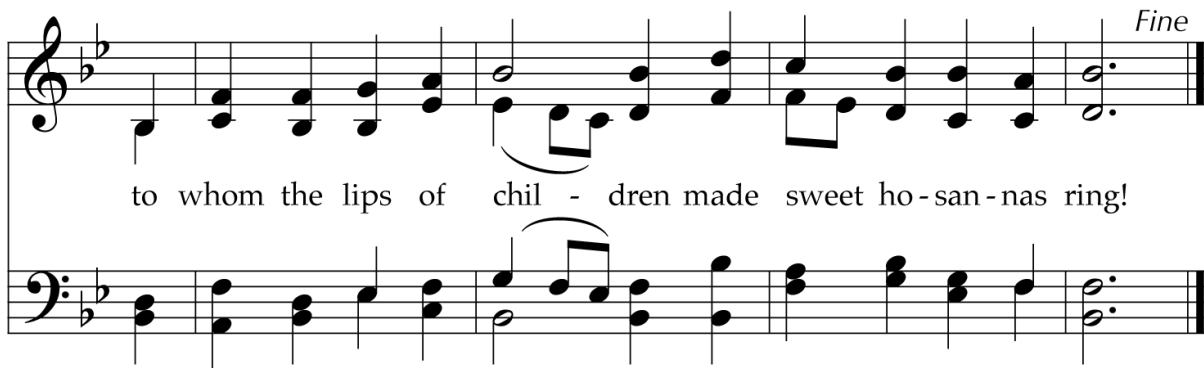
Worship Led By: Rev. Cam Thomas;
Music Director: Dr. Rebecka Rose;
Organ/Piano: Shelly Aebi

All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

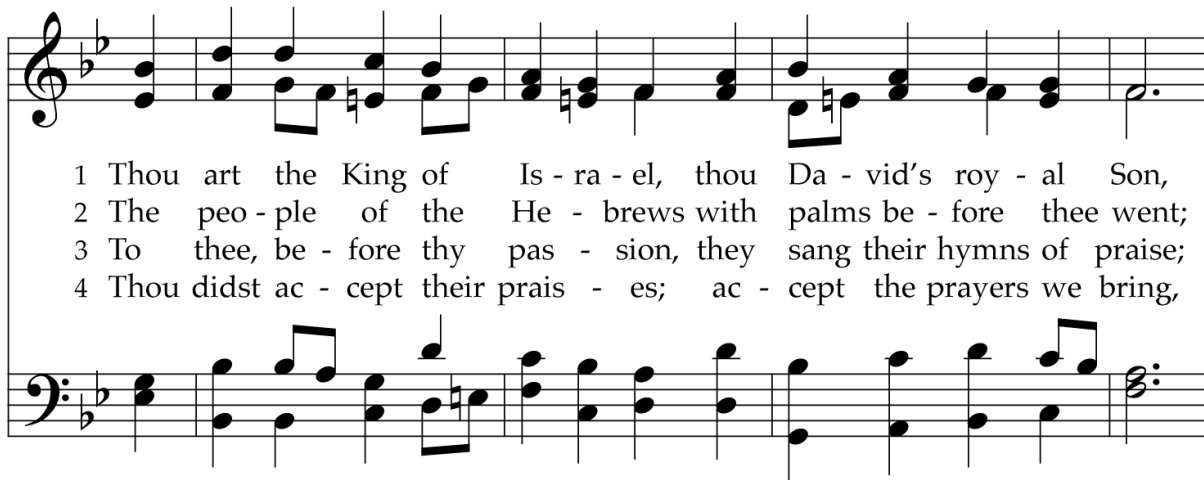
Refrain



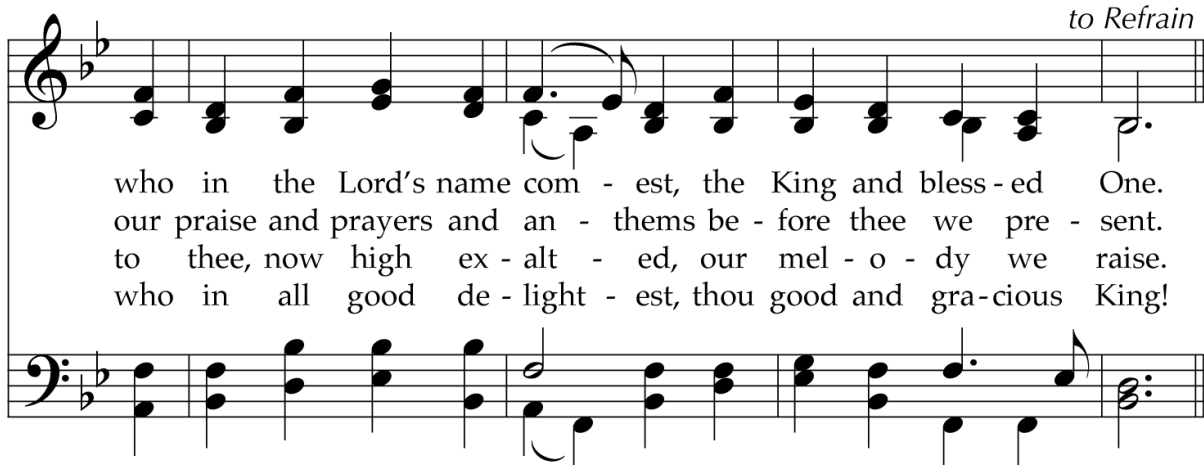
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,



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



1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

to Refrain

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

698 Take, O Take Me as I Am

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall

be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

The brevity of this text and tune invite repeated singing, either as a sustained chain of sound or as a sung response in a series of prayers. It offers a more reflective approach to the same theme of self-dedication evident in older hymns such as "Just as I Am" (see no. 442).

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TAKE ME AS I AM
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O Sacred Head, Now Wounded 221



1 O sa - cred head, now wound-ed, with grief and shame weighed down;
 2 What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain:
 3 What lan-guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear-est friend,



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead-ly pain.
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with-out end?



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
 Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place;
 O make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint-ing be,



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
 look on me with thy fa - vor, and grant to me thy grace.
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.



This poignant hymn originated in a series of Holy Week meditations focused on the parts of Christ's crucified body: feet, knees, hands, side, breast, heart, face. First joined to secular words, this chorale melody has appeared with this text since the mid-17th century.

Lord Whose Love In Humble Service

Lord whose love in humble service
Bore the weight of human need
Who upon the cross forsaken
Worked Your mercy's perfect deed
We your servants bring the worship
Not of voice alone but heart
Consecrating to Your purpose
Ev'ry gift which You impart

Still Your children wander homeless
Still the hungry cry for bread
Still the captives long for freedom
Still in grief we mourn our dead
As You Lord in deep compassion
Healed the sick and freed the soul
By Your spirit send Your power
To our world to make it whole

As we worship grant us vision
Till Your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness
Dawns upon our quicken sight
Making known the deeds and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear
Stirring us to ardent service
Your abundant life to share

Albert Frederick Bayly
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Worship Led By:
Rev. Cam Thomas
Music Director:
Dr. Rebecka Rose
Organ/Piano:
Shelly Aebi

Liturgists:
8:15am - Diane Hughes
10:30am - Kathy Tobin
Elder of the Month: Chris Thomas

Announcements

Prayer List—Bobbie Ruegner, Bonnie Carpenter, Glenn Piver, Carolyn Rice, Sue Newton, Bruce Filer, Fleur McKnight, Tom Lowell, Mary Anne Matherly, Christine Sanders, John DiBiase, Judy Graves, Ginger & Charlie Hardee, Austin Padgett, Ricky Hurst, Ann Rogish, Bonnie Miller, Sandy Minnich, Nancy Lockamy, Joseph Rogish, Betty Anzalone, Janice Thomas, Tom Berry, Tom Feller, Brian Jones & family, Sharon Egan, Ruth Best, Jack Crouch, the family of Dixie Britton, Kristina Polk, Donna Kraynick, Savannah Hyde, Pete & Susan Brunsvold.

Choir & Handbells Rehearsals— Choir rehearsals are held every Monday at 7:00pm and Handbells rehearsals will be held every Monday, at 6:00pm. **Exception:** Rehearsals for both will **NOT** be held if there is a Session meeting scheduled. Session is typically the 2nd Monday of the month.

Elijah Bible Study - The Elijah Bible study meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 2:30pm in the Youth Building. The next meeting will be held on **March 28th**. Please see Laurie Rucks or stop by the admin office if you are in need of a study guide.

Present Word Sunday School —The Present Word bible study class meets at 9:30am every Sunday morning. The Spring Study will be held from March to May. The spring quarter will explore the fullness of faith as a response to God's desire to be in relationship with us. Study guides are in the admin office. **Please Note: There will be no Present Word Bible study on March 31 & April 7. We will meet again on April 14.**

Meals on Wheels—If you would like to help prepare meals for seniors in need one Saturday per month, contact Kathy Tobin, at 401-309-9563 or email – kath2357@aol.com.

2024 Flower Calendar: Help us fill our 2024 flower calendar, located in the overflow room. Approx. \$60 per arrangement. **Be sure to complete a dedication card (hanging near the calendar) and return to the admin office. You can also sign up online by following the link on our website. Please be sure to leave your dedication in the Comment section.**

Youth Bible Study: Every 1st, 3rd & 4th Sunday at 10:30am in the Parlor. (The 2nd Sunday of every month is Youth Sunday where our youth will assist with 10:30am service.) Grow in faith at our youth tailored Bible study led by our TPC Youth Director, Andrew Kallquist! **Please Note: This Bible study will not meet on March 24th and March 31st. We will come together again on April 7th.**

Coffee Hour Intermission: Every Sunday we will host a Coffee Hour Intermission in the Gathering room between the 8:15am and 10:30am services. Get your caffeine boost and a tasty treat while sharing time with your church friends. Join us for some post/pre-service fellowship hosted by the TPC Congregational Life Committee. **Sign up to donate treats! Sign-up sheet located in the narthex.**

Camp Kirkwood 2024: Topsail Presbyterian Church's children and youth will be headed to Kirkwood June 2nd through June 6th. Registration opens March 17th. The deadline for registering is April 28th. This is open to children who have completed Kindergarten through 5th Grade, Youth Leaders (Middle & High School). \$20.00 registration fee.

One Great Hour of Sharing - Now until Easter - Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

Monthly Giving Report

Monthly income goal to meet our operating budget in 2024 is \$31,460.

February income for budget was \$24,356.

The monthly average income for the budget year to date is \$32,678

New Membership Directory - The TPC Digital Ministry team is pleased to announce a new online TPC membership directory. The new online directory will allow members of the congregation to search for other members, update their personal information, and control what personal information is displayed in the directory. For more details and information on how to create an account visit our church website at <https://www.topsailpresbyterian.org/ministries/digital-ministry>. Feel free to reach out to Dickie Grace at amazng_grace@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Collecting for the 4'Cs Food Pantry - March and April - Items needed: Canned Goods, Non-Perishable items, Personal Hygiene items (soaps, toothpaste, shampoos, etc.), Dog and Cat Food. Items can be placed in the Shepherds Box located in the Narthex.

Holy⁺Week **SCHEDULE**

March 28 (Maundy Thursday)	7:00PM SERIVCE
March 29 (Good Friday)	NO SERVICE TPC ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED
March 31 (Easter Sunday)	7:00AM SERVICE 8:00AM EASTER BREAKFAST 10:30AM SERVICE
April 1	TPC ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED

The background of the poster is a teal color with stylized blue rain falling diagonally. At the top, a string of colorful triangular bunnies (green, yellow, orange, and teal) hangs across the frame. Each bunny has a different pattern: polka dots, a heart, a flower, and stripes. In the center, the words "Easter" and "EGG HUNT" are written in a white, cursive font. Below this, a large, light green circle contains text about the event's rescheduling. At the bottom, a wooden signpost with two red arrows points to the new date and time. The scene is decorated with white clouds, small yellow butterflies, and colorful Easter eggs and flowers at the base.

Easter EGG HUNT

Due to expected heavy
rain and thunderstorms
TPC's Easter Egg Hunt has
been rescheduled for
Easter Sunday, March 31st
immediately after our
10:30 am Service
"Hop" to see you
there!

New Date

March 31

11:50 a.m.

TOPSAIL
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Kirkwood CREATION CAMP

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COUNTING ON JESUS

JUNE 2 - 6

REGISTRATION OPENS

MARCH 17

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

APRIL 28

KINDERGARTEN - 5TH GRADE

(GRADE COMPLETED)

YOUTH LEADERS

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

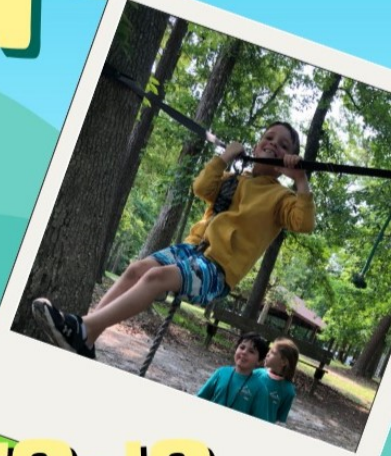
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Holy Week Events for Children & Youth



March 31st ~ EASTER EGG HUNT ~ Following 10:30am Service

On the Church Grounds - The Easter Bunny will be here!

Hunt for ages 2 and under through 5th Grade

Youth 6th Grade through High School will hide eggs and support stations. See Signup Genius at www.topsailpresbyterian.org to volunteer!



24th ~ PALM SUNDAY PARADE

During our 10:30am Worship Service the children and youth will parade and wave their palm branches high singing "Sing Hosanna!" Participants will gather on the front porch immediately before the 10:30 a.m. service.

26th ~ Super Tuesdays Kids Club 5:30-7pm

"Easter Celebration"



31st ~ EASTER SUNDAY

JOYFUL NOISE CHILDREN'S CHOIR SING

During our 10:30am Worship Service the children will be called forward to sing "Praise Ye the Lord, Alleluia!"

The background is a teal color with a white dotted pattern. In the top left corner, there is a fan of playing cards showing various suits and numbers. In the top right corner, there are several wooden letter tiles with letters like V, T, Y, G, W, C, B, O, Z, I, U, E, K, A, V, I, and U. In the bottom left corner, there are three white dice. In the bottom center, there is a stack of Uno cards with the top card being a red 1. In the bottom right corner, there are several white Mahjong tiles with various symbols and characters.

TOPSAIL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GAME

Day

Friday, April 19

*A day of Fun
for all!*

**Bring your foursomes, family,
or friends, to join the event!**

**Breakfast snack, lunch &
dessert included!**

**at Topsail Presbyterian Church
16249 US Hwy 17N
Hampstead, NC 28443**

**10:00am to 2:00pm
\$15.00 per player**

Board Games - Multi-player Card
Games - Dominoes - Mahjong - Bunko
and more! Bring your games to play!

To register please contact us:

**Diane Hughes at
910-232-8596
or Joanne Foster at
910-270-7050**



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2025

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Chris Thomas - **Congregational Life-Membership**

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Beverly DeLuise - **Christian Education**

Mike Steed - **Finance**

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