

FOR ALL THE SAINTS *

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed.
Alleluia, Allelu.

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way,
Alleluia, Allelu.

From earth's wide bounds,
from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl
streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

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SCRIPTURE READING * Acts 5:12-42

This is the word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God,
Hosanna in the Highest.**

SERMON "Jesus-Shaped Community in the
Face of Persecution"
~ Pastor Ian Hard

HYMN #310 *

Rejoice, the Lord is King

BENEDICTION *

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 *Palm Sunday*

"...if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!"

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *

We have gathered to worship Jesus of Nazareth.

 **Hosanna to the Son of David!**

We have gathered to worship our Savior.

 **Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord!**

We have gathered to worship our King.

 **Hosanna in the highest!**

HOSANNA *

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Lord, we lift up Your name,

With hearts full of praise;

Be exalted, O Lord my God,

Glory, glory, glory in the highest!

Glory, glory, glory in the highest!

Lord, we lift up Your name,

With hearts full of praise;

Be exalted, O Lord my God,

Hosanna in the highest! (Repeat first verse)

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* *Stand as you are able*
Bold Print – *speak together in unison*

HYMN #235 *

All Glory, Laud and Honor

HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA *

"Hosanna in the highest!"
That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer,
The Lord of heav'n, our King.
O may we ever praise Him
With heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence
Eternally rejoice!

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INVOCATION *

CONFESSION OF SIN

Christ our savior calls us to follow Him
in newness of life.

**Yet we have preferred the known
to the unknown,
the comfortable to the challenging
the safe to the disquieting.
We are like Israel who desired
to return to the familiar slavery of Egypt
instead of being led into the Promised Land.**

Forgive us O Lord.

Forgive us our fear, mistrust, and rebellion.

Forgive us for not following where Christ leads.

**Forgive us for closing our eyes to the splendor
of what you have promised,
for giving in instead of pressing on.**

O Lord, give us victory over fear and doubt.

**Restore to us hearts of trust
and wills of obedience.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Colossians 2:13-14

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and
the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive
together with him, having forgiven us all our
trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that
stood against us with its legal demands. This he
set aside, nailing it to the cross.

For this I will praise you, O LORD,
among the nations,
and sing praises to your name.



**Great salvation he brings to his king,
and shows steadfast love to his anointed,
to David and his offspring forever.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

For parents who are interested in nursery care

Children 3 and under

may be brought to the nursery at this time.

Please plan to pick your child up after the sermon.

PRAYER

FOR ALL THE SAINTS *

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Allelu.

Thou wast their rock,
their fortress and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, Allelu.

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Allelu.

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WELCOME!

Christ Church PCA is part of the body of Christ where the Word of God is taught, heard, and lived.

We provide a friendly place of worship for all people, minister to the needs and aspirations of our congregation, and extend Christian outreach to the community and the world.

More information about our church can be found at www.ccpca.org and on our Facebook page.

NEWS AND EVENTS IN OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY

CHRIST CHURCH SERVICE TEAM

March 25th

Greeter – Chip Hull
Nursery – Pam Whitcomb
Refreshments –

April 1st

Greeter – Rebecca Hard
Nursery – Heather LaCombe
Refreshments – The LaCombe Family

WOMEN'S STUDY OPPORTUNITIES:

There are two women's study groups beginning soon that will examine gospel-centered community. Books for both studies are available on the information table in the Fellowship area. The cost is \$7, but scholarships are available.

Rebecca Hard will be hosting a morning study at the Hard home every Tuesday at 9 a.m., starting April 3rd.

Please let Rebecca know if you plan to participate.

Elaine Welch will be hosting an evening study that will meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., starting April 4th.

Please let Elaine know if you plan to participate.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE:

The joyous celebration of Easter is underscored by our engagement with the sacrifice of Jesus. Join us for a Good Friday service on March 30th at 7:00 p.m. as we reflect on the suffering of our King, who died that we might have life.

EASTER REMINDER:

Just a reminder that, as in past years, the Sunday school classes and Sunday evening small group studies will be **CANCELLED** for Easter Sunday, April 1st.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Sunday school meets every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Classes for children, teens, and adults are available.

CHOIR:

Choir practice is every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. See Gayle Troy with any questions.

REVIVAL PRAYER:

Next meets on Wednesday, March 28th, at 7:00 p.m.

MEN'S BREAKFAST:

Next breakfast is Saturday, April 14th, at 8:00 a.m.

SMALL GROUP STUDIES:

A small group, led by Pastor Ian Hard, meets at the Hard home the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month (*off on fellowship lunch Sundays*) at 6:00 p.m. to study the books of 2nd and 3rd John.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Pastor Ian Hard at 319-855-2748.

A small group, led by Chris McMillan, meets at the LaCombe home each Sunday at 5:00 p.m. The study series is entitled "Shepherding Grace" and focuses on how to be intentional in our love for God and our neighbor through leadership.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Jason LaCombe at 603-731-8991.

A men's small group, led by Mark Saltsman, meets at Havenwood (on Christian Avenue in Concord) every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. for a topical study on the work of the Holy Spirit.

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March 25, 2018

Sermon Text: Acts 5:12-42

Jesus-Shaped Mission

Jesus-Shaped Obedience

Jesus-Shaped Response

Jesus-Shaped Identity

Flowers for Easter

*Easter is a time of joyous celebration,
and our sanctuary should reflect it!*

Easter is Sunday, April 1st, and the ladies of
the church would like to share in the joy
of the season with flowers
in the sanctuary.

We are looking for donations toward the
purchase of flowers from a local nursery. Any
donation is much appreciated.

As a reference, the average cost for a
container of flowers is \$15.00.

Donations (in an envelope marked
“Easter Flowers”) can be placed
in the offering plate, or in the basket
on the information table in the Fellowship area.
Money will be collected for the next two Sundays
(March 18th and 25th).

*(envelopes marked “Easter Flower Donations”
are located on the information table
in the Fellowship area).*

If you would like more information, please
see Gayle Troy.

*Thank you so much for helping us
celebrate the season!*