

VAN WYCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

PRELUDE & PALM PROCESSION

Janesta Williams

PASTORAL WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Carson Montgomery
Laine Ardrey

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Sing songs of loudest praise!

All: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Let us worship the One worthy to be praised.

*HYMN NO. 196 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy God, we want to run into the streets and sing your praise! We want to be bold and unashamed of this good-news Gospel. However, too often we find ourselves standing against the wall. Too often we stay quiet. Too often we let others carry the song. Forgive us for the moments when we could lead the parade but instead find ourselves standing on the sidelines. Show us which songs are ours to sing. Show us which parades are ours to lead, and then give us the courage and conviction to do both. With hope and honesty we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, no matter where you are on the parade route—whether you are waving palm branches through the streets or standing against the wall, quiet and cautious—Jesus paraded down Palm Sunday Road for you. Jesus' love, his striving for justice and mercy, it was for you. You are included in this story and nothing can

ever change that. So hear these words and trust them deep in your bones: We have reason to sing, for Jesus Christ loved you yesterday. Jesus Christ loves you today. And Jesus Christ will love you tomorrow. You are forgiven, claimed, and sent to serve. Go out and sing. Go out trusting these words. Amen.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 475

***Come thou fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing; call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet; sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging
love!***

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Carson Montgomery

*HYMN NO. 197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Carson Montgomery

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 118: 19-29; John 12: 12-16

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON **Wandering Heart: Songs of Loudest Praise**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(A Brief Statement of Faith, 11.2)

Leader: Christians, let us reaffirm our faith in Jesus Christ as he makes his triumphant entry and sets his eyes on the cross.

All: We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for

the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

PRAISES AND PRAYER CONCERNS Rev. Carson Montgomery

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

...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 debts as we forgive our debtors; lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Lord God, we treasure your word and your will in our hearts. Bless the treasures of our time, energy, and offerings so that others may experience your faithfulness. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 610 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*BENEDICTION Rev. Carson Montgomery

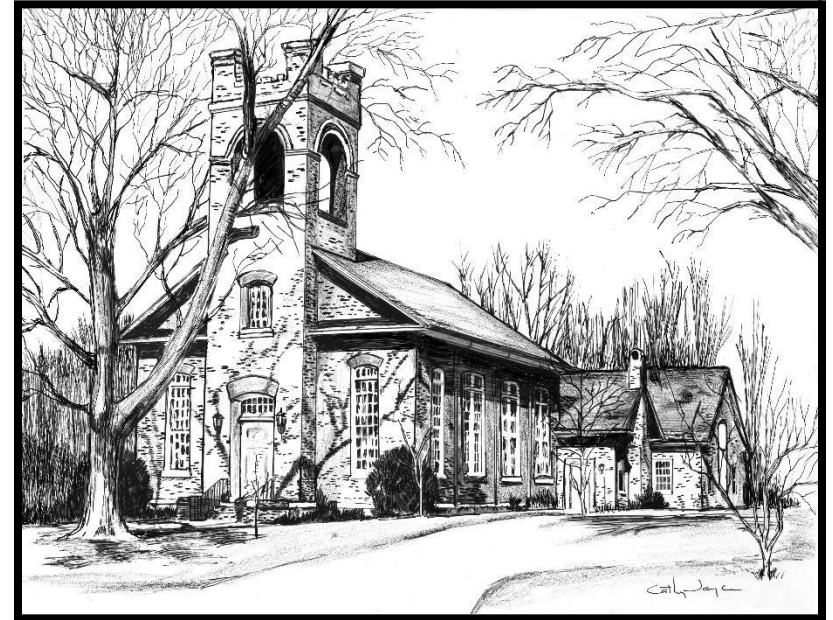
*Stand as you are able

Confession and Assurance of Pardon are written by Rev. Sarah Are Speed. Lenten Series Theme, "Wandering Heart" from Sanctified Art, LLC.

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Elder of the Day

This Week: Craig Denton

Next Week: Linda Pelletier

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sunday March 24** 10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Palm Sunday
- Tuesday March 26** 10:00am Sisters of the Heart
7:00pm Session meeting
- Wed March 27** 12:00pm Lenten Soup Lunch
- Thursday March 28** 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service and Communion
- Sunday March 31** 9:45am Easter Breakfast
11:00am Worship Easter Sunday and Flowering the Cross

Memorials Received This Week By:

Nancy and Jim Garrison- In memory of Eloise Williams
Claudia Thompson- In memory of Eloise Williams
Diana and Paul Kourkoubes- In memory of Eloise Williams

Happy MARCH Birthday to YOU!

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| 9 – Clayton Massey | 17 – Olivia Tuttle |
| 12 – Andrea Helms | 21 – Paul Korkoubus |
| 13 – Rose Mary Bean | 22 – Annette Flanagan |
| 16 – Jake Clark | 23 – Jon McCalmont |
| 17 – Mark Tuttle | 31 – Rachel Graham |

MARCH PRAYER REQUESTS

Disciples: Linda Vaughan, the family of Eloise Williams, Dianne Moore, Donald and Mary Baker, Rebecca Bowyer, Toug Brunson, Williams Sims, Carol Johns

Friends: Lewis Buchanan, Mother of Roy Sansbury, David Adams, Bernard Bagley and Niles, Priscilla Brown and family, Sharon Foster, Lauren Foster, family of Joshua Hall, Patti Harris, Kip Hurley, Margaret Jacques, Marion Mackey, Leah Opyrchal and Fern, Paul Walters, Rick Young, Rev. Dr. Dick and Lila Ray, Ronnie McClure, Stephanie Rape (Ryan Rape's grandmother) Pam and Dave Wiltsie, Gail Stogner, Mary Crenshaw (hospice)

Community: Van Wyck and Lancaster communities, our teachers and students

Providence Presbytery: Mount Tabor Presbyterian Church (Union SC) Rev. Jonathan Cantrell

Wider World: Israel and Gaza, Libya, Maui, Turkey & Syria, Ukraine, Russia, our country and elected leaders

Youth: Cody Campbell, Harrison Cargill, Rachel Graham, Stuart Graham, Charlie Haynes, Alena Massey, Kate McCalmont

Vocational and College Students: Genevieve Cook, Carson Helms, Christian Moss, Ashley Overstreet, Devon Overstreet, Fritz Walker

Homebound Disciples: Vicky Lott

Session: Class of 2024: Linda Pelletier (Clerk), Laura Clark; Class of 2025: Holly Massey, Craig Denton; Class of 2026: Janet Campbell, Julie Graham

Staff: Donna Fox, Stuart Graham, Barbara McAfee, Janesta Williams, Rev. Carson Montgomery

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER @ VWPC

11am Sunday Mar 24 - Palm Sunday worship
7pm Thurs Mar 28 - Maundy Thursday
& The Last supper

9:45am Sun Mar 31 - Easter Breakfast
11am Sun Mar 31 - Easter worship
& Flowering the cross

Come experience an authentic community of faith



Community Unity Lunch
Wednesday 12:00-1:00
At Van Wyck Presbyterian Church
Open to all in the community!