



April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

Eleven O'clock

Rev. Dr. John Cleghorn, Minister

Rev. Dr. Dorothy J. Killian, Interim Associate Minister

Rev. Justin Martin, Minister of Youth & Online Outreach

Smitty Flynn, Volunteer Choir Director

Anne Hunter Eidson, Minister of Music

Manley Roberts, Volunteer Pianist

Rev. Dr. Diane Mowrey, Parish Associate Minister



# Service of the Worship of the Lord

*(The congregation reads the words in bold-face type except for the headings.)*

## We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Manley Roberts, piano

Processional

Caldwell Gospel Choir

Welcoming of Visitors and Announcements

Revs. Dot Killian and John Cleghorn

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds

Call to Worship

Rev. Dot Killian

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

**God's steadfast love endures forever!**

The stone that the builders rejected

**Has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the day that the Lord has made;

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

**Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

**God's steadfast love endures forever! Let us worship God.**

Opening Prayer

\*Hymn of Praise 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*Theodulph of Orleans, 820 A.D.*

*(Let us join the story of Jesus' triumphal entry by waving palms as we sing the refrain.)*

## We Confess and Remember God's Mercy

Prayer of Confession

Kimbo Bohannon

*Together, we pray aloud before God and each other, saying:*

**Have mercy on us, O God, for we are broken vessels. You call us to follow You, but we deny, abandon and betray. You call us to pursue justice and righteousness, but we stick to the status quo. You invite us into the hope of Your Spirit, but we make despair our daily bread. You lead us to the cross, but in our discomfort, we try to skip to the empty tomb. Transform us, O God. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon all our brokenness, that Your grace may fill in the cracks of our broken places and make us whole. Amen.**

*In silence we continue to examine our hearts and minds before God.*

We Remind Ourselves We Are Forgiven and Pass the Peace

In the name of Christ, we are forgiven. The peace of Christ be with you.

**In the name of Christ, we receive God's gift of grace. May the peace of Christ be also with you.**

*We share the peace of Christ with those around us by saying to one another, "The Peace of Christ be with you," and by responding, "And also with you."*

Anthem: Gospel Choir

A Time With Our Children (*children come forward*)

Rev. Justin Martin

*Children (age 3 to 5th grade) go to Sunday School. First-time visitors with young children are asked to walk with them to Sunday School, sign them in and see where their classes are located. They will rejoin you in the sanctuary at the end of worship.*

**Adults: May the Lord be with you there.** Children: May the Lord be with you here.

### **We Hear God's Word Read and Proclaimed**

Prayer for Illumination

Jesca Yiskah-El

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 31:9-16

OT, p. 479

New Testament Lesson

Luke 19:28-40; 22:39-46

NT, pp. 78; 82

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

Sermon

The Inner Journey

Rev. Dot Killian

### **We Respond to the Word in Various Ways**

We Reflect On God's Word

Rev. John Cleghorn

\*Hymn 200

A Cheering, Chanting Dizzy Crowd

*Alternate tune: ST. ANNE*

*Contributions to our Presbytery's monthly Ten-Cents-a-Meal hunger offering can be placed on the communion table as we sing this hymn.*

\*Affirmation of Faith

based on Philippians 2:5-11

**We trust in God, the source of all hope,  
Even as we call on God to meet us in places of hopelessness.  
We commit to be disciples of Christ Jesus,  
Who, though He was in the form of God,**

**Did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,  
But emptied Himself and was born in human likeness.  
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 that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
To the glory of God the father. Amen.**

Offertory

Caldwell Gospel Choir

*Contributions to our regular offering can be placed in offering plates. Other options for giving: go to [www.caldwellpresby.org/giving](http://www.caldwellpresby.org/giving), use the QR code on page 7, or mail a check to the church office at 1609 East Fifth Street, 28204.*

\*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

We Pray for the People (concluding with the Lord's Prayer)

Rev. John Cleghorn

**Our Father (Creator), 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn

Ride On, King Jesus

*African American Spiritual (adapt.)*

**Ride on, King Jesus! No one can a-hinder me. Ride on, King Jesus, ride on.  
No one can a-hinder me, no, no one can a-hinder me. (repeat as directed)**

\*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Dot Killian

*Everyone is invited to Hope Hall for refreshments and community after worship.*

## MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES - THIS WEEK

### Today

9:00 - 10:00 am	Coffee and Company, <i>Hope Hall</i>
9:45 am	Adult Sunday School Classes, <i>Hope Community Hall, Room 1 &amp; Online</i>
10:45 am	The Nursery is open for infants to age 3, <i>Nursery (off of Shelby Room)</i>
11:00 am	Worship, <i>Sanctuary &amp; Online</i>
12:15 pm	Refreshments for all, <i>Hope Community Hall</i>
12:30 pm	Youth Group, <i>The Third Place</i>
1:00 pm	Buddy/Mentor, <i>Hope Hall</i>

### Monday

9:30 am	Diving Deep Into Racism, <i>Shelby Room</i>
6:15 pm	Administrative & Personnel Committee, <i>Online</i>

### Tuesday

10:00 am	Weekly Staff Meeting, <i>Shelby Room</i>
6:30 pm	Easter's Home Board, <i>Shelby Room</i>

### Wednesday

	No Wednesday Prayer Group This Week
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>

### Thursday

7:00 pm	Narcotics Anonymous, <i>The Third Place</i>
7:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Service, <i>Sanctuary</i>
8:30 - 10:00 pm	Caldwell Prayer Vigil, <i>Hope Hall</i>

### Friday

8:00 am - 8:00 pm	Caldwell Prayer Vigil, <i>Hope Hall</i>
7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous, <i>Shelby Room</i>

### Saturday

12:00 pm	Caldwell Arts Fellowship, <i>Hope Hall, Room 2</i>
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Those who need to attend meetings online can find links on the church calendar at [caldwellpresby.org/calendar](http://caldwellpresby.org/calendar).

***Please inform the ministers when you know of a member or friend who is sick, in the hospital, or would appreciate a pastoral call or visit.***

*A note about language: At Caldwell, we do our best to create an inclusive, welcoming and safe environment for all of God's children, however they identify. We aspire to use non-binary language in worship and church communications in reference to one another or people in general, knowing that we won't always get it right. We invite others to take up this journey, embracing anew what we say, "God Invites. We Welcome. All."*

## Announcements

**Thank you for silencing electronics** before worship begins.

**Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad** up and down your row or go to the online registry at [caldwellpresby.org/hi](http://caldwellpresby.org/hi). If you are interested in joining or learning more about Caldwell, see John or Dot or go to [www.caldwellpresby.org/join](http://www.caldwellpresby.org/join).

**We humbly acknowledge** the Catawba, Sugaree and Waxhaw Indigenous peoples, who were dispossessed of the land on which we live and worship. We also acknowledge that the funds left to this church in 1922 to build our sanctuary were stained by the sin of slavery. We strive continuously for God's mercy and correction.

**Did You Know?** Through Holy Week to Easter, meaningful events happen this week:

- **Our Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service** on April 17 is one of the holiest nights of the year, combining communion, scripture and shadows with (optional) hand or foot washing. We begin in the Sanctuary at 7:30 pm and end at the outdoor cross.
- **The Prayer Vigil** begins after the Maundy Thursday service. We will hold vigil in Hope Hall and will be until 10:00 pm Thursday and from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm on Friday.
- **Easter:** Arrive early next Sunday with flowers to decorate the outdoor cross before celebrating The Resurrection of Our Lord in worship. Stay afterward for the Easter Sunday Lunch Celebration (see sign up info below) with an Easter Egg Hunt and Bouncy House!

**Caldwell's Easter Sunday Lunch Celebration** will immediately follow worship in Hope Hall on April 20. The church will provide ham, chicken, salads, rolls and drinks. Please bring a side dish and or dessert to share and click on this link to let us know who's coming and what you'll bring: [caldwellpresby.org/lunch](http://caldwellpresby.org/lunch) If you can help with set up, serving, or clean up, call or text Donna Willis: 704-618-2538.

**One Great Hour of Sharing:** Today we join Presbyterians around the world in collecting this annual offering for our neighbors in need in over 100 countries. It is needed now more than ever. You can give by placing the envelope in the offering plate, by going online at [pcusa.org/give-oghs](http://pcusa.org/give-oghs) or by texting OGHS TO 91999

**Join the Diving Deep into Racism** Group on Monday, April 14, in Shelby at 9:30 am.

**Caldwell Arts:** Visual artists, join us on Saturday, April 19, at 12:00 pm in Room 2 of Hope Hall. Bring a project to work on and share your creativity, excitement and skills. For more details contact Rebecca Overcash ([rovercash53@gmail.com](mailto:rovercash53@gmail.com)) or Ann Dorsett.

**People's Budget:** Look for cards to sign today urging your City Council representative to vote for the People's Budget. This budget urges spending for those who are unhoused, likely to become unhoused or needing adequate wages.

**Let's get ready to welcome our new neighbors!** Visit [eastershome.org](http://eastershome.org) to see how you

can purchase household goods or make cash donations to furnish Easter's Home.

**Give the Gift of Life.** Caldwell will host its third ARC Blood Drive on Tuesday, April 29, 1:00 - 5:30 pm in Hope Hall. Make your appointment at [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and enter "CaldwellPresby" in the search bar or use this QR Code to go directly to our page. Have questions or need help registering? Contact Karen Williams at (704) 293-6868.

**Save the date:** Our friend Greg Jarrell will once again lead us in a tour of uptown in discussion of "Charlotte's Haunted Future". Please plan to join us after worship on Sunday, June 1. Additional details and a signup will be available later. If you have questions or concerns, contact any member of ARCC.

**Palms used in today's service** were provided by EcoPalms, sustainably grown and harvested palms from the forests of Mexico and Guatemala.

**Earth Care:** Plant Zinnias or Native Plants to attract lots of bees and butterflies.

**Today's bulletin cover art**, "Triumphant Entry" is by artist He Qui.

**Email address change:** Please note that our Buildings and Grounds email address has been changed to [bandg@caldwellpresby.org](mailto:bandg@caldwellpresby.org)

**If you would like to receive our online communications** (usually two per week), email Justin at [jmartin@caldwellpresby.org](mailto:jmartin@caldwellpresby.org) to sign up.

**Planning on dropping by the church?** Be sure to call before coming because there may not always be someone to let you in. Staff contact information is on the back page.

**Justin Martin** will be away until April 17. **Anne Hunter Eidson** will be away until April 16.

## Things to Know About Today's Gathering

**Masking indoors** is welcomed. The East transept located near the doors to the handicap ramp remains designated for increased social distancing. Physical interaction stickers are also available to indicate your level of comfort with physical closeness.

**Restrooms** – There is a restroom in the narthex/main sanctuary entrance. Ushers are available to direct you to the other restrooms.

**The Nursery, for children under 3**, can be found by going through the door to the right of the pulpit, take an immediate right, and going down the hallway. Ushers are also able to direct you.

**For Late Arrivals** – Please come to the ramp door and ring the doorbell. An usher will let you in.

*The QR code for giving:*



## **Caldwell's Mission**

We seek to build a diverse, intentional, affirming community animated by joyful worship and called forth into social action for service to the greater good.

We seek to hear God's call not only as individuals but also as a progressive, missional community striving to reflect the Kingdom of God in the here and now.

We embrace the rich history of the Reformed Tradition and the storied past of our center-city church, as we welcome a diverse community of seekers – ALL ages, races and ethnicities, sexual orientations, cultural and economic backgrounds, gender identities, and family structures—ALL people.

We are called into a meaningful, transformative community that values the unique blessings and perspectives of each member and offers a place of welcome and healing to weary souls.

We seek dynamic servant leaders who serve humbly, embrace change, and boldly challenge injustices in the wider community.

Most important, we seek to proclaim the Gospel in both word and deed, following the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

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