

WELCOME TO...

The Presbyterian Church of  
*Saint David*

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SON OF DAVID



**Gathering:** *God, we gather on this day to begin a week of contrasts. From hope to despair to hope again. As we begin the week, as we join with the crowd, help us cut through the noise to see what is happening, to see what is at stake. As the story unfolds, open us to both the hope and the pain. In this time of worship, prepare us to celebrate, to weep, and to wait. We pray in the name of the one who leads the parade as we share the words he shared with his closest friends: Our Father, which art in heaven....*

**Hymn:** Ride on, ride on (vs. 1-3) 217

**Confession:** *We confess that we are not so different from those who welcomed Christ into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday yet later shouted 'Crucify him!' or remained silent in the face of injustice. We have betrayed you too, Lord Jesus by our sins both secret and known. Yet you died for people like us, and you rose on the third day that we might be redeemed. For the sake of Jesus Christ do not hold our sins against us.*

*This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. May the peace of Christ fill you this day. Christ is the source of our joy and gladness. Please share a joyful sign of Christ's peace with those near you.*

**Scripture: Matthew 21: 1-11** When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and

he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

**Hymn:** Ride on, ride on (vs. 4-5) 217

*Some parables are meant to be a living witness to God's plan – Palm Sunday is such a parable for us this morning. It invites us to finally answer the question that has been before us the entire Lenten season – who is this?*

*Open for me the gates where the righteous enter,  
**We will enter and give thanks to the Lord!**  
We give you thanks for You have answered us;  
**You have become our salvation!**  
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.  
**God's faithful love endures forever.***

*We are invited to enter in, and sit at table and share in the feast which has been prepared. As we welcome Christ anew today we enter anew into covenant with him and all those who love the Lords coming.*

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hymn: Hosanna 216