

Palm Sunday  
March 29, 2026

Zion & Wesley Worship Service  
with Rev. Alley

Our Mission Statement

“To be a welcoming, Christ-centered community, empowered to share God's love and to make disciples for Jesus Christ through worship, fellowship, teaching, prayer, and acts of caring.”

Opening Music Shelley Jodoin

Welcome and Acknowledgment Sherry Blaedow

Announcements Eunice Getz

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* #297

**Call to Worship**

Come! Let us rejoice!

**The prophet is here, the king is here, and comes with peace.**

Hosanna, Holy one!

**All who gather in your name are blessed.**

We are here together in your name.

**Bless our time together! Hosanna! We lift our spirits and palms to heaven. Hosanna! Come, let us worship God together!**

**Prayer of Confession**

Today, we remember the crowd that eagerly awaited the coming of Jesus, and they shouted, “Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God! Hosanna in the Highest!” Jesus’ followers were excited and filled with anticipation. Yet within a few short days they were scattered, disillusioned, and frightened.

We, too, prefer to follow the Jesus who inspires crowds and rides triumphant.

We, too, struggle when our hopes aren't realized, and when we feel forsaken. Let us turn to God for wisdom, grace and peace.

**Gracious God, we admit that your mercy and forgiveness is often a mystery to us. It can be difficult to show mercy to others when they fall short of our expectations. It can be easier to keep silent rather than speak up when others are in trouble. There are times when we prefer to choose the popular way instead of the one that is just and faithful. Inspire us with the example of Jesus. Give us the courage to follow and accept your grace and hear your call in Christ. Amen.**

### **Prayer of Assurance**

How much does God love us? Enough to send the divine heart, hope, and spirit to us. Not to condemn us, but to save us. Through God's good and precious grace, we are saved. **Amen.**

### **Youth Time**

**Choir**                    ***"When His Salvation Bringing"***

### **Prayer for Understanding**

**Gracious God, help us to see our lives clearly as we journey to the cross. Show us what to lay down and what to take up. Lead us to know what we must end and what we must begin. Guide us to the joy which comes from a closer walk with you. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

### **Scripture Readings**

**Margaret Ferguson**

### **Responsive Reading**

**Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."

Open for me the gates of righteousness;

**I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.**

This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.

**I will give you thanks, for you answered me;  
you have become my salvation.**

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

**The LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

**This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

O LORD, save us; O LORD, grant us success.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

From the house of the LORD we bless you.

**The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine upon us.**

With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession

up to the horns of the altar.

**You are my God, and I will give you thanks;**

**you are my God, and I will exalt you.**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

**Scripture**                      *Matthew 21: 1-11 (pg 955)*

*Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.***

**Message**

**Rev. Alley**

**Hymn**

*All Glory, Laud And Honor*

**#300**

**Prayer of Dedication for the Offering**

**Bless our commitments. Let us recall them during the week. Let us give and receive. Let us be blessings to each other. All that we have and all that we are is the work of your hands. Receive, we pray, these offerings, and use them and us as you will. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

Dear God, we remember how your Son Jesus turned towards suffering and death. When we face suffering, give us grace to accept it through the power of your Spirit, knowing that this is a path that He himself has trodden. **Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.**

We pray for your Church throughout the world: especially for our shared ministry of Wesley and Zion; for all the people and the work they do within these church families. As the disciples who followed Jesus to the cross later became the foundation of your Church, so bring into our fellowship a varied company who will look to you for inspiration, guidance and help in building your Body, in our generation and in this place.

**Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.**

As we think of the actions of those in power during the time of our Lord, we pray for all those who exercise power today, and those whose hearts are hardened by the making of difficult decisions that affect the lives of others. We pray for world leaders, especially those in situations of conflict or unrest. As we reflect too on the fickle nature of the crowds who welcomed Jesus on Palm Sunday, we ask for stability in the commitment to justice and truth. **Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.**

We pray for our families and for our neighbours, thanking you for the love and fellowship that we enjoy. Help us to care for one another in times of trouble and to stand alongside all who suffer.

**Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.**

We hold before you all who are sick or in any kind of need. Bless our families, friends and neighbours, both near and far, especially those in need of any kind whom we name before you in the silence of our hearts (*moment of silence*). Hold them in your loving arms, and be with them always. **Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.**

Hear and accept our prayers, Loving God, spoken and unspoken and answer them for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. As we have travelled this Season of Lent together reflecting on the needs of the world, we hope that we have grown in our faith, that we looked deep into ourselves and then shared that with others.

These things we pray in the name of Jesus. And if you feel led to do so we continue to pray in the way we are taught saying, “**Our Father...**”

**Hymn**

*Near The Cross*

**#319**

**Benediction**

A Holy week is ahead. Take with you this sacred flame inside your hearts. Let it be a lamp to your feet, a porch light in your wandering, a north star, and a warmth for your heart. **Amen.**

**Closing Music**

**Shelley Jodoin**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Family & Friends of Zion,**

Greetings to all! We are so grateful that you are here to share in our time of worship. We extend a warm welcome to our Wesley friends. Thank you to Wesley choir members for their contribution to our music today. We give thanks to God that Rev. Alley is here to lead us in our time of worship and we look forward to a time of fellowship with Rev. Alley, Rev. Amanda and their family following the service.

**Coffee Time** and a luncheon will follow our Worship Service today. Everyone is always welcome.

### **Share Your Blessings For Lent**

Please remember your donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Pembroke and help us fill our purple box before Easter.

Monetary donations are also very much appreciated and can be placed in the container found on the back table in the sanctuary. See the list in your bulletin for items that are needed.

**Zion's Spring Yard Sale** will take place on May 23rd. Any donations to our sale would be much appreciated and can be stored on our stage prior to the sale.

**If you have prayer requests** for yourself, family or friends please call Heather Lariviere, our Prayer Chain Leader at 613-735-2825.

**Keep in your prayers** those who are grieving the loss of loved ones, those experiencing or recovering from illness and surgeries and those going through challenging and difficult times. We especially ask that you remember in prayer, Rev. Dave Bauman and Maureen, Reg Getz, Tim Getz, Myrtle Gutz, Rodney Krieger, Wayne Lemke, Erna Maves, Evelyn Maves, Sandra Maves, Doreen Schroeder. Les and Janice Reavie, and Martin Verkruisen.

### **New Sign Funds Raised To Date--\$4343.95**

Thank you for your continued support. By writing, "New Sign" on your offering envelope, your amount will be added to the fund.

### **An Open Door Bible Study During Lent**

Zion, Calvin and Wesley congregations are invited to a Bible Study on Wednesdays. The study will be cancelled this week and will resume on April 8th. Please see details about the Bible Study on our Community News bulletin board.

### **UPCOMING SERVICES**

**April 3 Good Friday Services:** Wesley & Zion will not have services. However, services will be held at 3:00 at both Holy Trinity Anglican Church and First Presbyterian Church.

**April 5 Easter Services:** A service will be held at Wesley at 9:30 am and at Zion at 11:00 am.

**April 12 Services:** Wesley will have a lay leadership service at 11:00 am followed by the Annual General Meeting at noon. Zion will hold it's service at 11:00 am.

**April 26 Service:** Calvin United Church has invited other United Churches in the area to worship at Calvin at 10:00 am with Neil Lloyd preaching. Zion's Board and Wesley's Council have agreed to accept Calvin's invitation to attend this service.

**May 31 Joint Service:** To continue the pattern of collaboration, other United Churches will be invited to attend worship at Zion at 11:00 with communion served.

**Camping Sunday at Wesley & Annual Picnic Sunday Services:** Dates will soon be confirmed.

**Other Community News—See Details on Bulletin Board**

Postings from First Step Options:

- \*Free Support Group for Hope & Healing After Abortion—April 7th
- \*Nurture Language and Early Literacy Free Workshop—April 15th
- \*Dinner, Drama, and a Difference Fundraiser—May 2nd

Fundraising Events at Wesley:

- \*Release Your Creativity Paint Evening—April 10th  
(Hosted by Friends of Camp Lau-Ren)
- \*Wesley Spring Fling Dance & Dessert—April 17th

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# Society of St. Vincent de Paul

## Donations for Lent

Here is a list of suggestions based on what we need. These donations are primarily for preparing our meals in house. We try not to duplicate the work of St. Joseph's Food Bank, so our suggestion list is short.

### **Canned Goods**

- Diced Tomatoes
- Soup: Tomato, Beef Broth, or Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Sauces: Spaghetti, Tomato Sauce, Tomato Paste, Salsa, Gravy, Soya Sauce
- Canned Vegetables: Corn, Peas, Peas & Carrots, (No Green Beans, please)
- Canned Fruit: All kinds
- Canned Protein: Tuna, Salmon, Chicken, Ham, Turkey, Beans (only kidney beans)
- Mayo
- Salad Dressing: Caesar, Ranch, French, Greek

### **Dry Goods**

- Pasta: Macaroni, Lasagna Noodles, Spaghetti, Penne
- Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate
- Parmesan Cheese
- Vegetable & Olive Oil
- Spices: Oregano, Italian Seasoning, Onion Powder, Thyme
- Onion Soup Mix
- Sugar: White or Brown
- Flour

