



# Palm Sunday

March 28, 2021

**Westminster Presbyterian Church extends an enthusiastic welcome**, in Christ's name, to all who worship here or join us in fellowship. Our church family seeks to embody God's boundless love by embracing, liberating and empowering people – whoever they are and wherever they may be on their faith journeys – to realize the transforming power of Christ in our congregation, community and the world beyond.



**Covenant Network Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)  
Earth Care Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)  
Matthew 25 Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)**

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We hope you will stay connected with our community of faith during this season of social distancing by subscribing to the *Westminster Weekly Word* e-newsletter through the homepage of our website ([www.wpc.org](http://www.wpc.org)), liking us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/wpcdelaware](http://www.facebook.com/wpcdelaware)), or following us on Instagram ([www.instagram.com/wpcdelaware](http://www.instagram.com/wpcdelaware)).

## Today at Westminster

- 8:45 – 10:00 a.m.**      **Collecting food** for Emmanuel Dining Room in the parking lot.
- 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.**      **Worship** in the Sanctuary  
Anyone over the age of five is required to wear a mask and children must remain with their parents.
- 11:00 – 12:00 p.m.**      **Congregational Engagement Conversation:** Church Growth “Generation Gap” on Zoom (please see announcement on p. 6)
- 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**      **180 Youth** meet in the WPC parking lot (please see p. 6 for details).
- **Bible Box** for children ages 2 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade is available today on YouTube

*Please see page 6 for information on Educational Offerings for Adults.*

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**During the month of March**, we are recognizing the gifts of women composers in observance of Women’s History Month. Janet Linker (b. 1938) was a member of the faculty and taught organ at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, for more than 30 years, and has held church positions in Texas, California, and Ohio. The Ohio native has published eighteen books of organ music. Today’s anthem, a thrilling arrangement of the spiritual, *Ride On, King Jesus!* is by Nancy Wertsch. The Wisconsin native, a friend and colleague of our director of music/organist, enjoys a career as a pianist, mezzo-soprano soloist, composer, teacher, professional chorister, choral contractor, and consultant in New York City. Her choral music is widely published.

**The sanctuary flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of first responders by Jordan Maxwell.

**Consider giving the flowers for Sunday worship** to remember or honor loved ones or to celebrate an event, while expressing praise and thanksgiving to God. Please contact Linda Watson during business hours at 302-571-6719 or [lwatson@ycst.com](mailto:lwatson@ycst.com). The next available dates are May 2, 16, 23 and 30.

**Westminster’s Prayer Team** prays for the needs of our community of faith. You may submit a prayer request by sending an email to [wpcprayerlist@gmail.com](mailto:wpcprayerlist@gmail.com).

**You can make a contribution** to Westminster Presbyterian Church by visiting our website [www.wpc.org](http://www.wpc.org) and click the “Donate Now” button or scan the QR code on your smart phone.



**The mission of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians** is to strengthen the church of Jesus Christ, with the help of God's grace, by working for the unity of the church, furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, seeking understanding and reconciliation, and joining with others seeking a still more just and inclusive church.

**Westminster is certified as an Earth Care Congregation** by the Presbyterian Church (USA). This honor means that we have exhibited exceptional leadership in protecting God’s creation and being good stewards of earth’s resources through our worship, education, outreach and advocacy. Only 2% of the 10,000 Presbyterian congregations in this country have earned this honored distinction.



**Westminster is a Matthew 25 Congregation** that strives to eradicate systemic poverty, dismantle structural racism, and build congregational vitality. The gospel calls us to actively engage in the world so that our faith comes alive.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP- SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021

TOWER CHIME

Craig Checkel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Janet Linker

CALL TO WORSHIP

Look! Your king is coming—humble and riding on a donkey.

**Hosanna to the Son of David!**

Lay your cloaks before him; spread palms to honor him.

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

Raise your voices. Lift your hearts. Rejoice—our Savior comes!

**Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

HYMN NO. 196

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor* (Vs. 1 & 4)

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!  
Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One.

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!  
Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Suffering God,  
the way of the cross is a hard road.

**It is draining.**

**It is demanding.**

**It is fraught with danger.**

You ask us to stay by your side  
as you walk toward Calvary.

But weariness and fear overtake us.

Like the first disciples, we are quick

**to betray you,**

**to deny you,**

**to abandon you.**

Forgive us, God, and strengthen us for the journey ahead.

Give us courage to face the pain and suffering  
of this world and to respond with compassion.

As the darkness gathers,

**renew our faith,**

**fill us with hope,**

**and startle us with your grace. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

[Click here](#) to watch today's TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN on Westminster's YouTube channel.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 11:1-11

Ride on, King Jesus! No man can-a hinder me.  
 For he is King of kings, Lord of lords,  
 Jesus Christ, the first and last, no man works like him.  
 King Jesus rides a milk-white horse, no man works like him.  
 The river Jordan he did cross, no man works like him.  
 King Jesus rides in the middle of the air,  
 He calls the saints from everywhere.

## SERMON

“What Jesus Sees”

Sudie Niesen Thompson

## HYMN NO. 197

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (Vs. 1 & 3)*

ELLACOMBE

<p>Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;          through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.          To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,          the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.</p>	<p>“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,          for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.          O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,          and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.</p>
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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gregory Knox Jones

## 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;  
 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 NO. 215

*What Wondrous Love Is This (Vs. 1 & 4)*

WONDROUS LOVE

<p>What wondrous love is this,          O my soul, O my soul,          what wondrous love is this, O my soul!          What wondrous love is this          that caused the Lord of bliss          to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,          to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!</p>	<p>And when from death I’m free,          I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on;          and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on;          and when from death I’m free,          I’ll sing and joyful be,          and through eternity, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on;          and through eternity I’ll sing on.</p>
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## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

Janet Linker

*At the conclusion of the Postlude, please exit the sanctuary, row by row, beginning with the last pew to the front pew. Those sitting in the side transepts exit from the front pew to the back pew down the center aisle to the narthex. **Please wait until an usher directs you to leave.** You may want to have a conversation with others you have missed during the lockdown. We ask that you please meet them outside, maintaining the required six-foot social distancing, while continuing to wear your mask.*

## GOING FORTH: OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES TO GOD

*With gratitude for the grace we have received, we go forth from worship to offer our energy, our hands, and part of our income in service to God. One way we respond to Christ’s call is by giving our financial gifts to further God’s mission in the world. You may mail a check to the church or make an online offering to support the many ministries of Westminster Presbyterian Church by clicking “Donate Now” on the homepage of our website ([www.wpc.org](http://www.wpc.org)).*

## PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Dr. Gregory Knox Jones  
The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson  
Director of Music/Organist: Dr. F. Anthony Thurman  
Choristers: Hye Eun Choi, soprano; Alexis Droke, soprano  
Sharon Babcock, mezzo soprano, Jason Berger, tenor; Brenton Mattox, bass  
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## SOURCES AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The resources for children attached at the end of the bulletin are provided by Illustrated Ministry. Please print them to participate in this service or for family devotions throughout the week.

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## Join Us for In-person Worship in Our Sanctuary

**Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021, 9:00 a.m.**



We have reopened our sanctuary on Sunday mornings for one worship service at 9:00 a.m. Attendance is limited and an online reservation (one per family) is required. When we reach the maximum number of reservations we can host, the reservations will close. We have established a number of guidelines for your safety, which include social distancing, wearing a facial mask/covering, and the use of no-touch sanitizing stations. [Click here](#) to read all of the guidelines. The liturgy will be emailed to you after you make your online reservation.

Congregants are encouraged to print the liturgy from home and bring it to the service or pull it up on your mobile device; a limited number of printed copies will be available. *The decision to attend in-person worship rests with each individual.* A virtual option will continue to be available on our website at [www.wpc.org](http://www.wpc.org).

**To make your online reservation for April 4 worship in the sanctuary, [click here!](#)**

# EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS

You can find virtual Christian education and small group opportunities on the homepage of the Westminster website ([www.wpc.org](http://www.wpc.org)) and check out other Education Offerings for Adults on [YouTube](#).

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## **180 Youth Meeting in the WPC parking lot!** Join us TONIGHT from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

The sun is shining! Who's ready for another 180 night in the WPC parking lot? Join us from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. for games, dinner, and fellowship! Don't forget your mask! See you there! For more information about 180 Youth Ministry for grades 6 – 12, contact Tommy at [tommyjneilson@gmail.com](mailto:tommyjneilson@gmail.com).

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## **Online Bible Studies**

### **Wednesday afternoons, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. on Zoom (Midweek Manna Bible Study)**

<https://zoom.us/j/97700423780?pwd=b1dGL2c4NXRjMIRBOWJWWEIsTTg3dz09>

Zoom Meeting ID: 977 0042 3780 | Passcode: 547264

The Midweek Manna Bible Study, facilitated by the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson, is reading through the Gospel of Matthew. New faces always welcome!

### **Wednesday evenings, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88941171153?pwd=MmxuZWVvREhZSVExS3lveXQvTUhaQT09>

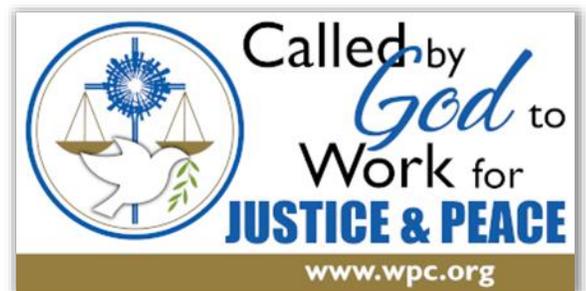
Facilitated by Randy Williamson and Mary Anne Peters. Our Bible study continues and new faces are always welcome.

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## **WPC Peace & Justice Online Education Events**

### **Thursday Evening Education Events**

Westminsters's Peace & Justice Work Group will not host an education event on Maundy Thursday, April 1. We hope that you will engage with the Maundy Thursday worship service that evening (see back page for details), and we look forward to resuming our education programs on April 8.



# Garden Opening

The Clayton Street Community Garden has an opening for one more gardener. If you are interested in this raised bed, please contact Sue Weissinger at (302) 652-5910 or [dulcy@aol.com](mailto:dulcy@aol.com).  
First come, first served.



## Congregational Engagement Conversations

**Today and April 11 | 11:00 a.m. | via Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85403931354?pwd=bTJwdUw4ZFZkMm9jaHg4QStQNDC5dz09>

Zoom Meeting ID: 854 0393 1354 | Passcode: 778968



Join us to provide thoughts on Home, Hope and Heroes. The pandemic has shifted our holy place to home. How's that working? Our youth seek hope and heroes through mission and mentoring. Are we responding to their needs? What will the emerging church look like? To prepare, read "[The Church Growth Generation Gap](#)" and watch Pico Iyer (<https://youtu.be/3m6dV7Xo3Vc>) to stimulate your thoughts about home. Bring coffee!

# Holy Week

## AT WESTMINSTER

### **PALM/PASSION SUNDAY – TODAY, MARCH 28**

#### **WORSHIP – 9:00 A.M.**

Palm Sunday begins the final week in the life of Jesus. A reservation is required to attend in person (see the *Weekly Word* e-newsletter) or watch live on our [YouTube channel](#).

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY (APRIL 1) AND GOOD FRIDAY (APRIL 2)**

Journey with Jesus from the Upper Room, to the Garden of Gethsemane, to Pilate's Headquarters and, finally, to the cross. In a two-part pre-recorded service, the Westminster-by-Heart Storytellers will tell the story of Jesus' final hours, the Westminster Handbell Choir will offer prelude music, and our choristers will sing an anthem and hymns to compliment the liturgy. The first part of the service will be available on [YouTube](#) on **April 1 at 7:00 p.m.** The second part will be available on **April 2 at 12:00 p.m.**

### **EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 4**

#### **VIRTUAL CHOIR – 6:00 A.M.**

The Westminster Choir will release a pre-recorded virtual choir to herald in the day. Look for it on Westminster's [YouTube channel](#)!

#### **WORSHIP – 9:00 A.M.**

Christ is risen! Join us for a festive worship service celebrating Christ's triumphant resurrection, with an inspirational sermon by Dr. Jones and joyous music for trumpet and organ. We will welcome Steven Heitzer back as our trumpet soloist. Susan Spilecki will play Easter hymns on the tower chime before and after the service. A reservation is required to attend in person (see the *Weekly Word* e-newsletter) or watch live on our [YouTube channel](#).

#### **EASTER FESTIVAL! – 10:15 – 11:00 A.M.** (following the 9:00 service)

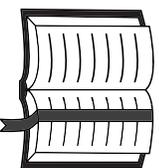
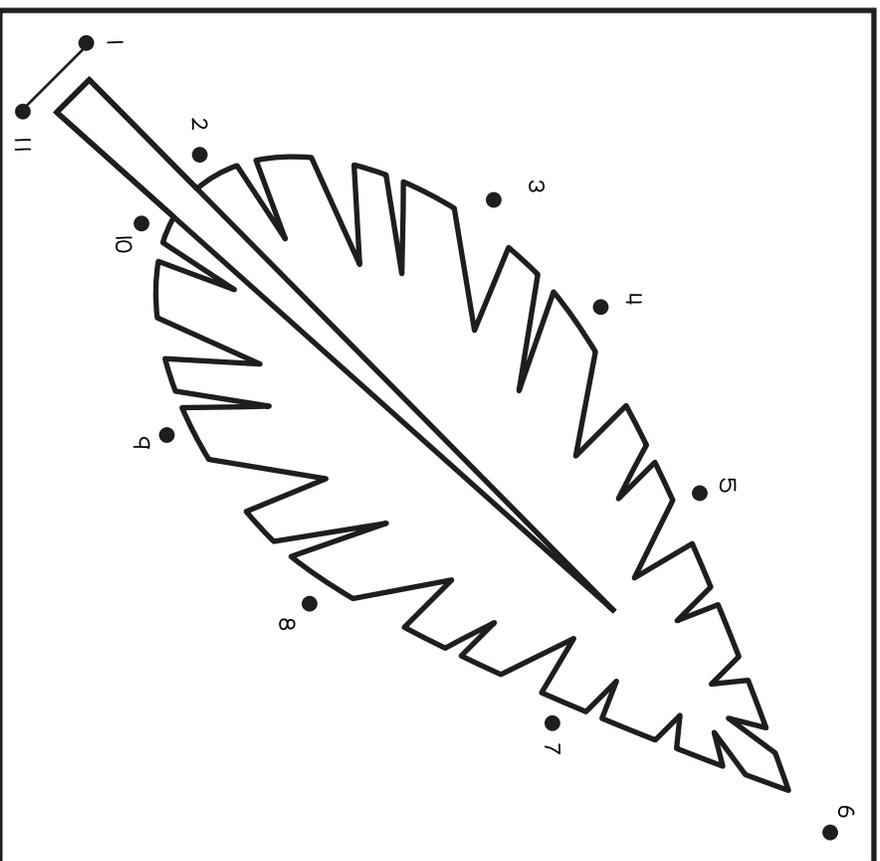
Easter Egg Hunt (up to age 12), bag decorating, family-friendly crafts, and card writing! Family units will be given individual materials and their own table. Activities will take place in Community Hall, except for the Egg Hunt, which will be outside if weather permits (if not, we will hide eggs indoors). Masks and social distancing required. RSVP is a must as we have a limit of 36 children. **Email [emily.pfaff@me.com](mailto:emily.pfaff@me.com) by March 29 to RSVP.** This is in addition to your worship reservation. We hope you will join us, especially families with younger children!

This is also a great opportunity for teens to volunteer and get involved with Westminster; reach out at the email address above if interested in helping out.



# CONNECT the DOTS

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, people waved palm branches to praise him. Connect the dots to form a palm branch. Write or draw something you want to praise Jesus for!



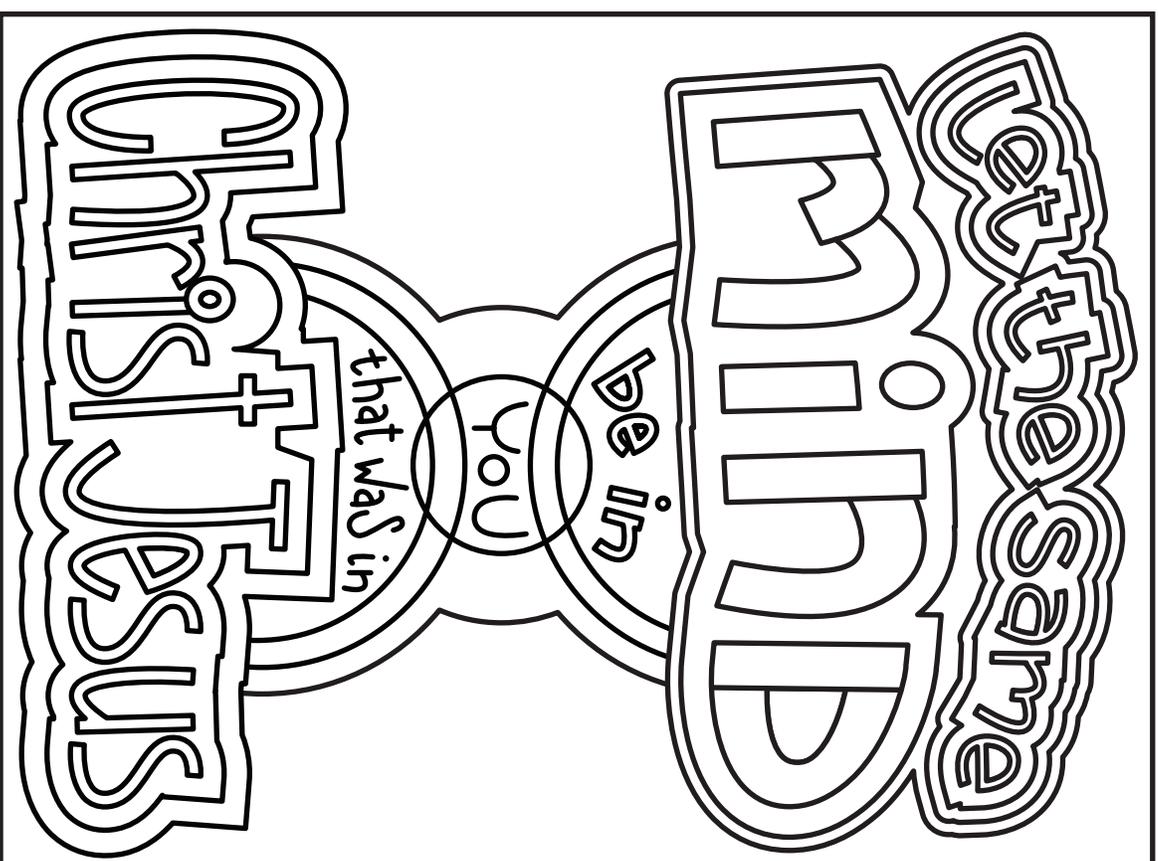
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# CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

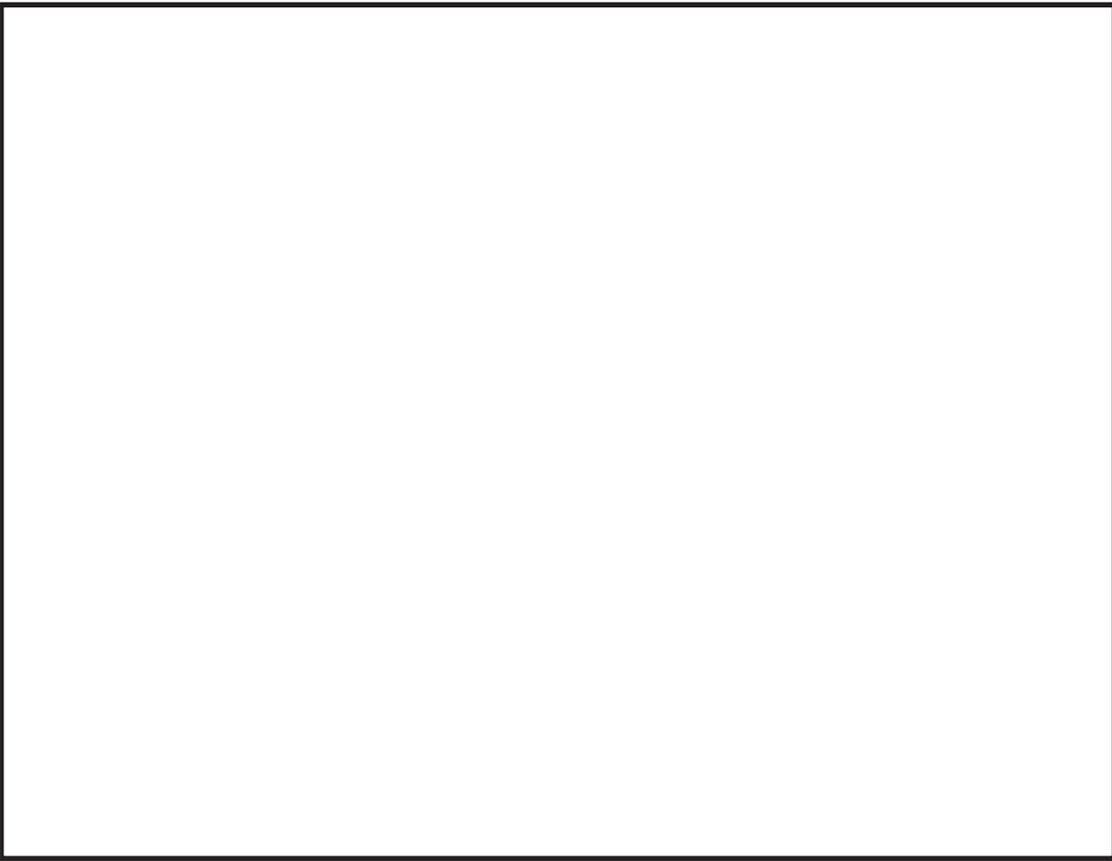
Activities based on Philippians 2:5-11 and Mark 11:1-11





# DRAW IT

Draw yourself among the crowds of people who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem! Would you wave a palm branch too? What would you say as Jesus rode by?



# WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Philippians 2 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

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