



At First United Methodist Church, we are each alive in Christ, united in nurturing fellowship, reaching out to share God's boundless love.

March 28, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday

**Without Exception. God Loves Everyone.
Come Join Our Journey at First UMC.**

We warmly welcome you to First UMC and our worship service! We are glad you are here with us today! We'd love to help you connect with God and with other people through First UMC.

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Opening Voluntary - "All Glory Laud and Honor"
Phyllis Jones, organ

arr. by Mark Hayes

Lenten Candle Liturgy - Terri and Larry Beck, Liturgists
Meditation & Silent Prayer

Extinguishing the Sixth Candle of the Lenten Journey

Unison Prayer:

**God of salvation, our Lord entered his passion to raise us to life.
In this holiest of weeks, help us to walk the way of the cross,
that we may be raised in a resurrection like his
and dwell forever in you, Eternal God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Scripture Reading - Mark 11:1-11

Song of Praise - "Hosanna"

by Brooke Ligertwood

The ALIVE! Praise Band

I see the King of glory, coming on the clouds with fire.
The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes.
I see his love and mercy, washing over all our sin.
The people sing, the people sing:
Hosanna, hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
I see a generation, rising up to take their place,
with selfless faith, with selfless faith.
I see a near revival stirring as we pray and seek
We're on our knees, we're on our knees.
Heal my heart and make it clean.
Open up my eyes to the things unseen.
Show me how to love like you have loved me.
Break my heart for what breaks yours.
Everything I am for your Kingdom's cause.
As I walk from earth into eternity.

Hosanna, hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

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Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**Holy God, we give thanks for your saving love
made known to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ.
Bless these gifts that they may bring life
on earth as in heaven;
in Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

A Time For the Child In All of Us

Amanda Bostick

Anthem - "In Christ Alone"

by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

The ALIVE! Praise Band

In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain;
then, bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am his and he is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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Scripture Reading - Philippians 2:5-11

Sermon - "Palms to Passion"

Rev. Cheryl Skinner

Our Response - The Passion Narrative, Mark 15:1-39

Narrator: As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate: "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus: "You say so."

Narrator: Then the chief priests accused him of many things.

Pilate: "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you."

Narrator: But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom.

Pilate: "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

Crowd: "Crucify him!"

Pilate: "Why, what evil has he done?"

Crowd: "Crucify him!"

Narrator: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace; and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene...Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull.) And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying...

Crowd: "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!"

Narrator: In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying...

Men: “He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.”

Narrator: Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice...

Jesus: “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?”

Narrator: ...which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said...

Women: “Listen, he is calling for Elijah.”

Narrator: And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.” Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said...

All: “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

***Song of Response - “The Wonderful Cross” by Isaac Watts, Chris Tomlin
The ALIVE! Praise Band***

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown.

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
bids me come and die and find that I may truly live,
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross:
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless your name.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life my all.

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* ***Benediction***

* ***Chimes of the Trinity***

* ***Postlude - “Were You There?”***

Phyllis Jones, piano

arr. by Lloyd Larson

Prayer Requests:

Please note the date beside of each name representing when the request was made and/or an update. All are encouraged to review the list and contact the church office to add or remove a name from the prayer list.

Short Term (8 weeks or less)

Ted Mitchell (3-23-21)
Hoy Lanning, Jr. (3-22-21)
Rae Hall (3-22-21)
*Steve & Gay Smith (3-20-21)
*Sue Corn (3-17-21)
Dr. Garrett Breakiron (3-9-21)
Sheryl Michener (3-1-21)
Bill Shepherd (2-17-21)

Long Term

Beverly & Bill Bingham (3-15-21)
*Earl Hester (3-10-21)
*Rachel Hendrix (3-7-21)
Tami Robinson (3-4-21)
*Sally Maxwell (3-1-21)
*Lacy Carol Belcher (2-23-21)
*Mary Louise Wilkerson (2-14-21)
Richard Skinner (2-11-21)
Keith Tutterow (2-11-21)
Mark Milligan (2-12-21)
Jan Greer (2-11-21)
Betty Jean Whitaker (2-9-21)
Ron & Kristie Wooten (2-9-21)
*Jane Cook Harris (1-27-21)
Cora Tews (1-27-21)
*Kathy Baragona (1-1-21)
*Judy Hench (1-1-21)
*Creth Holman (1-1-21)
*John Scarff (1-1-21)
*Dare Wilson (1-1-21)
Jamyne Cartner Christy (12-30-20)
Bentley Leonard (12-27-20)
Martha Shore Winters (10-12-20)
*Linda Fisher (9-15-20)
Nicholas Melomo (8-12-20)
Russ (8-2-20)
Alma Kernodle (8-2-20)
*Shane Martin (7-23-20)

Jason & Stacy Heitman Family (6-30-20)
Norma S. Trotter (6-30-20))
*Dean Davis (6-24-20)
Kendall Conner (6-8-20)
*Larlie Mae Knight (6-8-20)
Maria Hilliard (6-5-20)
Shannon & Steve Ford (1-22-20)
Kelli Jones (3-12-17)
Kristin Harris (9-21-16)
Jenny Rains (11-22-15)
Eric Leonard (9-20-15)
Len & Dottie Harris (5-10-15)
John Bruce Davis (4-26-15)
Jordan Beswick (4-5-15)
Regina Chrest (4-5-15)
Louise Michael
Pat & Gary Leonard
Lynn Mack & family
Faye Graham
David Ogle
Anna Smathers
Pat Wilson
Jack Smith
Jane King
Ethan Reavis
Debra Ann Leonard
Bruce Thornton

Shut-Ins

Tempie Almstead (Abbotts Creek)
*Bonnie Cates
*Jean Gosnell
*Dot Kinsey
*Caroline McCree
*Evelyn Sink
*Dr. Hunter Strader
*Flonnie Thomason
*Mary Williams

Piedmont Crossing (Thomasville) Health Care

*Barbara Proctor
*Nancy Wilkinson

Piedmont Crossing (Thomasville) Residents

*Jo Doris Beck
*Betsy & Jim Buchanan
*Herman Crabtree
*Adrian Neal
*Madeline Palmer

Benton House (Charleston, SC)

*Janice Bacon

Elmcroft (Salisbury)

*Sandra Shoaf

The Laurels at Highland Creek (Charlotte)

*Carolyn Briggs

Wood Haven (Albemarle)

*Louise Pope

Serving in the Armed Forces

*Capt. Kacie Allred
*Specialist McRay Calderone
*SGT John Hall
SGT Alan Ingram
Major Jarrad Thorley

Sympathy

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Libby Sink and family upon the death of her husband, Joe Sink, Jr. on March 23, 2021.

Our Stewardship for God's Work Everyone is a part of God's stewardship. Thank you for your continued giving during this "stay home" period we are currently observing due to COVID-19. You may send your tithes and offerings by mail, online or drop by the church office.

Report for March 21, 2021

YTD Income: \$174,110.60

YTD Expenses: \$120,283.35

Net Income (Loss): \$53,827.25

Online Giving For mobile device users, the QR (Quick Response) code will take you to a secure mobile site for Online Giving from your smartphone or tablet. **On your first visit**, you will need to create a profile.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 28

Palm/Passion Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School via Zoom
10:00 a.m. Faith & Friends Sunday School via Zoom
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary (**Reservation required**—
Nursery provided: Birth—Kindergarten only)
11:00 a.m. **LIVE** streamed Morning Worship on YouTube
3p-5p Palm/Passion Sunday Drive Thru—**pick up your Holy Week
worship bags and children's Easter baskets**
3:30 p.m. Confirmation Class, Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 29

- 9a-5p Church Office Open
Make your worship reservation today!
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, FH
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Youth/Scout House

Tuesday, March 30

- 9a-5p Church Office Open
Make your worship reservation today!
10:00 a.m. Disciple Fast Track Bible Study via Zoom
7:00 p.m. Disciple Fast Track Bible Study via Zoom

Wednesday, March 31

- 9a-5p Church Office Open
Make your worship reservation today!
12:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service, Sanctuary—
This Week's Prayer Practice: Body Prayers

Thursday, April 1

Maundy Thursday

- 9a-5p Church Office Open
7:00 p.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and **LIVE** streamed on YouTube

Friday, April 2

Good Friday

- 9a-2p Church Office Open

Saturday, April 3

Holy Saturday

- 2:00 p.m. Virtual Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt via Zoom

Sunday, April 4

Easter Sunday

- 8:45 a.m. Early Morning Worship on the church lawn
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School via Zoom
10:00 a.m. Faith & Friends Sunday School via Zoom
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary (**Reservation required**—
Nursery provided: Birth—Kindergarten only)
11:00 a.m. **LIVE** streamed Morning Worship on YouTube



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Announcements

Remember to visit our website www.fumclex.org to stay connected with the latest news, calendar updates, recorded worship services, bulletin, and newsletter.

Lenten Wednesday Prayer Services

12:00 noon in the Sanctuary

Dates & Prayer Practices: March 31— Body Prayers



Palm/Passion Sunday Drive-Thru

Sunday, March 28 (3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.)

Enter through the State Street Parking Lot and drive through the 4th Avenue porte-cochere to receive a Holy Week worship bag. Children will receive Easter baskets for the Holy Saturday Virtual Easter Egg Hunt.



Maundy Thursday - April 1 (7:00 p.m.)

In-person in the Sanctuary - **No reservations required.**

Please wear a mask and observe social distancing protocols. This service of Holy Communion and stripping of the altar will also be live-streamed on YouTube for those who prefer to participate from their homes.

Holy Saturday Virtual Easter Egg Hunt - April 3 (2:00 p.m.)

All children through fifth grade are invited to participate in a fun virtual event via Zoom with Miss Amanda and Rev. Cheryl featuring crafts, story time, and yes—with the help of parents or older siblings—an Easter egg hunt!



Easter Flower Cross

The flower cross will be located at the 4th Avenue porte-cochere. You are invited to bring fresh flowers to decorate the cross on Saturday, April 3 and Easter Sunday, April 4. **Please wear a mask and observe social distancing protocols.**

Easter Sunday, April 4 - Two Worship Services

(8:45 a.m.) Outside—weather permitting

No reservation required. We will meet on the church lawn. Please **wear a mask** and observe social distancing protocols. **Bring a lawn chair or blanket.**



We will monitor the weather closely and move to the sanctuary if, the weather changes suddenly.

(11:00 a.m.) - All of our current worship restrictions will be in place—please contact the church office to **make reservations** if you would like to attend in person, or you may join us via livestream for this celebratory service! **Reservations open on Saturday, March 27.**

- Friends may make reservations to sit together if they have had both vaccines. Select **one person** to make the reservation for the group of 4 or less.
- Families with more than 4 people will be allowed to sit together on one pew – please make reservations providing names of those attending so that we have time to plan seating accordingly.