

Passion/Palm Sunday
April 2, 2023

PRELUDE/GATHERING

Charles Ferguson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Buddy Butler

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

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*HYMN OF PRAISE, 278

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Adam Turner

PSALTER, 764

Psalms 31

April Butler

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:4-11

Lynn Turner

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:1-11

*GLORIA PATRI, 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*HYMN, 577

God of Grace and God of Glory

SERMON

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 887

Affirmation from Romans

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword? **No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER, 895

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON, 893

Lord, we confess our day to day failure to be truly human. **Lord, we confess to you.**

Lord, we confess that we often fail to love with all we have and are, often because we do not fully understand what loving means, often because we are afraid of risking ourselves. **Lord, we confess to you.**

Lord, we cut ourselves off from each other and we erect barriers of division. **Lord, we confess to you.**

Lord, we confess that by silence and ill-considered word **we have built up walls of prejudice.**

Lord, we confess that by selfishness and lack of sympathy **we have stifled generosity and left little time for others.** Holy Spirit, speak to us. Help us listen to your word of forgiveness, for we are very deaf. Come, fill this moment and free us from sin.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY, 95 **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Offerings left on the communion rail will go to the Pastor's Benevolence Fund to help people in our community.

*HYMN OF INVITATION, 280

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*SENDING FORTH

*FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD, TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO OUR COMMUNITY

*POSTLUDE

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*Congregation standing, as able

🌸 **All are invited to bring flowers on Easter to decorate around the outside cross.** 🌸



Our Good Friday Service will be held on April 7, at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday Services on April 9: Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. with Holy Communion. Breakfast in Legacy Hall will follow the service. Easter Worship will be at 11 a.m. An Easter Egg Hunt will be held after the 11 a.m. service. Please invite your friends and neighbors to these special services.



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith will meet on Wednesday, April 5, at 10:30 a.m. Members may share about a book from the Reading Program list.

A 13-week session of GriefShare, a special weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the death of someone close, continues on Mondays, 6-8 p.m. through June 5. Call Lonney McDonald at 706-455-8249 for more information.



The **Missions Committee** will meet on Thursday, April 20, at 6 p.m. in the Older Elementary Classroom.

Church Leadership

Pastor Gilbert "Buddy" Butler
Secretary Heidi Rule
Custodian Christine Dowlin

Sunday Servants

Ushers Smokey Brooks, Shirley Russell
Sound Techs Randy Loudermilk, Ann Rymer
Webmaster Marti Lane

Our Prayer Concerns

Our Congregation: John and Mary Mills, Ed Massengale, Cathryn McCarter, Sheppie Dunn, Jeane Kalchik, Hannah Geren, Bill Simonds, Glenda Simonds, Elaine Crowe, Louise Arp, Barb Bender

Homebound/Assisted Living: Warrene Alexander

Others in our prayers: *The family of Jim Moyer (Marilyn Day's husband), *Patricia Ratcliff (in hospital three weeks after liver infection) Marilyn Day (Garry Day's mother), Earthquake victims in Syria/Turkey, Kimberly Curcio (friend of Neila Pace), Bee Hicks, Junior Gwynn (having rehab on hands), ^Tom Reed, Kerry and Cindy Hicks, first responders, armed forces members, the people of Ukraine

*new to concerns +Hospital or Rehab ^Assisted Living/Nursing Home ~ Hospice

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer Concerns, please call the church office.

Birthdays

6 Charles Henry Arp, Jr. 8 Linda Day, Flora Grindstaff, Elaine Morgan

If your birthday or anniversary has not appeared in our listings please call the church office.

Church Secretary's Office Hours in April will be Monday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Usual hours will resume in May.

The Community Meal is held on Mondays, 4 to 5:30 p.m. 196 free "to go" meals were served last week. If you would like to help, contact Community Meal volunteers at 423-241-2282.



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Our Vanco giving page can also be accessed at: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YJXP/home>

Calendar

Today

10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship
 6:00 pm Life Group Meeting

Monday

4-5:30 pm Community Meal "To Go"
 6-8 pm GriefShare Meeting

Wednesday

6:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday

6:00 pm AA Meeting

Friday

7:00 pm Good Friday Service

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Palm SUNDAY

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

MATTHEW 21:9

