



We Seek to Better Understand
the Teachings of Jesus—
and Live those Teachings.

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WELCOME

Whoever you are,
and wherever you find yourself
on the journey of faith, you are
welcome to this church as you
are to receive the riches of
God's grace...

The Way...

The earliest Christians were called *The People of the Way*.

This weekly publication is provided to show
how our congregations are living *The Way* today.

Palm / Passion Sunday

March 24, 2024



Good Friday
12 Hour Prayer Vigil
6am ~ 6pm
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You're invited to be an
integral link in this
unceasing prayer chain
for our church,
community and world.



Palm Sunday ~ March 24th

9:00am ~ Blythe Chapel
10:30am ~ Fort Branch First
& Live Streaming

Easter Sunday ~ March 31st

7:00am ~ Sunrise Service w/Communion
@ Blythe Chapel UMC
w/ Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast
following

Holy Thursday ~ March 28th

7:00pm ~ Communion
@ Blythe Chapel UMC

9:00am ~ Easter Worship Service
w/Communion & Live Stream
@ Fort Branch First UMC

Good Friday ~ March 29th

6am-6pm ~ 12 Hour Prayer Vigil

8:00am ~ Easter Morning Breakfast



Deaconess Gibson Hospital
Auxiliary will have their
annual fund-raiser/geranium
sale on **April 15th and 16th**
from 9AM-4PM

@ Princeton Public Library.
Proceeds are used to fund a
\$1000 scholarship to a senior
student at each of the 3
county schools who plan to
enter the healthcare field.

Colors of choice this year are:
red, salmon, pink, hot pink
and white. The cost is \$6.50

each cash or check
only. If you are
unable to pickup on
those dates, I can
pick them up for you
and bring them
home to my garage
if they have been
paid for in advance.

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are accepted by
calling Darla
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The auxiliary
thanks you for
your support.



Our feeble prayers, our Father's response

In *He Still Moves Stones*, Max Lucado recalls the story of Derek Redmond, a 1992 Olympic competitor in the 400-meter race. Halfway through Redmond's semifinal run, a torn hamstring sent him tumbling to the ground. His dad, Jim, immediately ran onto the track. He met up with Derek, who, though crying, had managed to stand and was hopping forward.

"You don't have to do this," Jim said. But Derek insisted. "Well, then, we're going to finish this together," said Jim, who supported his son as he hobbled to the finish line. The crowd cheered and wept as Derek, with Dad's assistance, finished the race.

Lucado writes: "What made the father do it? ... Was it the strength of his child? No, it was the pain of his child. ... God does the same. Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the One who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference."



Because Jesus Said So

One intriguing person in the Passion account is the thief on the cross whom Jesus promised a same-day entrance to paradise (see Luke 23:43). Pastor and radio host Alistair Begg says he can't wait to meet that man and ask how everything unfolded. "You were cussing [Jesus] out with your friend," Begg says. "You've never been in a Bible study. You've never been baptized. You didn't know a thing about church membership, and yet you made it!"

In a sermon, Begg pictures an imaginary angel at the pearly gates, growing frustrated during the sinful thief's entrance interview. After receiving no clear answers from the thief about doctrines such as justification, the angel finally asks, "On what basis are you here?" The thief simply replies, "The man on the middle cross said I can come."



Mary Wallace ~ 24th
Chase Foster ~ 25th
Hannah Bryant ~ 27th
Rachelle Kifer ~ 29th
Kirsten McGowen ~ 30th

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THIS WEEK *At Church*

† Indicates location is Blythe Chapel
Ω Indicates location is First UMC

PALM
Sunday

This Sunday:

9:00am † Worship

10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

MAUNDY
Thursday

Thursday:

7:00 pm † Holy Thursday
Service

GOOD
Friday

Friday:

6am-6pm Ω 12 Hour Good
Friday Prayer Vigil

Saturday:

EASTER
Sunday

Next Sunday:

7:00am † Sunrise Service
Followed by breakfast

8:00am Ω Easter Breakfast

9:00am Ω Easter Worship
& Live streaming



Rev. John Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN #294 9:00am *Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed*
Insert 0:30am (x2) *The King is Coming*

*GREETING AND PRAYER

*We offer a cordial greeting to all worshipers who have come to praise the Lord.
Your presence helps lift our spirits, and we welcome you in Christ's name.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please add your name to the attendance register located in your pew and pass to
the next person until reaches everyone in your row.*

PRAYERS

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYER HYMN #301 9:00am *Jesus, Keep Me
Near the Cross*
#278 10:30am *Hosanna, Loud
Hosanna*

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE 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 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.

THE OFFERING:

The Gathering of the Gifts

*Presentation of Gifts with **DOXOLOGY**:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him all creatures here below!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.

CHILDRENS MOMENT

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Derek Robicheaux ~ *The King is Coming*
Jenni & Jenna Schleter ~ *Glorious Day*

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 21:1-11 NLT

*MESSAGE

“The Hope of Palm Sunday”

*HYMN #160 9:00am
#277 10:30am

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart
Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

*BLESSING

Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG: *Give Me Oil in My Lamp (chorus)*

Sing Hosana Sing Hosana
Sing Hosana to the King of Kings
Sing Hosana Sing Hosana
Sing Hosana to the King

*PASSING THE PEACE:

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE



*Prayer Requests —last names are printed
for individuals requesting prayer for themselves or
with explicitly given permission.*

*Jane Marginet, Richard
Michel, Morgan Whitehead,
Terri Jarboe, Ruby Wilkerson,
Scotti Pitts, Gretchen Young,
June Regenhold, Brian Price,
Triston, Tegan, Pastor John,
Thelma & Len Robicheaux,
Wyatt Wagner, Mark Fear,
Kim Stratman, Deanna Wilson,
Kenny Shaw, Laynie Speicher,
Scott Ingler, Cathy Starky*

With the current tax laws,
not everyone will need to
itemize their

2023 Federal Income Taxes.



As to save our Financial
Secretary (aka volunteer)
a lot of extra work,
a financial statement
of your offerings and tithes
will only be prepared for you
upon request.

Please contact

Don Steinmetz

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or via phone (812)664-8705

Jesus' Triumphant Entry

²¹ As Jesus and the disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the town of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them on ahead. ² “Go into the village over there,” he said. “As soon as you enter it, you will see a donkey tied there, with its colt beside it. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone asks what you are doing, just say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will immediately let you take them.”

⁴ This took place to fulfill the prophecy that said,

⁵ “Tell the people of Jerusalem,
‘Look, your King is coming to you.
He is humble, riding on a donkey—
riding on a donkey’s colt.’”

⁶ The two disciples did as Jesus commanded. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt to him and threw their garments over the colt, and he sat on it.

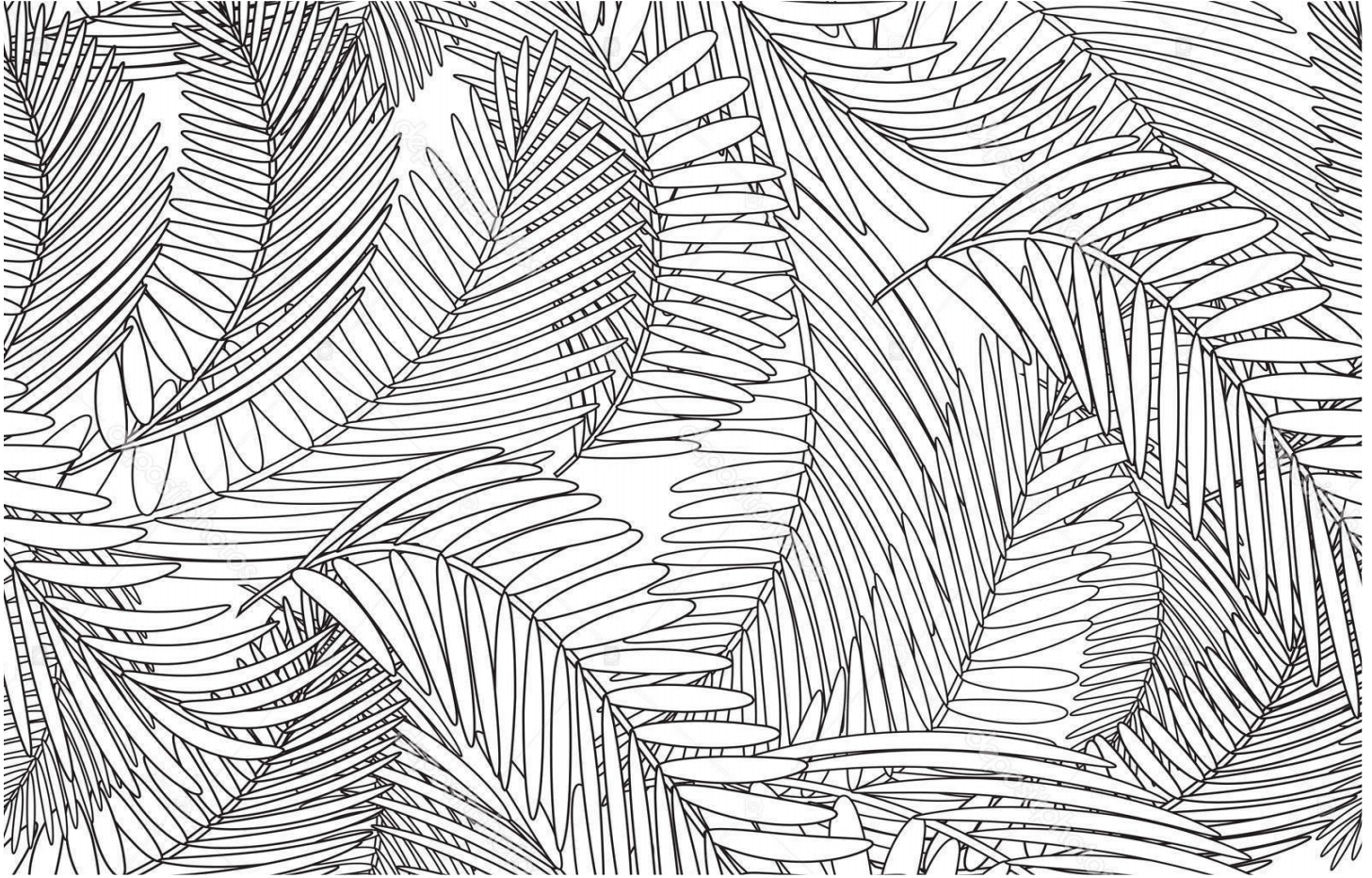
⁸ Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting,

“Praise God for the Son of David!
Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the LORD!
Praise God in highest heaven!”

¹⁰ The entire city of Jerusalem was in an uproar as he entered. “Who is this?” they asked.

¹¹ And the crowds replied, “It’s Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

RESPONSE: The Word of God, for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.



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Lips of children
Palm branches
Pharisees
Bethany
Parade
Stones
Glory
King

Name of the Lord
Son of David
Children
Hosanna
People
Sunday
Jesus
Road

Mount of Olives
Disciples
Passover
Village
Praise
Temple
Untie

Blessed is he
Jerusalem
Prophecy
Master
Riding
Waving
Colt