



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 our congregations are living
The Way today.

4th Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022



Easter Lily Dedication
order form inside...
order TODAY!



Good Friday
12 Hour Prayer Vigil

Reserve your prayer commitment time at
www.fbfirst.org
or on the board in the hallway.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday ~ April 10th

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

Easter Sunday ~ April 17th

6:30^{am} ~ Sunrise Service w/Communion
@ Blythe Chapel UMC
w/ Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast
following

Holy Thursday ~ April 14th

7:00^{pm} ~ Communion
@ Blythe Chapel UMC

9:00^{am} ~ Easter Worship Service
w/Communion & Live Stream
@ Fort Branch First UMC
w/ Breakfast @ 8:00am

Good Friday ~ April 15th

6^{am}-6^{pm} ~ 12 Hour Prayer Vigil



**The Gibson General Hospital Auxiliary
Annual Geranium Sale**

Monetary donations are appreciated this year, as we
have been unable to invite vendors to the hospital lobby
due to Covid restrictions.

All proceeds support the charitable projects of
Gibson General Hospital Auxiliary.

Advanced sales/orders will be accepted until March 28th.

Pickup of pre-ordered geraniums at the
PRINCETON PUBLIC LIBRARY according to
last name: A thru M on Apr. 11th from 9-4 and N thru Z on Apr.
12th from 9-4

Choice of color:

Red, Salmon, Pink, Hot Pink/Maroon, White

Price: \$5.00 either cash or check.

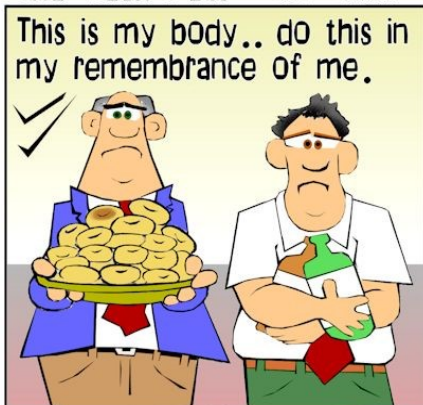
To place an order, please contact any auxiliary member or call the
Gift Shop Mon.-Fri. at 812-385-9219.



Love that welcomes all

Actor Tom Hanks once said, "There's no substitute for a great love who says, 'No matter what's wrong with you, you're welcome at this table.'" Although I don't know that quote's context, those words could well describe Jesus and Holy Communion, as well as God's unconditional love. For when Jesus first invited his followers, "Take and eat; this is my body. Take and drink; this is my blood," he didn't exclude

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



When it was discovered the communion crackers and juice was in short supply.. communion stewards Ted & Bill quickly nabbed up from the fellowship center a large tray of DONUTS and 2 liter bottles of POP.

Judas, who would betray him, or Peter, who would deny him, or any of the others, who would abandon him as he was arrested and executed.

Indeed, no matter what's wrong with us — what sins we've committed, what flaws we try to hide — Jesus welcomes us to the communion table. And he'll welcome us to the great heavenly banquet at the end of time. For the great love of God declares, "You're all welcome at my table."

—Heidi Hyland Mann

Thank you to everyone who helped with the potato bar last Sunday. - to those who helped prepare the food, contributed desserts, helped set up, helped clean up, and to all who attended. We appreciate you all so much. It could not happen without you. May you all be blessed.

Linda and Marilee




Easter Breakfast

8am

Sign up sheet
for suggested food items
to share is posted on the
bulletin board.

Give To
FAITH PROMISE
PARTICIPATE IN WHAT GOD IS DOING
Live Generously



Because of generous donations already received in 2022, each of these missions received \$300 this week from the Faith Promise Fund. Thank You!!



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Hannah Bryant ~ 27th
Rachelle Kifer ~ 29th
Kirsten MCGOWEN ~ 30th
Philip Beckett ~ 1st
Sarah Fuhs ~ 1st



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Fort Branch First UMC
P. O. Box 116
Fort Branch, IN 47648

Deliver to:

* -This symbol,
when found in the Order of Service
invites you to stand - if able.

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CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Children are welcome in the worship service! We do offer options. Following the Children's Sharing, children may attend Sunday School at Blythe Chapel or Nursery at First.

Nursery
Attendant:



3/27: Kristi Pflug
4/3: Janet McBee

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

This Sunday 4th Sunday in Lent
9:00am † Worship
9:30am Ω Sunday School
10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
3:30pm Ω Port Gibson 4-H
Thursday:
Friday: ~ Office Closed ~
Saturday:

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Lent
9:00am † Worship
9:30am Ω Sunday School
10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

Next Sunday:

Certified Lay Speaker,
Kristi Pflug



Together in Lent



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Wherever we have been, whatever we have done, our
all-loving heavenly Father welcomes us into his arms.

Welcome

The Rev. John Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN #545 9:00am *The Church's One Foundation*
363 10:30am *And Can It Be that I Should Gain*

*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 #140 9:00am *Great Is Thy
Faithfulness*
364 10:30am *Because He Lives*

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.

Listening Guide
“The Trial and Sentencing”
March 27, 2022

Scripture: Matthew 26:57-67; 27:15-26

What does Jesus teach us from his moments in court?

Tell the _____ (vs. 57-64)

Received His _____ (vs. 65-67)

Remains _____ (vs. 15-24)

Jesus _____ (vs. 25-26)

Personal Application: Jesus could have stopped the trial at any time, but He didn't. He carried through with it in order to complete the mission. Do we realize how important this is in order for Him to have saved us?



So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns
and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,
“BEHOLD THE MAN!”
John 19:5, ESV

Matthew 26:57-67 NLT

Jesus before the Council

⁵⁷ Then the people who had arrested Jesus led him to the home of Caiaphas, the high priest, where the teachers of religious law and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸ Meanwhile, Peter followed him at a distance and came to the high priest's courtyard. He went in and sat with the guards and waited to see how it would all end.

⁵⁹ Inside, the leading priests and the entire high council were trying to find witnesses who would lie about Jesus, so they could put him to death. ⁶⁰ But even though they found many who agreed to give false witness, they could not use anyone's testimony. Finally, two men came forward ⁶¹ who declared, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the Temple of God and rebuild it in three days.'"

⁶² Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, "Well, aren't you going to answer these charges? What do you have to say for yourself?" ⁶³ But Jesus remained silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I demand in the name of the living God—tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God."

⁶⁴ Jesus replied, "You have said it. And in the future you will see the Son of Man seated in the place of power at God's right hand and coming on the clouds of heaven."

⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his clothing to show his horror and said, "Blasphemy! Why do we need other witnesses? You have all heard his blasphemy. ⁶⁶ What is your verdict?"

"Guilty!" they shouted. "He deserves to die!"

⁶⁷ Then they began to spit in Jesus' face and beat him with their fists. And some slapped him,

Matthew 27:15-26 NLT

¹⁵ Now it was the governor's custom each year during the Passover celebration to release one prisoner to the crowd—anyone they wanted. ¹⁶ This year there was a notorious prisoner, a man named Barabbas. ¹⁷ As the crowds gathered before Pilate's house that morning, he asked them, "Which one do you want me to release to you—Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" ¹⁸ (He knew very well that the religious leaders had arrested Jesus out of envy.)

¹⁹ Just then, as Pilate was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent him this message: "Leave that innocent man alone. I suffered through a terrible nightmare about him last night."

²⁰ Meanwhile, the leading priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas to be released and for Jesus to be put to death. ²¹ So the governor asked again, "Which of these two do you want me to release to you?"

The crowd shouted back, "Barabbas!"

²² Pilate responded, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

They shouted back, "Crucify him!"

²³ "Why?" Pilate demanded. "What crime has he committed?"

But the mob roared even louder, "Crucify him!"

²⁴ Pilate saw that he wasn't getting anywhere and that a riot was developing. So he sent for a bowl of water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood. The responsibility is yours!"

²⁵ And all the people yelled back, "We will take responsibility for his death—we and our children!"

²⁶ So Pilate released Barabbas to them. He ordered Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip, then turned him over to the Roman soldiers to be crucified.

RESPONSE: The Word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Complete serenity

Many of us have heard the first part of what's called "The Serenity Prayer," attributed to theologian Reinhold Niebuhr. But we would do well to learn the rest of it as well:

"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference, living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; taking this world as it is and not as I would have it; trusting that you will make all things right if I surrender to your will; so that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen."



Would you like to help decorate and grace the sanctuary with a special Easter Lily on Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022

*You may dedicate your flower to Honor or Remember someone. Please fill out the order form and place with payment: in the offering plate, give to Zella Frey or Melissa Foster or mail to First United Methodist Church PO Box 116, Fort Branch, IN 47648
The last day to order is **Sunday, March 27, 2022***

Please indicate In Memory of ~ In Honor of



From: _____

Number of Lilies _____ x \$30 each Amount Enclosed _____

TRIAL OF JESUS CHRIST

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FALSE WITNESSES	CAESAR	BLOOD	INNOCENT
WASHED	BITTERLY	WEPT	THREE
DENIED	PETER	MOCKED	SOLDIERS
CROWN OF THORNS	SPITTING	CRUCIFIXION	JOSEPH
NICODEMUS	BARABBAS	HEROD	GALILEE
ROMAN GOVERNOR	GUILTY	SON OF GOD	BLASPHEMY
HIGH PRIEST	ANNAS	PILATE	CAIAPHAS



Lent hints of spring, a time when the earth begins to awaken from a winter's nap, and new growth bursts forth all about us. More personally, it is an opportunity to enter into a springtime for our spirit. For centuries Christians have

used the 40 days of Lent to seek spiritual growth. Sincere repentance, a changing of heart, casting off old sinful practices and seeking to commune with our Creator help us go in the right direction. Spending serious time in silence and prayer focuses our attention. Reading spiritual literature, becoming more knowledgeable about the New Testament, meeting in small groups with other Christians to share personal stories of faith can all be immensely stimulating. Joining with others to serve the helpless and hopeless can strengthen our spiritual life. Lent is a time to let God do "spring cleaning" within us. It's our opportunity to allow God to help us toss out the "stuff" that hinders us, and then freshen up the "new creature" we are meant to be as followers of Christ.