

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

10:00 a.m.

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Pastor Jeff Schooley

PRELUDE *Lord of the Dance/Were You There?* Joel Raney

WELCOMING & ANNOUNCEMENTS
PASSING OF THE PEACE

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: Hosanna in the highest!

One: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

All: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

One: Lo, your king comes to you;

All: Triumphant and victorious is he,

One: Humble and riding on a donkey

All: On a colt, the foal of a donkey.

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: Hosanna in the highest!

HYMN #156 *Sing of God Made Manifest* Salzburg

CALL TO CONFESSION (liturgist)

Like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem and then later pronounced "Crucify him," we are fickle people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Remembering the events of Jesus' last week helps us see ourselves for what we are: sinners in need of a Savior, a Savior—praise God—we have in Christ. In honesty and hope, we confess now our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you, we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, that our faith is often more show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE *Fear, a Kyrie* Stephen Deeter, J.A. Schooley



holy week

Events Calendar



Sunday, March 29, 2025 – Palm Sunday

10 a.m. Special Hymns and Lessons Worship



[No WeMeet on Wednesday, April 1]

Thursday, April 2- Maundy Thursday

6:00 p.m. Dinner-and-Worship in Fellowship Hall

*Communion will be served at your table



Friday, April 3 - Good Friday

7 p.m. Special Bowling Green Ministerial Association-led service at First United Methodist Church

*Featuring music with multiple church choirs.



Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday

10 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship



Communion worship service featuring special music with a brass quintet as well as the choir
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering and Fish Collection.
Easter Egg hunt with all church children during nursery and Children's Church time.



Week of March 29 thru April 5

SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship & refreshments (FH)
	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts (Green Lounge)
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation/Recovery Group (Green Lounge)
MONDAY		Church office is Closed on Monday
TUESDAY	1:00 p.m.	Book Group (Green Lounge)
	5:30 p.m.	La Conexion ESL Classes (various rooms CE Wing)
	8:00 p.m.	A.A. (GL)
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Deacons' Shop open to public
		Staff mtg. Pastor Jeff's office
	5:30 p.m.	La Conexion ESL Classes (various rooms CE Wing)
	6:00 p.m.	Maundy Thurs. Meal & Service (FH)
	8:00 p.m.	Meditation Group (FH)
FRIDAY		Ecumenical Good Fri. Services @ St. Mark's, BG
SATURDAY	11:00 a.m.	Memorial Service & Luncheon for Linda Myers
SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service & Palm Sunday

Helping Hands: Hygiene and Cleaning Supplies

The next distribution date is April 10th. Your donations are appreciated and will be picked up from the box located in the church lobby on Sunday, April 5th and taken to the First Christian Church for distribution. **For April, we need children's pull-ups sizes 4, 5, 6, toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, dish soap, laundry detergent, body wash, shampoo, and deodorant.**

If you don't have time to shop, a monetary donation can be made by check, Venmo or Pay Pal. The Deacons will do the shopping for you. Helping Hands continues to be a BG community resource for providing food and hygiene items on the second Friday of each month. **Thank you for your generosity and support. For questions, contact Terri McNamara at tmcnamara62@icloud.com.**

Liturgists Needed (or, a small way to help Chris): One of Chris Williams' many acts of service to this church is securing liturgists for each Sunday. With him still residing in the ICU at St. Vincent's, Pastor Jeff is kindly requesting that you consider stepping up and signing up to serve in this way. There is a sign-up sheet for every Sunday through the end of May located in Fellowship Hall and it is Jeff's sincere hope that every spot will be filled after Fellowship Hour today. If you're open to serving, but nervous about what is entailed, Pastor Jeff is more than happy to walk you through all that's expected and even give a few tips and tricks he's picked up along the way. **Thank you for this. Chris will be glad to know his community is rallying together in both prayer and participation.**

***DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsively)**

One: Hear the Word of the Lord from Psalm 118: Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

All: Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free.

One: The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

All: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

One: In Christ, God answers us and sets us free!

All: In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

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***"Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!"***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MOMENT FOR EDUCATION

READINGS & SONGS

"Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"

Bourbon

Jesus Foretells His Death: Luke 9:21-24

Jesus Foretells His Death a Second Time: Luke 9:43-45

Reflection #1: "How Did We Get Here? Where Are We Going?"

Jesus Turns His Face Toward Jerusalem: Luke 9:51-56

Reflection #2: "The Long Walk"

"Guide My Feet"

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Jesus Foretells His Death a Third Time: Luke 18:31-34

Jesus Anointed: John 12:1-8

"A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar"

How Can I Keep From Singing

Reflection #3: "No Turning Back Now"

Preparing to Enter Jerusalem: Matthew 21:1-7

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"

St. Drostan

Hosanna!: Mark 11:8-10

HYMN #197 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Ellacombe

Reflection #4: "Hosanna In These Streets"

Crying Stones, Weeping Christ: Luke 19:37-44

Cleaning House: Luke 19:45-48

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service" Beecher

Reflection #5: "The Prophetic Sign-Act"

The Messiah, The Christ: John 12:20-26

Reflection #6: "Back to the Beginning"

"Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said" Bourbon

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory Andante H. Knecht

*Doxology (Unison) Hymn #609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

* HYMN #384 Soon and Very Soon Soon and Very Soon

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE We Will Walk with God

POSTLUDE Voluntary in D minor William Boyce



Venmo

Sing of God Made Manifest

- 1. Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest, to whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them, magi came and gifts unbound, sings mysterious and profound: myrrh and frankincense and gold grave and God and king foretold.
2. Sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed, "I should be baptized by you, but your bidding I will do." Then from heaven a double sign - dove like Spirit, voice divine - hailed the true Anointed One: "This is my beloved Son."
3. Sing of God made manifest when Christ came as wedding guest and at Cana gave a sign, turning water into wine; further still was love revealed as he taught, forgave, and healed, bringing light and life to all who would listen to God's call.
4. Sing of God made manifest on the cloud-capped mountain's crest, where the law and prophets waned so that Christ alone remained: glimpsed of glory, pledge of grace, given as Jesus set his face towards the waiting cross and grave, sign of hope and God would save.

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

- 1. Hosana, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them, closed folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.
2. From Olivet they followed 'mid and exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud; the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.
3. "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.

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Soon and Very Soon

1. Soon and very soon we are going to see the King. Soon and very soon we are going to see the King. Soon and very soon we are going to see the King. Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!
2. No more crying there: we are going to see the King. No more crying there: we are going to see the King. No more crying there: we are going to see the King. Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!
3. No more dying there: we are going to see the King. No more dying there: we are going to see the King. No more dying there: we are going to see the King. Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King?
4. Soon and very soon we are going to see the King. Soon and very soon we are going to see the King. Soon and very soon we are going to see the King. Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King?

PRAYERS: All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, the residents at JDC & JRC, Chris Williams, Evan Dunn (grandson of Chris & Susan Dunn), Pete (Lee Liebetreu's brother), Glenn Varney, Lyn Long, Dave Horger, Miranda Douglas, Ron Stout (Ellyn Stout's husband), Dave Hyslop & Sharon, Jen Coddling's mom & aunt, Anna Beeker's parents, Ashton's parents, Amanda Pirooz (friend of Ellyn Stout), Mahmoud & family, the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, those picking up and trying to recover from surgery and loss.

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