

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ◆ 3/12: Trustees (6:00)
- ◆ 3/16: General Conference Meeting, Gray UMC (10:00)
- ◆ 3/19: Finance Meeting (5:30)
- ◆ 3/21: ELC Board Meeting (5:30)
- ◆ 3/23: Easter Egg-Stravaganza, Food Pantry/Clare's Closet
- ◆ 3/24: Palm Sunday
- ◆ 3/26: Outreach Meeting (5:30), Circle of Hope (6:30)
- ◆ 3/28: Holy Week Service
- ◆ 3/31: Easter Breakfast (9:00), Worship (10:30)
- ◆ 4/6: UMW Brunch

The Trustees will meet Tuesday, March 12 at 6:00 pm in the conference room.

First Church will host Camp in the Community the week of July 1-5. camp is open to rising kindergarten-8th grade. Registration is now open at www.campinthecommunity.org/host/johsoncity

SAVE THE DATE! On April 6, there will be a UMW brunch hosted by the Circle of Friends. More details will be provided soon.

Food Pantry Items of the Month

For the month of March, the Food Pantry is collecting items to supplement food for our neighbors in need. The needed items are peanut butter, cereal, and toilet paper. Donations can be placed in the boxes in the narthex and the connector.

Prayer Cover: Art Eckerson

Prayer List

Randy & Pat Adams
Family of Charlee Blackburn
Laurie Blayney
Paul Bowman & family
Bob & Carla Brown
Catherine Cartus
Karl Cavanary
Vernon Crawford
Eddie Deakins
Jackie Denny
Paul Duncan
Phyllis Eckerson
Vivian Eckerson
Tom Eorgan
Clint Ferguson
Cecilia Fleckstein
The Foster Family
Jim Furches
Betty & Earl Gouge
Casey Hamrick
Nora & Tony Haynes
Family of Anakin Hoyle
Scott Huff
Keith & Jean Jones
Joyce Josie
Deni Kiehl
Tammy Kosa
Linda Kostreva
Karen Martin
Bob & Wanda May
Kent & Midge Merrill
Jim & CarolAnne Milliken
Tom Palmer
Ruby Payne
Bob & Athena Peebles
Carolyn Peeples
Bonnie Sampson
Bobby Seay
Family of Greg Simmons
John Staley
Mike Terry
J.D. Toth
John & Susan Trotter
Steve Uelhof
Anna Grace West
Manna House



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Prelude "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" Arr. Edward Broughton

First Things First

Call to worship

Leader: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

People: I will praise the Lord with all my being.

Leader: Happy are those who put their trust in God.

People: Humans cannot save, but the Lord remains faithful forever.

Leader: The Lord executes justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry, and lifts up those who are bowed down;

People: the Lord loves the righteous, watches over the alien, sustains the orphan, and comforts the widow.

Leader: The Lord will bring the way of the wicked to ruin.

People: The Lord will reign forever. Praise the Lord!

Invocation

Hymn of Praise "Act Justly, Love Mercy, walk Humbly" Screen

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Just and gracious God, we confess that we have not lived as You have called us to live.

People: Our actions do not reflect Your mercy, love, and justice.

Leader: We scorn those who are different from us, while holding on to our comfort, fears, and prejudice.

People: We see those who are struggling, then turn our heads and pass by.

Leader: We have more than we need, but have trouble sharing.

People: We witness injustice and oppression, yet refuse to speak out for change.

Leader: Forgive our disobedience and have mercy on our weakness.

People: Restore us in trust and love, that we may walk in Your ways and delight in doing Your will.

(a time of silent prayer and reflection)

Leader: God shows us the path of life and offers us strength along the way. Therefore, trust in God and live into the good news of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed to try again. Thanks be to God! AMEN

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 58:1-10

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "How Shall I Come Before the Lord" #3124

Mission Moment

Doxology #95

Gospel Reading Mark 12:35-13:2

Anthem "Offertory"

Sermon "The Widow's Woe" Rev. Jodie Ihfe

Hymn of Commitment "God of Justice" Screen

Benediction

Benediction Response

We must go
Live to feed the hungry
Stand beside the broken
We must go
Stepping forward
Keep us from just singing
Move us into action
We must go

Reminder: no Bible studies or Wednesday Night Fellowship this week due to spring break

March 24 is Palm Sunday. The children of the church will lead us in a Palm Processional. If you would like for your child(ren) to participate, meet in the narthex at 10:15 that day.

Join us on Thursday, March 28 for dinner at 5:30 in the fellowship hall followed by a Maundy Thursday worship service at 6:30 in the sanctuary. (Wednesday Night Fellowship will not meet on March 27.)

On Easter Sunday, March 31, breakfast will be served from 9:00-10:15 followed by Easter worship at 10:30. The Easter Breakfast has traditionally been hosted by the men of the church. If you would like to help cook and serve, contact Drew Cradic or Pastor Gary.

The annual community Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 23 from 10:00-12:00. Donations of candy or other treats to fill eggs are needed. Volunteers are also needed for setup, clean up, and during the event. The Outreach Team will have sign up sheets.

Offering boxes are located at the front and rear of the sanctuary and in the narthex.