

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ◆ 3/26: Men's Bible Study (7:15)
Women's Bible Study (1:00)
Outreach Meeting (5:30), Circle of Hope (6:30)
- ◆ 3/28: Holy Week Service- dinner (5:30), service (6:30)
- ◆ 3/31: Easter Breakfast (9:00), Worship (10:30)
- ◆ 4/6: UMW Brunch
- ◆ 4/14: CrAfternoon
- ◆ 5/5: Lemonade on the Lawn, UMW Craft/Bake Sale
- ◆ 5/15: final Wednesday Nighter for the season
- ◆ 5/19: Graduate Recognition & Potluck

The Circle of Hope will meet Tuesday, March 26 at 6:30 in the parlor.

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/johnsoncity

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: Cathy Peeples

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 Peeples
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 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY

Prelude

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Evangeline Hurter, trumpet

First Things First

Choral Call to worship

“Hosanna! Hosanna!”

Elisa Wardeska, flute

Procession of Palms

Invocation

Hymn of Praise

“All Glory Laud and Honor”

Screen

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear us, Holy God, as we bow before You in sorrow and repentance.

People: Lord Jesus, we are a fickle people, quick to sing Your praise and quick to doubt.

Leader: We flock to You when all is well, but are prone to scatter when our faith is challenged or criticized.

People: Too often we have kept silent when given opportunities to witness to Your goodness and grace.

Leader: It is easy to join the crowd as You ride triumphantly into Jerusalem- singing our joys and expectations, dancing around with our hopes and dreams;

People: it is far more difficult to stand by You as the crowd cries for Your crucifixion.

Leader: Forgive our weakness when we turn our eyes and walk away.

People: Strengthen us for the journey ahead as we relive Your suffering and death, so that we might stay beside You to the end. Give us the courage to shout our hosannas, not only today, but each and every day.

(a time of silent prayer and reflection)

Leader: When we are weak, God sustains us. When we struggle, God guides our path. God's love endures forever. Stand firm on the good news of the Gospel:

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

Gospel Reading Mark 11:1-11

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "Who is He who Comes in Triumph?" #3082

Mission Moment

Doxology #95

New Testament Reading Philippians 2:5-11

Anthem "Sanctus (Holy is the Lord)"

Sermon "Triumph and Tragedy" Rev. Jodie Ihfe

Hymn of Commitment "Lead Me to the Cross" Screen

Benediction

Benediction Response

Lead me to the cross
where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to You
Oh lead me, lead me to the cross

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 UMW will hold a craft and bake sale on Sunday, May 5 in the parlor following worship. Please begin now preparing items for the sale.

Do you have someone in your family graduating from high school, college, or other degree programs? Please let us know by sending the name, school, degree, future plans, and picture of the graduate to office@1stchurchjc.org

Thursday Night Fellowship

Program: Maundy Thursday worship

Menu: spaghetti, fruit, salad, bread, dessert

Dinner begins at 5:30 and worship begins at 6:30.

Please make reservations by **Monday, 3/25 at noon** by returning the slip found in the pew pads or by contacting the church office.

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