

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ◆ 4/13: Confirmation Class
- ◆ 4/15: Men's Bible Study (7:15)  
Women's Bible Study (1:00)  
Finance Meeting (6:00)
- ◆ 4/17: Holy Week Service
- ◆ 4/20: Easter (breakfast at 9:00,  
worship at 10:30)
- ◆ 4/27: Confirmation Sunday
- ◆ 5/4: Crafternoon

There will be a Finance Meeting on Tuesday, April 15 at 6:00 pm in the conference room.

The UMW will host a Craft and Bake Sale on May 4th in the parlor following the morning worship service. All proceeds will go to help our Trustees with church repairs.

On Thursday, April 17, we will have dinner at 5:30 and the Maundy Thursday worship service at 6:30. Regular Wednesday activities will be held on Thursday this week.

### Food Pantry Items of the Month

For the month of April, the Food Pantry is collecting the following items for our neighbors in need: dish detergent, laundry detergent, cereal, & toilet paper. Donations can be placed in the boxes in the narthex and the connector.

Prayer Cover: Steve Gross

### Prayer List

Randy & Pat Adams  
Tracey Britt  
Family of Catherine Cartus  
Jane Childers  
John Cradic  
Kathy & Eddie Deakins  
Phyllis Eckerson  
Art & Vivian Eckerson  
Tom Eorgan  
Clint Ferguson  
Terri Fleenor  
Jim Furches  
Deborah & Marcus Grant  
Jennifer Greene  
Hannah Hensley  
Scott Huff  
Johnny & Peggy Humphreys  
Floy-Dean Jackson  
Keith & Jean Jones  
Anna Kapoor  
Deni Kiehl  
Family of Gerald Kleven  
Linda Kostreva  
Bob & Wanda May  
Jim & CarolAnne Milliken  
Family of Keith Mulligan  
Steve Murray  
Avery Nelson  
Joyce Ottinger  
Tom Palmer  
Bob & Athena Peebles  
Robin Potter  
Donna Robbins  
Family of Martha Sims  
Steve Uelhof  
Fran Waterbury  
Anna Grace West  
Manna House  
Messy Church



## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

PALM SUNDAY

### Prelude

### First Things First

**Call to Worship** "Rejoice, O Daughters of Zion"  
Evangeline, Graham, & Bradford Hurter  
Handbells

### Invocation

**Hymn of Praise** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" #280

### Confession and Assurance of Pardon

**Leader:** Gracious and loving God, You sent Your Son, riding on a donkey, to rescue us.

**People:** We stand in awe and wonder, but still resist His meek and humble ways.

**Leader:** We confess that we have learned to lean on earthly wisdom,

**People:** where we find ourselves bound by fear, strife, jealousy, and selfish ambition.

**Leader:** Grant us the desire and faith to seek Your heavenly wisdom,

**People:** so we may have peaceable relationships, merciful hearts, a gentle manner, truthful sincerity, and a passion for justice.

Leader: Mold us into the image of the gentle King of Glory.

**People: Subdue our restless and rebellious hearts, so that we might live abundantly and serve You faithfully.**

*(a time for personal reflection)*

Leader: God comes to us with salvation and reaches out to us with arms of love. Receive God's grace and believe 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 Psalm 33:13-22

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "who is He?" Supplement #3082

Mission Moment

Doxology #95

Gospel Reading Luke 19:28-40

Anthem "Ain't No Rock Gonna Shout For Me"

Sermon "There Will Be Blood" Rev. Steve Reis

Hymn of Commitment "Jesus Messiah" Screen

Benediction

Benediction Response

Jesus Messiah Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah Lord of all  
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Postlude

On Easter Sunday, April 20, breakfast will be served from 9:00-10:00 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.

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 a picture of the graduate to [office@1stchurchjc.org](mailto:office@1stchurchjc.org)

Once again we are partnering with the churches in our district to assemble backpacks full of school supplies for students at UM primary schools in Liberia and Guinea. By making bulk orders we are able to purchase, fill, and ship a backpack for \$22. This year our goal is 144 backpacks (\$3168). Please consider helping a student, and submit your gift to First Church by April 27 with the note "backpacks."

First Church is "hosting" Family Promise the week of April 21-27. This means we pray for the families, collect items they need, and support the ongoing work of Family Promise. We are collecting 20" cooking griddles (\$20 at Walmart); large, heavy-duty mesh laundry bags; full-size bed sheets; and healthy, hearty snacks. Donations can be placed in boxes marked Family Promise in the narthex or connector. The church will be making a monetary donation as well. Financial contributions can be made through FUMC or directly to Family Promise.

### Thursday Night Fellowship

Program: Maundy Thursday worship Service

Menu: salad, bread, dessert

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

Please make reservations by **Monday, 4/14 at noon** by returning the slip found in the pew pads or by contacting the church office.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Martha Sims, who passed away on April 4.

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