

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 13:
 9:30a-Discovery Class (201*)
 9:30a-Discipleship Journey (209)
 9:45a-Searchers Class (202*)
 9:45a-Christian Friendship (206)
 9:45a-Unity Class (213)
 9:45a-Children’s Sunday School (CW)
 9:45a-Youth SS (WC)
 9:45a-Confirmation Class (WC)
 11:00a-Traditional Worship (S)
 12:15p-Lenten Communion Service (C)
 12:30p-Trustees (J)
 12:30p-Mission Garden Plant Sale (WC)
 1:00p-Shower Ministry (AC)
 2:00p-Girl Scouts 17176 (WC)
 4:00p-Youth Chapel Bells (210)
 4:30p-Tucker ACTS (C)
 5:15p-Sanctuary Bells (210)
 5:15p-Youth Group (WC)
Monday, April 14:
 9:00a-Weekday Preschool
 10:15a-Christian Women’s Fellowship (AC)
 12:00p-Holy Week Lunch Series (J)
 7:00p-Harmonia (S)
 7:00p-Tapestry Women’s Choir (MC)
Tuesday, April 15:
 9:00a-Weekday Preschool
 11:00a-Staff Meeting (BCR)
 12:00p-Holy Week Lunch Series (J)
 2:30p-Lectioary Bible Study (J)
 6:30p-AA Meeting (WC)
 7:00p-ESOL
Wednesday, April 16:
 9:00a-Weekday Preschool
 9:30a-AA Meeting (WC)
 12:00p-Holy Week Lunch Series (J)
 5:00p-Wednesday Night Supper (AC)

Wednesday, April 16 continued:
 5:30p-Cherub Choir (MC)
 5:30p-Melody Bells (210)
 6:00p-Covenant Bible Study (201)
 6:20pWesley Singers (MC)
 7:00p-Easter Procession Rehearsal (S)
 7:30p-Chancel Choir (MC)
Thursday, April 17:
 9:00a-Weekday Preschool
 12:00p-Holy Week Lunch Series (J)
 6:30p-AA Meeting (WC)
 6:30p-Maundy Thursday Service & Covered Dish Supper (AC)
Friday, April 18:
 9:00a-Weekday Preschool
 10:00a-Backpack Buddies (WC)
 12:00p-Holy Week Lunch Series (J)
 7:00p-Good Friday Service (S)
Saturday, April 19:
 10:00a-Advent Hope Seventh Day Adventist Church (C, J, CW)
Sunday, April 20:
Easter Sunday
 9:30a-Discovery Class (201*)
 9:30a-Discipleship Journey (209)
 9:45a-Searchers Class (202*)
 9:45a-Christian Friendship (206)
 9:45a-Unity Class (213)
 9:45a-Children’s Sunday School (CW)
 9:45a-Youth SS (WC)
 9:45a-Confirmation Class (WC)
 11:00a-Traditional Worship (S)
 1:00p-Shower Ministry (AC)
 No Youth Chapel Bells (210)
 No Tucker ACTS (C)
 No Sanctuary Bells (210)
 No Youth Group

PRAYER CONCERNS			
Pat Hicks	Donna Powell	Alice Shepard	Jo Anne Maxwell
Garnett Halstead	Olevia Thrasher	Ethel Bay	Sandra Emrich
Dot Melo	Henry Wall	Shelly Thomas	Cliff Walter
Mary Smith	Charles Bannister	Chuck Stevenson	Marjorie Foster
Julia Torbert	Garnett Fisher	Carole Fisher	Dawn Hines
Gloria Jones	Lisa Tink	Patti Rioux	Juanita Woodward
Dianne Wood	Linda Wheeler	Jerome Masters	



April 13, 2025
 Palm Sunday

Church Mission:
To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Acolytes: Lauren Shanholtzer & Will Shanholtzer
 AV Team: Randy Davison, Charles Keown, Stephanie Shanholtzer

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025
 Acts 10:34-43 | Psalm 118:1-2,14-24 | 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 | Luke 24:1-12

Last Week’s Attendance	
11:00 am In-Person Worship	114
11:00 am Online Worship	25

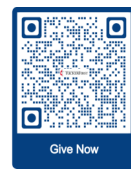
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Almighty and ever living God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRELUDE *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty* Arr. Broughton
 Dr. Soo Jin Kim, Organist

Please let us know you’re here and take a moment to fill out the pew pad located at the end of each row. Then pass it down to others on your row.

THE TRIUMPHANT ENTRY TO JERUSALEM **Dr. Nathan Frank**

WELCOME & PRAYER **Rev. Katie Mattox**

Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
 From the house of the Lord we bless you!
Hosanna in the highest heaven! Amen.

*HYMN NO. 278 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* Verses 1-2
 Verse 1-Children’s Choir; Verse 2-Everyone

**Please stand as you are able*

(C) Chapel	(BCR) Becker Conf. Room	(AC) Activities Center
(J) Jenkin’s Hall	(WC) Wesley Center	(AR) Art Room
(S) Sanctuary	(CW) Children’s Wing	*Contact Group Leader for Zoom
(GR) Gathering Room	(MC) Music Center	Link

Reminder: Our Tucker First worship services are live-streamed each Sunday and recorded services are available on our website. To ensure the privacy of our congregation, individuals will not be identified without permission. (lyrics used by permission CCLI# 1456853)

Vision Statement:
To be a church in connection with God, our community, and each other.

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Rev. Katie Mattox

¹O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!
²Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

²⁰**This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

²¹I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²²**The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

²³This is the Lord’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! Hosanna!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success! Hosanna!

²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord.

²⁷The Lord is God, and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

²⁹O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God. Hosanna!

SUNG RESPONSE *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* Verse 3

*PASSING OF THE PEACE **Dr. Nathan Frank**

Welcome each other. Welcome the stranger. Welcome all who come.
**As Christ welcomed everyone, no matter what their background,
no matter what their social status; as Christ welcomed enemies and friends,
outcasts and leaders, foreigners and neighbors, let us open our hearts and
homes and lives. Let us be Christ to everyone we meet.**

Peace be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us now share the peace of Christ with one another.

Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment

CHILDREN’S MOMENT **Mimi Sanders**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE **Rev. Katie Mattox**

PRAYER RESPONSE:
Lord, hear our prayer. **Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!**

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, the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY *Pieta* Martin
Chancel Choir

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE
Glory to God in the Highest

**Glory to God in the highest!
Sing glory to God!
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION **Rev. Katie Mattox**

*GOSPEL LESSON Luke 19:28-44 **Rev. Katie Mattox**

ANTHEM *A Joyful Ring* Kinyon
Chapel Bells

SERMON “Draw Me Nearer: Open the Gates”
Rev. Dr. John Mattox

INVITATION TO HOLY WEEK **Rev. Dr. John Mattox**

*HYMN NO. 280 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

*BENEDICTION **Rev. Dr. John Mattox**

*SENDING FORTH NO 672 Verse 1
God Be with You till We Meet Again

SERVICE NOTES/PRAYERS

Wednesday Night Supper
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm; Take-Out until 7:00 pm
Adults \$10; Kids (12 and under) \$5; 2 and Under - Free; Family Maximum \$30
Baked Ham, Mac ‘n cheese, Roasted sweet potatoes, Slaw, Biscuits, Dessert

SPOTLIGHT

Mission Garden Plant Sale-Today Is the Final Day!

Join us for the Tucker First UMC Annual Plant Sale on **TODAY (12:30 pm – 4 pm)** near the front entrance of the church.

Browse a great selection of affordable vegetable and herb seedlings, including popular varieties of tomatoes, squash, zucchini, peppers, lettuce, choy, chard, and more—all at prices lower than big-box stores!

Every purchase supports the Tucker First UMC Mission Garden and Greenhouse, where all produce is donated to Networks Cooperative/Food Pantry to help those in need. Come shop, support a great cause, and give your garden a boost!

Final Communion Service of Lent

John Wesley encouraged each of his followers “to receive the Lord’s Supper as often as he can.” In this spirit, we are offering a brief Communion service at 12:15 pm in the Chapel. This will be our last service of the Lenten season. Join us for this meaningful time together!

Christian Women’s Fellowship -- Monday April 14

Join the Christian Women’s Fellowship on **Monday, April 14 at 10:15 am in in the Activities Center.** This month we will be working with Don Andersen and the Shower Ministry organizing supplies and donations. Questions? Contact Linda Futch at ldfutch@aol.com.

Holy Week Lunch Series

Join us in Jenkins Hall on **Monday through Friday of Holy Week (4/14-4/18) at noon** for a time of fellowship and devotion. Each day we will share a simple and delicious meal and an inspiring and challenging devotion offered by our pastors. There is no cost; donations will be accepted.

Maundy Thursday Covered Dish Supper

Come to a special Maundy Thursday Covered Dish Supper on **April 17 at 6:30 pm** in our Activities Center! Maundy Thursday holds deep significance in the Christian calendar, marking the last supper Jesus shared with his disciples before his crucifixion. This will be a time of remembrance, gratitude, and unity, as we strengthen bonds, nurture friendships, and experience the true spirit of Christian hospitality. **Bring a dish to share.** We look forward to seeing you there!

Good Friday Worship Service

Join us on Good Friday, **April 18, at 7pm** in the Sanctuary for a Service of Tenebrae or "Shadows." This powerful service will follow the Passion of Christ with Scripture readings and hymns as a sign of waiting for the coming resurrection.

Bring Flowers for the Easter Cross

Help us decorate the Easter cross with flowers by donating store-bought flowers or flowers from your yard. Flower donations may be dropped off Saturday under the church portico or Sunday morning in the Narthex. The Children’s Ministry invites all children to join in putting fresh flowers on the cross in the Sanctuary. It will be decorated during the Sunday School hour, beginning at 9:45 am.

Join Us in Sharing the Joy of Easter

As we prepare for the joy of Easter Sunday, we invite you to join us in a special opportunity to give thanks and give back. This year we are collecting a Special Easter Offering to support the church in preparation for a new season of life and ministry together. This offering is a way for us to reflect the hope of the Resurrection by making a real difference in our community and beyond.

You can give in-person during our Holy Week and Easter worship services in the special Easter Offering envelopes, online through our website, or by mailing a gift to the church office. Thank you for your extravagant generosity and continual faithfulness.

Electronics & Home Medical Equipment Recycling Day!

The City of Tucker and FODAC (Friends of Disabled Adults and Children) are teaming up to collect gently-used Home Medical Equipment (HME) and electronics (working or not), including computers, laptops, game consoles, and televisions. Bring items Saturday, **April 26 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm** to the Church Street Greenspace. *Please note:* We cannot accept CRT monitors, tube TVs, or console TVs.