



Words of Faith

Faith United Presbyterian Church

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends of FUPC,



We are about to enter the Holiest week on the Church calendar. Easter has come late this year but the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ remains one of the central doctrines of our Christian Faith. As always, we begin Holy Week with the observance of Palm Sunday but this year we are going to be doing Palm Sunday a little differently and you deserve to know why. I have decided to combine the Palm Sunday service with the Good Friday service to craft what a lot of churches refer to as Palm Passion Sunday. The service begins with a reading from scripture of Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem and the singing of the Hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor." We will of course have palm branches to remind us of how Jesus was so honored. During the singing of this Hymn, I will ask those who can, to bring their palm up to the front of the sanctuary and lay it on the stairs in front of the Communion Table.

This effectively ends the Palm Sunday Portion of the service. The remaining portion of the service is devoted to the "Passion" narrative or what you might think of as the "Good Friday" part of the service. There are two reasons why I want to combine these two services and they are related. The first is theological. The death and resurrection of Jesus cannot be separated. It begins with the people praising God for what they hoped would be the promised Messiah and a new king. The shouts of praise quickly turn into demands for his death. In perfect obedience to the Father, Jesus is mocked and suffers a horrendous death on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins and the gift of salvation. Death is not the final outcome as God raises Jesus from the grave defeating sin and death forever. It is one combined story.

Secondly, to ask the congregation to come out twice to a midweek service is asking a lot. I don't know if this is good or bad but it is a fact that attendance is traditionally low

Rev. Dr. Jim Johns

for a Good Friday service. However, to go from one celebration at Palm Sunday to another celebration at Easter is unfair to the congregation. I do hope our Maundy Thursday service is well attended. It is at this service that we celebrate Christ's love and Christ's expectation that we love one another. The congregation should not skip from "hosanna" to "hallelujah," without experiencing what Jesus willingly went through for our benefit.

A Palm Passion service at the beginning of Holy Week may represent a change in the way we do things and we Presbyterians are not always amicable to embracing change. Some people may like this service while some may not and who knows what your new pastor will want to try at Easter. Whatever he or she decides, I know this congregation will want to support the pastor's decision. At Easter God did something new and different and the world was blessed. Have a great April.

Shalom, *Jim*

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Next newsletter is

May 2017.

Deadline for articles, Friday, 4/21/17.

Contact church office or Brenda Swindle via email to submit articles.

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Presbyterian Women

FUPC Women are well into this year's Bible study with "Who Is Jesus?" Books are available for \$10 in the office or at your circle meeting or from your circle leader.

Tuesday Morning Circle-2nd Tuesday, 10:30 am. Next meeting, 4/11. Circle moderator, Linnie Hinkle.



Mary Marxer

Thursday Morning Circle-2nd Thursday, *NEW TIME*, 10 am at the church, Next meeting, 4/13.

Tuesday Evening Circle-3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm in members homes. Next meeting, 4/18, Circle moderator, Irene Simpson.

The Starboard Stitchers will next meet on Tuesday, April 4 at 1:00 pm at the church. All are invited to come help them stuff fabric animals. These animals go to toddlers when they get their shots at the North Dallas Shared Ministries clinic.

Outreach & Evangelism



Monthly Pancake Community Breakfast will be April 8 from 8-10am. Join us and meet your neighbors and friends.

The members of Faith United have come through again with generous donations for Cabell School. Your outreach committee thanks you, but more important are the following thanks from Amy Estrada, the liaison at Cabell: "Thank you, pastor and members of Faith United Presbyterian Church for

Gail Crumpler

all you did to get the supplies for our teachers and students at Cabell. We are so blessed to have such a generous partner as you all."

North Dallas Shared Ministries—Volunteer opportunities, NDSM always needs more volunteers to help continue the great work we are doing! Specific need, Food Pantry Volunteers and Client Interviewers. Contact info: volunteer.director@ndsm.org.

Palm/Passion Sunday, 4/9

Sunday School at 9:30, Worship at 11

Maundy Thursday Worship, 4/13, 7 pm

Easter Egg Hunt, 4/15

2 to 4 p.m.—Fun, Games, Easter Story

Easter Celebration, 4/16

No Sunday School

Worship at 11 am



Journey to the Cross with FUPC

Happy Birthday!

April 7

- * Phoebe Higginbotham

April 9

- * Earl Blackney
- * Dixie Howell

April 10

- * Helen Gereaux
- * Doug Sparks

April 11

- * Brenda Burkham

April 13

- * Scarlett Silva

April 19

- * Richard Davenport

April 21

- * Lauren Hinely

April 27

- * Dan Gereaux



Prayer Concerns

Prayers for:

- ♥ Oscar Bennedsen
- ♥ Dale Durcholz
- ♥ Elizabeth Hendricks
- ♥ Roger Jones
- ♥ Ray Kirchmeyer
(David's brother)
- ♥ Lilas Kinch
- ♥ Sugie Maxfield
- ♥ Sherrard Family
- ♥ Alan Swope

Rehab/At Home:

- ♥ Earl Blackney
- ♥ Bobbie & J.R. Jones
- ♥ Margaret Jones
- ♥ Henry Knight
- ♥ Betty Laney
- ♥ Joanne McKnight
- ♥ Anne Mobley
- ♥ Wanda Mosher
- ♥ Freddie Simmons
- ♥ Betty Van



Directory Updates

Please remember to notify the church office if your information changes.

Notes & News from the Pews



Dear FUPC,

Thank you so much for the prayers, visits, cards, calls, and meals during my recovery from hip joint replacement surgery. I am truly blessed to work with and for such a giving congregation. Your cards and visits got me through the tough days during my recovery. I am happy to be back at work and easing back into my full-time schedule.

Yours in Christ, *Brenda Swindle*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Lent 5 9:00 CSID Worship 9:00 FUPC Prayer Time 9:30 FUPC Sunday School 11:00 CSID Sunday School 11:00 Communion Worship 11:00 Good Shepherd & Following Jesus 2:30 RYLA Group #4	3 7:30 GA-Room #2	4 1:00 Starboard Stitches 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1	5 6pm Lenten Bible Study-Rm #4 7 pm FUPC Choir	6 6:30 GA-Double #2 7:30 ABA-Rm #4	7	8 8:00 FUPC Breakfast 11:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1 3:30 CSID Choir Sanctuary
9 Palm Sunday 9:00 CSID Worship 9:00 FUPC Prayer Time 9:30 FUPC Sunday School 11:00 CSID Sunday School 11:00 FUPC Worship 11:00 Good Shepherd & Following Jesus 12:30 FUPC Session	10 7:30 GA-Room #2	11 10:30 PW Circle #4 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1	12 7 pm FUPC Choir	13 10:00 PW Circle #2 6:30 GA-Double #2 7:30 ABA-Rm #4 Maudy Thursday Worship 7 p.m.	14	15 11:00 GA-Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1 3:30 CSID Choir-Sanctuary Easter Egg Hunt 2 to 4 p.m.
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Complete calendar of events may be found on the website—www.FaithUnited-pc.com



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