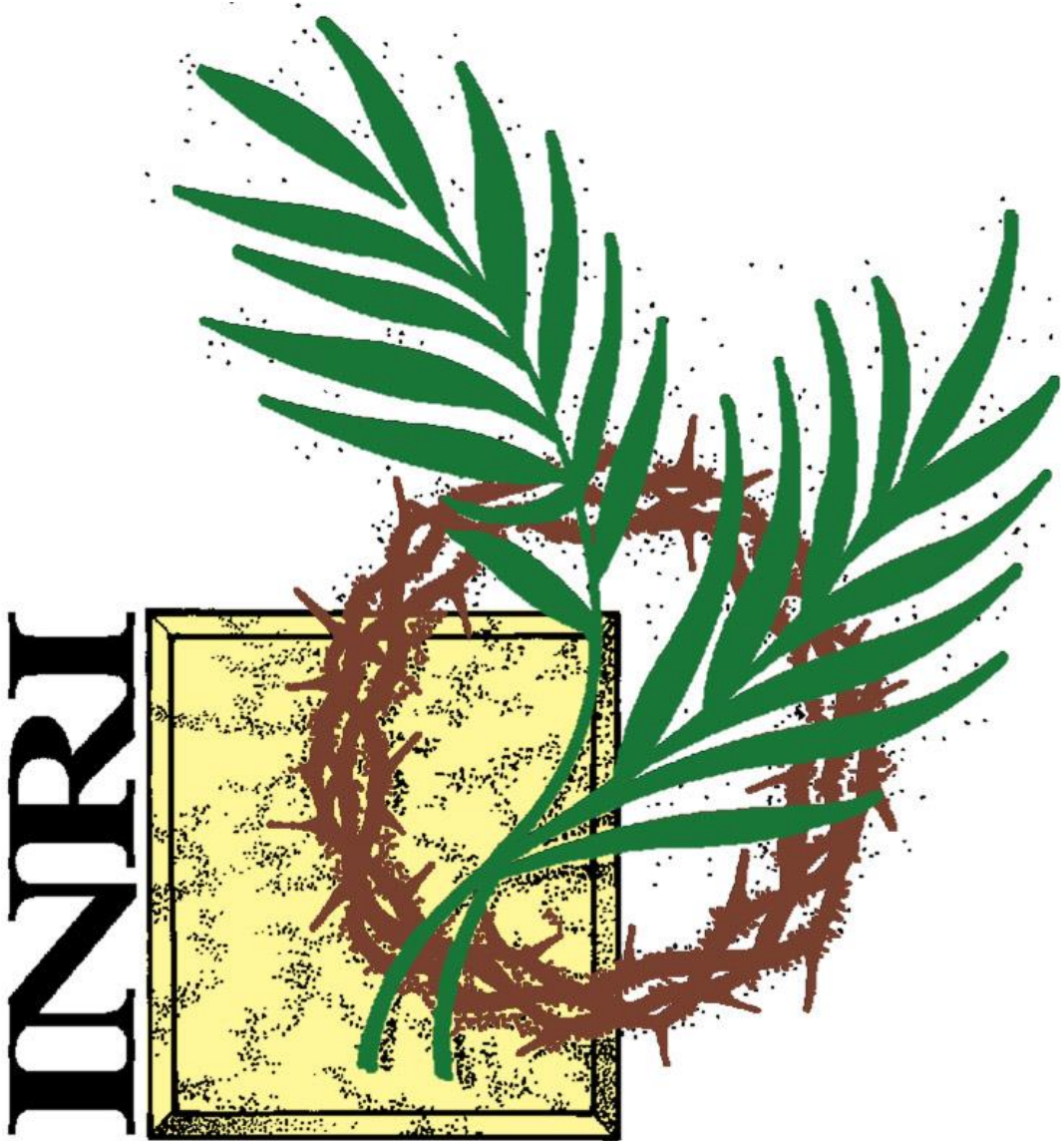




First Baptist Church
GREENWOOD

March 24, 2024



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The Worship of God
March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday
Lenten Meditations and Music
Morning Worship at Eleven O' Clock

Meditation: It is easy to follow Jesus when he meets our expectations. We eagerly praise him as the crowd did when he entered Jerusalem. When we realize the Kingdom of God is not about power and wealth but about suffering and self-giving, we drop by the wayside and perhaps even demand that Jesus be silenced.

Prelude

Robert Wilson

Chiming of the Trinity

Lighting of the Gospel Candles

Cady Weaver

Call to Worship “With Waving Palms and Shouts of Praise” Chancel Choir
Words by Ian McGuire, Tune: FOREST GREEN, arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams
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With waving palms and shouts of praise they greeted Christ the Lord.
Hosannas rang out bright and clear and to the heavens soared.
The people welcomed Christ as King and followed Him that day.
May we learn to be welcoming, and follow in his way.

*Processional Hymn 175 “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

ST. THEODULPH

Invocation and Welcome

David Jennings

*(Following the welcome, children ages 3K through K5 will meet a
Children's Church worker at the back of the Sanctuary to go to Children's Church)*

Lenten Meditations and Music

Jesus enters Jerusalem

New Testament Reading: Luke 19:29-40

David Jennings

(Pew Bible, NT, page 72)

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Offertory Prayer

Lewis Dorrity

Offertory Meditation

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

String Quartet

Paul Peart II and Jarvernique Tinsley, violins

Alexander Williams, viola; Richard B. Thomas, cello

Music by Richard Redhead (1853), Tune: REDHEAD, arr. by Keith Jameson

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*Doxology

OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below

Praise God, above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

New Testament Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Anna Burch

(Pew Bible, NT, page 174)

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane

Matthew 26:31-44 Trey Jenkins

Anthem

“Psalm 121”

Chancel Choir

Paul Peart II, violin, and Richard Thomas, cello

Text from Psalm 121: 1-8, Music by Heather Sorenson

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I lift my eyes unto the hills, the hills from where my help is come.
My help, it cometh from the Lord who made heaven, heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved, neither will He sleep.
The Lord is thy keeper, the Lord is thy shade.
The sun shall not smite thee by day, the moon shall not smite thee by night.
The Lord shall protect thee from ev’ry evil,
He shall preserve thy soul forever, forever, forever.
I lift my eyes unto the hills, the hills from where my help is come.
My help, it cometh from the Lord who made heaven, heaven and earth. Amen.

Jesus is arrested, Peter denies Jesus

Matthew 26: 45-50; 69-75 Carole Russell

Anthem

“Out of the Deep”

Chancel Choir

Richard Thomas, cello

Text from Psalm 130, Music by John Rutter from *Requiem*

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Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.
O let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint.
If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss:
O Lord, who may abide it?
For there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be fear’d.
I look for the Lord: my soul doth wait for him, and in his word, is my trust.
Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord hear my voice.

Jesus appears before Pilate

Mark 15: 1-15 Chuck Moates

Anthem

“God So Loved the World”

Chancel Choir

Words from John 3:16-17, Text by William J. Sparrow Simpson

Music by John Stainer, from *The Crucifixion*

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God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,
That whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,
But that in Him the world might be saved.

This is a true saying and worthy of all to be received,
That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,
That whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Jesus is led to Calvary and is crucified

Mark 15: 21-32 Edel McDowell

Anthem

“They Crucified My Lord”

Chancel Choir

Ryan Hewitt, baritone

African-American Spiritual, arranged by Michael Burkhardt

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They crucified my Lord, and he never said a mumbalin' word.
They crucified my Lord, and he never said a mumbalin' word.
Not a word, not a word, not a word, not a word, not a word.

They nailed him to a tree, and he never said a mumbalin' word.
They nailed him to a tree, and he never said a mumbalin' word.
Not a word, not a word, not a word, not a word, not a word.

They pierced him in the side, and he never said a mumbalin' word.
They pierced him in the side, and he never said a mumbalin' word.
Not a word, not a word, not a word, not a word, not a word.

He hung his head and died, and he never said a mumbalin' word.
He hung his head and died, and he never said a mumbalin' word.
Not a word, not a word, not a word, not a word, not a word.

The Death of Jesus
John 19: 18-30 Sonny Nodine

Anthem

“Arise, My Soul, Arise”

Women’s Ensemble

Paul Peart II, violin

Words and Music by Dan Forrest

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Arise, my soul, arise, Shake off thy guilty fears:

The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:

Before the Throne, my Surety stands.

My name is written on His hands.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary,

They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me:

“Forgive him, O, forgive,” they cry, “nor let that ransomed sinner die.”

My God is reconciled, His pard’ning voice I hear;

He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear;

With confidence I now draw nigh, And “Father, Abba, Father,” cry.

Arise, my soul, arise!

Hymn of Commitment 192

“Were You There”

WERE YOU THERE

Please remain seated

Verse 1-2: Congregation

Verse 4: Chancel Choir

“Death March”

Noah Skinner, drums

Stripping of the Sanctuary

Silent Departure

After the Paschal Candle departs, please leave the Sanctuary in silence as you reflect on the great sacrifice which Jesus Christ made for you.

OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, March 24-Friday March 29, excluding Saturday, March 23

1:00 pm-5:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 24—Palm Sunday

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

1:30 pm Chokhmah Men's Group

3:30 pm Children's Easter Egg Hunt at the Weavers' home (450 Pembroke Rd.)

4:50 pm *Voices of Grace* Youth Choir

Monday March 25—Noon, Deadline for Thursday, March 28 Family Night Meal

Tuesday, March 26

10:30 am *Sounds of Grace*

5:00 pm Edgewood Cemetery and Mausoleum Board

Wednesday, March 27

12:00 pm Lenten Pilgrimage lunch first seating (First Presbyterian Church)

12:30 pm Lenten Pilgrimage Service First Presbyterian Church

1:00 pm Lenten Pilgrimage lunch second seating (First Presbyterian Church)

No evening activities at church

6:30 pm Youth eat dinner at Santa Fe and dessert at Dairy Queen

Thursday, March 28

5:00 pm Family Night Meal

Adult menu: Breakfast for Supper—variety of quiche, cheese grits, bacon/sausage/ham, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, baked apples,, cinnamon rolls, ice cream

Children's menu: same as adults

(Menu is subject to change depending on food availability.)

6:30 pm Maundy Thursday service with communion

7:30 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal following Maundy Thursday service

Friday, March 29

7:00 pm *Illuminare*, presented by combined area church choirs and chamber orchestra in First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary

CHURCH NEWS

Called Business Meeting on Sunday April 7

A Called Business Meeting, for the purpose of extending a call to the new Senior Pastor, will take place after the morning worship service on Sunday, April 7. Paper ballots will be used for the business session. Absentee voting will not be available for the calling of a new Senior Pastor. The new senior pastor candidate comes as a unanimous recommendation from the Senior Pastor Search Committee and the Diaconate.

The Senior Pastor Search Committee would like to extend an invitation to the First Baptist Church family to a drop-in reception on Saturday, April 6, to meet the Senior Pastor candidate and their family. The drop-in reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

The Senior Pastor candidate will give their testimony in the Sanctuary during the 10:00 am Sunday School hour on Sunday, April 7. Following the Sunday School hour, the candidate will preach during the 11:00 am worship service.

Due to confidentiality between the Senior Pastor Search Committee and the candidate, specific details concerning the candidate will not be made public until the reception on April 6. It is imperative that confidentiality be maintained until a call is extended to the candidate and they have had an opportunity to notify their current congregation. Therefore, please refrain from sharing ANY information about the candidate (name, picture, etc.) by email and/or social media.

Calling All Children

This morning, all children are invited to carry palm fronds to the altar during the processional. **Next Sunday, Easter Sunday**, children will receive “Alleluia Bells” to ring on the chorus of the great Easter Hymn, “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today.” (Every time the word “Alleluia” is sung the children will ring their bells.) On both of these Sundays, someone will be in the Narthex at 10:45 am to distribute palms or bells.

Children’s Easter Egg Hunt

The Children’s Easter Egg Hunt is today, 3:30 pm-5:30 pm at the Weaver’s home (450 Pembroke Rd). Bring your Easter baskets! Please use Google Docs to sign up for food.

Volunteer Help

A volunteer is needed for Children's Church (3K-5K) on the first Sunday in April, June, August, October, and December. Please contact Anna Burch (aeburchfbc@gmail.com) to volunteer.

Opportunities to Honor or Remember for Easter

On Easter Sunday, First Baptist will publish a list of donors and those honored or remembered through a special offering during Lent. Honor donations and memorial donations may be designated for the Beverly Greer Offering for State Missions or for the Ministry Plan. *Unfortunately, the florist moved the date for lily orders, so the deadline to order lilies has passed.* **Donation in honor or in memory of someone must be given today, Sunday, March 24, to have the name listed in the March 31 bulletin.** Checks should be made payable to First Baptist Church. A form is in the church office for donors to indicate where the donation is to go and who is being honored or remembered. Since cards will be available in the church office for donors to send to recipients, no acknowledgements of these gifts will be sent by the church office.

Chokhmah Men's Group

First Baptist is pleased to announce a new men's group called *Chokhmah Men's Group*. The initial meeting of the group is at 1:30 pm this afternoon in the Mauldin Sunday School Class (Room 208—near the parlor). Chokhmah means *wisdom* in Hebrew and is pronounced hock-ma. The Chokhmah Men's Group will provide fellowship, Bible study, and service opportunities to any man interested in joining. Topics will include parenting, financial planning, stress relief, and much more. You do not have to be a member of the church to attend. Contact Jason Reed by email (reedjt14@gmail.com) or by phone (864- 941-7141) for more information and a list of calendar of events.

Praying the Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross provide an opportunity to follow the path Jesus took without the need for travel. The Stations of the Cross highlight fourteen key events in Jesus' journey to the cross. Various artists and poets from First Baptist Church and the community have submitted pieces for the fourteen Stations of the Cross that are positioned throughout the church and grounds. (A brochure with directions is provided.) The stations continue through Friday, March 29 from 1:00 pm-5:00 pm.

March/April Building Blocks: "All About Missions"

During March and April, the Missions Committee is leading an overview in the Fellowship Hall of some of the First Baptist's local missions partners. Each Wednesday a representative from a local missions partner will be on hand to give a brief presentation followed by a time for discussion, questions and answers, and, during some sessions, a hands-on activity. **Remember, there are no Wednesday evening activities this week. Building Blocks will resume next Wednesday, April 3, at 6:30 pm.**

Skoob Is Taking an Easter Break

Although next Sunday is a fifth Sunday, it is also Easter Sunday. Skoob's helpers have decided to give Skoob a day off. Children will follow their regular Sunday routine next week.

Community Lenten Pilgrimage

One service remains in this year's Community Lenten Pilgrimage. The service this week, March 27, is at First Presbyterian Church. The services are at 12:30 pm, with lunch served at 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm for \$2.00 per plate. Offerings received during the Lenten Pilgrimages services are given to Greater Greenwood United Ministry.

"Flowering" the Cross

The church family is asked to bring flowers from home to "flower" the cross on Easter. A cross with greenery will be placed in the narthex prior to service.

"NGO" Will Jazz and Jam

The NGO Fellowship will jazz and jam with Isa and Sam on Tuesday, April 2, at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. Isamarie Cardona (vocal) and Sam Walburn (piano) are two popular performers featured in Lander University's Jazz Band. Now our FBC seniors will have the unique opportunity to jazz and jam with them. The catered meal from Lee's Barbecue will be barbecue sandwiches, potato salad, green beans, and strawberry shortcake. **If you are not a member, please call the church office by Thursday, March 28, to make your reservation.**

Children's Family Activities on Wednesday Nights during District 50 Break

During District 50's intercession week and Spring Break, March 27 and April 3, Wednesday Nights will look different.

On March 27, there will be no Wednesday Night activities. Instead, the church will have a Maundy Thursday service at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. Childcare is available.

The second intercession week, April 3, will be a playground and picnic night from 6:00 pm-7:30 pm. Families are welcome to eat upstairs or get a meal to go and eat it as a picnic or bring your own. **There will be no childcare for this night.**

Children's Family Night Activity Rescheduled

The Children's Family Activity Night has been rescheduled to Sunday, April 14. It will still be 5:00 pm-7:00 pm with pizza supper, cookie decorating, bracelets and necklaces, and a homebound craft. RSVPs are due Thursday, April 11.

Ministry Plan Update (as of March 17):

2024 Year-to-Date Required:	\$219,176.54
2024 Year-to-Date Received:	\$162,653.71
2024 Deficit:	\$ 56,522.83

Praying the



March 17-29
Except : Saturday, March 23

1:00 -5:00 pm

**A brochure will be provided to guide
your journey and your prayer experience.
The Stations of the Cross will begin at the
entrance under the covered drive.**



ILLUMINARE

ELAINE HAGENBERG

**Good Friday Service
March 29th at 7:00 pm**

First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary

**Featuring choirs from
First Presbyterian, First Baptist, Main Street UMC,
St. Mark UMC, Our Lady of Lourdes,
and Rock Presbyterian**

Accompanied by chamber orchestra

Event is free and open to the public



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