

March 24, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday

**Entrance**

Gathering *(As we gather to worship please greet those persons sitting around you.)*

Prelude *(Please use this time to prepare yourself for worship.)*

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God* - arr. V. Labenske

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee* - arr. L. Larson

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Chiming of the Hour

Greetings and Welcome *(During this time please pass the pew notebooks.)*

\*Call to Worship *(read responsively)*

*Psalm 118*

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made.

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

**All: We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good.

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

\*Extinguishing of a Lenten Candle

John 3:19

*...the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light...*

\*Invocation

\*Opening Hymn

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

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**Proclamation**

Anthem

Children's Choir, Chancel Choir, & Coffee Chorus

*Blessed Is He Who Comes* - B. Mayo

Old Testament Lesson

Zechariah 14:4-9

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Gospel Lesson

Meditation

Rev. Jay Minnick

**Response**

Joys and Thanksgivings/Prayer Concerns

Silent Prayers

Congregational Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

**This morning we gather like the crowd that lined the streets to witness Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Some of us gather full of enthusiasm and life. Some of us gather wearied by what life has thrown at us, and we are just trying to hold on. Some of us have come out of curiosity. Some of us out of habit. Some of us gather with great expectation. Some of us with no particular hope. Surprise us this morning as you**

**did so long ago. Enable our hearts to sing a new song: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." We ask this prayer in the name of the one who taught us to pray...**

The Lord's Prayer *(please pray in unison)*

**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, and the power, and the glory,**

**forever. Amen.**

Offering of Our Gifts

Offertory

Chris Dodson, piano & Beth Robbins organ

*Crown Him with Many Crowns* - arr. M. Kim

\*Doxology *(sung in unison)*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**praise him, all creatures here below;**

**praise him above, ye heavenly host;**

**praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**Amen.**

**Sending Forth**

\*Closing Hymn

*Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

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\*Pastoral Benediction

\*Postlude

*All Glory Laud and Honor* - G. F. Kaufmann

*\*please rise in body or in spirit*

*If you are looking for a church home in the Raleigh area we would love for you to become part of our church family here at Pleasant Grove. Please contact the church office for more information about church membership.*

**Today's worship service is being broadcast live on the internet and recorded for later viewing.**

**Weekly Prayer List**

**Concerns:** Evelyn Castleberry; Beth Rea; Diana Barbee; Brenda Cantu; Robbie Stewart; Helen Hill; LeRoy Hurd; Sandy Castleberry; Doug Blackley; Mabel Whitaker; John McGlaughlin's wife, Terrie; Cindy Wiedel's mother-in-law, Marjorie; Cindy Hardy's mom; Melissa Krassy's dad; Purabi Dey's mom; Bill Krieski's mom; Warren Williams's mom; Heather Wilson's dad; Martin Schreiner's mom & dad; Nikki Williams's mom; Kirk Pedersen's mom; Sandy Jennekens's mom; Lisa Beers's mom; Melissa Kennedy's grandson; Vickie McGee's brother, John; Nancy McGee's sister, Margie; John McGlaughlin's brother, Jim; Purabi Dey's sister-in-law, Sumitra; Michele Baitsholts's brother, Anthony; Brenda Cantu's sister, Lillian; Nancy Glasgow's sister-in-law, Linda; Beverly Skinner's sister-in-law, Alice; Jane & Dale Stokes's sister-in-law, Doris; Betty Pierce's niece, Donna; Jeff & Kristin Hoffmann's niece, Angie; Niki Speri's aunt; Virginia Benner's uncle, Chuck; Susan Paxton's cousin, Lori; Ellen Rogers's cousin, Wayne; Kenny Hill's friend, Debbie; Dian Banker's friend; Jane Albright's friend, Jerri.

**This Week's Calendar**

**Today:**

4:30 p.m. Hand Bell Choir

6:30 p.m. Concert

**Monday:**

1:00 p.m. Lenten Study

7:00 p.m. Book Club

**Wednesday:**

4:30 p.m. Great Minds Tutoring

5:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal

6:00 p.m. Sewing Group

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

**Thursday:**

10:00 a.m. Little Seedlings

11:00 a.m. Sewing Group

7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

**Friday:**

10:30 a.m. Friday Folders

12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

## Holy Week at Pleasant Grove

### Maundy Thursday Tenebrae service with communion:

Thursday, March 28, 7:30 p.m.

### Good Friday Stations of the Cross:

Friday, March 29, 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### Easter Sunday:

Worship Service followed by a light breakfast: 8:00 a.m.

Worship Service & Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.

**Please join us this evening at 6:30 p.m. for our next performance of the 2023 - 2024 PGUMC Concert Series.** Isaac Pyatt will present a recital featuring marimba and vibraphone, including brand new music by local composers. Invite your friends and neighbors - all are welcome!

**On Easter Sunday we will decorate our worship spaces with arrangements of lilies and include a listing of gifts made in honor/memory of loved ones in the worship bulletins.** To make a gift, please complete an Easter lily sponsorship form located in the pew notebooks. Completed forms with payment must be placed in the offering plate today.

**As part of our Easter celebration we will adorn the cross in front of the church with flowers and greenery.** Please bring flowers and greenery cuttings with you to church next Sunday and help decorate the cross.

**Volunteers are needed (ages 5 and up) to help package 15,000 meals at our Rise Against Hunger event on April 20!** There will be 2 shifts and all volunteers need to register at this website: [events.riseagainsthunger.org/PleasantGroveUMC](https://events.riseagainsthunger.org/PleasantGroveUMC). We'll also need a few volunteers to help with set up. Please email Meredith Berry at [meredith.berry@gmail.com](mailto:meredith.berry@gmail.com) if you can help set up.

**An information session on the upcoming United Methodist General Conference will be held this evening at 5:30 p.m. at St. Francis United Methodist Church in Cary.** Rev. Belton Joyner will offer a brief history of the UMC connection, key points in our shared history, and an overview of what will be on the agenda for the conference, followed by a Q&A session. This gathering will be appropriate for youth and adults.

**The Outreach Committee is selling tickets today in the Welcome Center for a chance to win one of two beautiful quilts donated by our Sewing Ministry!** Tickets are \$10 each (checks and cash accepted) and all proceeds will go to support outreach ministries. Don't need an extra quilt? If you win and you choose not to keep it, the Sewing Ministry will find a home for the quilt! The drawing will be held at our Rise Against Hunger event on April 20. For more information please contact Lucinda Sullivan at [dannyandlucinda@gmail.com](mailto:dannyandlucinda@gmail.com).

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