

Palm/Passion Sunday Traditional Order of Worship

Sunday, March 24, 2024 11:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Festive Prelude on "St. Theodulph"* Teschner-Wood

WELCOME Ms. Linda Scott

CALL TO WORSHIP Ms. Scott

L: This is the day that the Lord has made!

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

L: Open wide the gates of your hearts.

P: Let the Savior enter!

L: Shout with joy, all you people.

P: The Savior has come forth bringing peace. AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* No. 280

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* No. 881

*GLORIA PATRI No. 70

WE PROCLAIM

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER Ms. Scott

RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM *Edward Hudson* Pastor Jeff Rudy
Son of Ben & Emily Hudson

CHOIR ANTHEM *Pieta* Joseph Martin
Kayla Marie Little, soloist | Dr. Frank Lakatos, violin | Tracy Leslie, piano

OFFERTORY INVITATION AND PRAYER Ms. Scott
(Please register your attendance in the red booklet at the end of each pew.)

OFFERTORY *Pie Jesu (from Requiem)* Fauré
Ryn Jenkins, soloist

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Mr. Colin Moore
(Children age 3 through 3rd grade are invited to come down front for the children's message and to attend Children's Church. Pick up after service in God's Big Backyard located on the lower level.)

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Ah, Holy Jesus* No. 289

*SCRIPTURE READING **Luke 23:44-46** Pastor Jeff Rudy

SERMON *Into Your Hands* Pastor Jeff Rudy

WE RESPOND

*HYMN *Behold, the Savior of Mankind* No. 293

*ANNOUNCEMENTS/BENEDICTION Pastor Jeff Rudy

*CHORAL BENEDICTION Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE *Lift Up Your Heads* arr. Burkhardt

*You are invited to stand, as you are able.

Dr. Todd E. Hill, Chancel Choir & Traditional Worship Director | Joan Bowker, Organist

Memorials

In memory of **Joan Bowker's 90th Birthday** by:

Joann Schroader; Margaret Fritts

In memory of **Robert Slone** by: Mike & Rhonda Wicker

In memory of **Matt Morehead** by: Joe & Dana Stonecipher

In memory of **Thomas Butler** & in honor of **Jim Stahler** by: Patsy Butler

Our Financial Stewardship and Attendance	
Received week of March 17, 2024: \$10,456.82	
Receipts YTD: \$121,637.39	Budget YTD: \$150,192.15
Attendance from Last Sunday	
Worship Services: 264	Sunday School: 101

Ushers

This Week (3/24)	Next Week (3/31)
Early Light: 4 th Sunday Team	Early Light: Mike Nutter Team
Traditional: Matt Pool Team	Traditional: Matt Pool Team

Caring Friends Birthdays

March 31 – Mary Ellen Walker

4040 Cannonball Trail, Apt 222, Yorkville, IL 60560

Adult Ministry

Activities for the Adult Ministry will resume in April!

Watch the bulletin for updates.

Church Office Closed for Easter Monday

The church office will be closed on Monday, April 1.

Blood Drive | April 7

The Red Cross will be here on Sunday, April 7 for our first blood drive of the year! If you would like to sign up for a time, contact Summer Cross (270-293-4879 | summer_cross@hotmail.com). We extend our warmest thanks to Melissa Easley for her years of dedication to the blood drives here at Murray First UMC and are thankful to Summer for taking over.

First Aid Training | April 13

First Aid/CPR/AED Certification will take place on Saturday, April 13 at 10 AM. If you volunteer within any ministry area, and would like to be certified, we welcome you to join us at no cost to you. Registration is required. You may register online (murrayfirst.org/forms) or on the bulletin board outside the office. *Deadline to register is March 31.*

Worship Schedule Change for May 5

We will have ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 10 AM on Sunday, May 5! Join us for this special communion worship service led by our youth. We will recognize our graduating seniors. Come and support our youth!

Happy Birthday

Join us in wishing our organ and handbell choir director, Mrs. Joan Bowker, a very happy 90th birthday!



UMKids MUSIC | SUNDAY NIGHT

(for K-6th grade)

Ukuleles at 4:00 PM

Handbells at 4:30 PM

KIDS IN FAITH | WEDNESDAY NIGHT

(for K – 6th grade)

Drop off at 5 PM in the Gym for dinner. On the menu: Breakfast

Road to Resurrection Walkthrough Event

Pick up in God's Big Backyard at 7 PM.

EASTER SUNDAY

During Sunday school we will all fellowship together in the gym!

SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP 456 (for 4th – 6th grade)

See you at 5 PM tonight. Drop off in the gym.

Pick up by the playground at 7 PM.

We will not meet on March 31st.



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See you at 5 PM tonight in the gym!

YOUTH IN FAITH | WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

Dinner in the gym at 5 PM | On the menu: Breakfast

Worship at 5:30 PM followed by our lesson/discussion.

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SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

We will recognize all graduating seniors on Sunday, May 5. We will need a brief bio and 3-5 photos for the presentation. Please let Colin know if you want to be included.

APPALACHIA MISSION TRIP | MAY 26-29, 2024

Please see Colin for the information on the mission trip.



MURRAY FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HELP MINISTRY

FEEDING AMERICA FOOD DISTRIBUTION

The next food distribution date is Wednesday, April 3.

Set up begins around 3 PM and distribution at 4 PM.

Welcome

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today at Murray First UMC! If you are visiting with us for the first time and are searching for a church home, you are welcome. Please fill out the Guest Connection Card and place it in the offering baskets. Returning guests, regular attendees and members, please register your attendance in the red booklet at the end of each pew.

Preparing for Worship

As you begin your worship, we invite you to study the bulletin for upcoming activities and persons to include in your silent prayer of intercession and thanksgiving. Remember the volunteers and staff members who make our corporate action possible: ushers, acolytes, custodial and support staff, musicians, clergy, and yourself, so that in our common worship, God may be glorified.

Interested in Becoming a Member?

If you are interested in joining the church or have questions about what it means to be a United Methodist, contact Pastor Jeff (pastor@murrayfirst.com or 270-753-3812).

Nursery Care

The nursery is available during worship services for children ages 0-3. The nursery is located west of the Sanctuary. Look for Noah and his friends on the Ark! If you need help finding the nursery, ask one of our friendly ushers.



Welcome New Members

Join us in welcoming our new members:

Brandon & Adrienne Morgan, Keith Buck, Baylee Shelton, Cecilia Dunn, Carole Downs, Kyle & Abby Hensley, Faye Guthrie, Zacharie Lamb, Jim Feickert & Annette Sitton, Russ & Melony Shemberger, Ash Stemke, and Nick & Abigail Calcamuggio.

Holy Week Noonday Worship | March 25-28

Noonday services start tomorrow. We will worship together in the sanctuary followed by lunch in the social hall. This year United Methodist Pastors from Calloway County will deliver the messages.

Holy Thursday Worship | March 28

Holy Thursday is the first of the three days of solemn remembrance of the events leading up to and immediately following the crucifixion of Jesus. We hope you will join us for this meaningful service at 6 PM in the Sanctuary.

Easter Sunday | March 31

Join us for an Easter Celebration at 9 AM or 11 AM in the Sanctuary and be sure to come to the gym at 10 AM for fellowship and celebration of the resurrection. Donuts, coffee, and water will be available.

PRAYER CONCERNS

(As of March 21, 2024)

Christian Sympathy

Family and friends of Ronnie Pool

Brought to Our Attention

Howard & Ruth Brandon
Tara Chapman (Robin Jordan's Niece)
Jeff Durbin
Trevor Jordan (Robin Jordan's Brother)
Dot Rowland (Friend of Shemwell Family)
Bro. Jim Stahler
Dorothy Steinke

Those journeying through cancer or long-term illness

Tony Bartley (Doug Crafton's bro.-in-law)
Dana Bazzell
Jessica Biggert
Stacy Bilodeau
Rhonda Black (Randy Black's Sister)
Lucy Boss (5 year old in our community)
Jackie Criehtfield (Jill Andersen's Sister)
Mitch Gibbs
Jane Hill
Mike Faihst
Greg McNutt
Virginia Schwettman
Jane Venice (Holly Bloodworth's Mom)
Stan Waller
Pat Weatherly
Robbie Wilburn (Joyce Morrison's son-in-law)
Emily Wilson (Katherine Gomez's sister)

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 24

9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service
10:00 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service
12:30 PM	Community Kitchen
2:00 PM	Pickleball (CLC Gym)
4:00 PM	UMK Ukulele Practice
4:30 PM	UMK Handbells Confirmation Class (Youth Area)
5:00 PM	Men's Bible Fellowship (CLC Conference Room) Fellowship 456 (CLC Gym) Fellowship UMY (CLC Gym)

Monday, March 25

12:00 PM	Noonday Service & Meal (Sanctuary/Social Hall)
3:30 PM	HOPE First (CLC Gym)

Tuesday, March 26

9:00 AM	Pickleball (CLC Gym)
9:30 AM	Quilters
12:00 PM	Noonday Service & Meal (Sanctuary/Social Hall)
6:00 PM	Church Council (Social Hall)

Wednesday, March 27

9:30 AM	Quilters
10:45 AM	Covenant Prayer Group (CLC Conference Room)
12:00 PM	Noonday Service & Meal (Sanctuary/Social Hall)
1:00 PM	Women's Book Study (CLC Conference Room)
5:00 PM	UMKids (CLC Gym) UMYouth (CLC Gym)
6:15 PM	Handbell Choir
7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Practice
8:00 PM	Praise Team Practice

Thursday, March 28

9:00 AM	Pickleball (CLC Gym)
12:00 PM	Noonday Service & Lunch (Sanctuary/Social Hall)
6:00 PM	Holy Thursday & Tenebrae (Sanctuary)

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Our Mission is to Love God. Love People.
Jeff Rudy, Senior Pastor
Jim Stahler, Visitation Pastor

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Welcome, Morning Prayer, and The Lord's Prayer – Jan Nutter

Waving of the Palm Branches – *Alleluia (Praise Ye the Lord)*

Songs of Praise

House of the Lord

Jesus Messiah

We Share Our Offerings

Offertory Invitation and Prayer – Jan Nutter

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Offertory Music – *By His Wounds* – Praise Team

We Hear God's Word

Children's Message – Colin Moore

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Scripture Reading – **Luke 23:44-46**

Sermon – *Into Your Hands* – Pastor Jeff Rudy

We Respond

Song of Response – *God So Loved*

Announcements and Benediction – Pastor Jeff Rudy

Departing Song