



First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We're glad that you are here.

To all who need comfort; all who need friendship;

all who are lonely and need companionship;

all who want sheltering love, all who sin

and need a Savior; and whosoever will

—we open wide our doors and say, “Come; let us worship together.”

10:15am Sunday Worship

April 2, 2023

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE

Boyd Law

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART

Vivian Eaton

EXCLAIM WITH DELIGHT – HOSANNA

SONG: “Hosanna in the Highest!” by Carl Tuttle

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Burt Prins

Give thanks to God for God is good;

God’s steadfast love endures forever! Hosanna!

We give thanks to God who answers us, for God is our saving help!

The stone the builders rejected is now the cornerstone! Hosanna!

Our salvation is at hand!

It is marvelous to behold! Hosanna!

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad! Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Come save us, Lord! Hosanna!

Give thanks to God for God is good;

God’s steadfast love endures forever! Hosanna!

*HYMN #278 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Burt Prins

Today, God, we rejoice with Christians everywhere that there was at least one day when Jesus received the recognition he deserved. We rejoice, knowing that his

triumphal entry means that truth cannot remain hidden and that good hearts everywhere recognize truth when it appears. We persist in hope with people on many continents, in many circumstances who are waiting for the day when their truth can be told. We persevere with them in faith knowing that the same God who could have commanded the rocks to shout truth in Jerusalem will not allow truth to be suppressed and good people to be crushed forever. Amen.

THE APOSTLE’S CREED #881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN’S TIME:

Bonnie Davies

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 118:20-29 (NRSV)

Burt Prins

*GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11 (CEB)

Pastor Dave

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

A: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN #277 “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”

MESSAGE: “Hosanna!”

Pastor Dave

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

(Text Pastor Dave, 224-600-0446)

PRAYER FOR PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who are 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 into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING OURSELVES

*DOXOLOGY

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy God, we enter this Holy Week bringing our tithes and offerings to your altar and leaving them here in the hope you will use them to make the world a more loving and compassionate place. We are reminded through the scripture that you sent two of your disciples out to make the world ready for your coming: “Go into the village . . . find the donkey . . . tell them the lord has need.” Remind us that your kingdom breaks into the world not as a spectacle for us to witness but as a parade where we are called to make a working contribution. We pray in the name of the one who comes not just for the parade, but for the cross at the end of it. Amen.

*SONG “The Palms” by Jean-Baptiste Faure

*BENEDICTION

*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD

Vivian Eaton

In Our Prayers

Billy David, Emilee Derrer, Merry Florence, Matthew Foltz, Rod Furrow, Rhonda Harlock Smith, Jill Hofstetter, John Irons, Judy Law, Mike Foltz, Dan Piercy, Rich Rathje, Annisa (niece of Bonnie Davies), John Ritchie, Grace Struve, Gi-Tae Yim, Inga, Adalyna Rose, Scarlett (daughter of Ashley Huebner), Sandy Froehlich, Tom Grissinger, Vanessa Grissinger, Deb(Kris Yingling’s friend), Laura Pike, Barb McFadden, Glen White, Harry Grissinger, Pete (Kim Gonzales’ brother), Ed Jepsen, Ron Smith, Tyrone Burcham, Lester White, Lester & Lisa Coers, Shirley Fritz, Jane Law, the family of Chad Vroman.

Our shut-ins: Mary Ann Larsen, Sylvia Reuterfors, Dorothy Taylor, Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve Yenney. Our country & government, Military Personnel & their families, The safety of Ukrainians & end of wars, Turkey & Syria, WC staff, teachers and students. The victims of the gun violence and their families

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- April 2 – April Ruddell
- 5 – Kris Offenheiser
- 6 – JC Carey, Melinda Dykema
- 8 – Karen Hoffman
- 9 – Jeanine Mills

CALENDAR

- Monday April 3
 - 1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies
 - 3:30 to 5 pm – WC Food Pantry
- Wednesday April 5
 - 10 am – Choir Practice
 - 1 pm – Soul Sisters @ Times Theater
 - Everyone Welcome!!!
- Thursday April 6
 - 9am – Bible Study
 - 4:30 pm – Lenten Bible Study (Week 6)
- Friday April 7 Good Friday
 - 12 noon – Good Friday Service @ FUMC
- Sunday April 9 Easter (Communion)
 - 7:30 am – Sunrise Service
 - 8:15 to 10 am – Easter Breakfast
 - 9:30 am – Easter Egg Hunt
 - 10:15 am – Hybrid Worship w/ Special Music

ANNOUNCEMENTS

West Carroll Food Pantry – They are in need of cereal, applesauce, pancake mix & syrup, peanut butter.
Blessing Basket – We need men’s shampoo, laundry detergent, dish soap, paper products, liquid

Tylenol & Ibuprofen for children, batteries (all sizes). Thank you for your continued support!!!
Savanna Fire Station Pancake Breakfast is TODAY between 7:00 am and 1:00 pm. \$7.00 per person!
Lenten services – Good Friday, April 7th @ 12 noon here.
Youth Group Meeting is TODAY at 5 - 6:15 pm.
Mission Trip Training is TODAY at 4 to 5 pm.
United Women in Faith is the first Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is May 2 from 6:30 – 8 pm. (No meeting in April!)
Soul Sisters – Next mtg is April 5th @ 1 pm Meet at the Times Theater to see “Jesus Revolution.” Cost is \$6 (\$5 for senior) Purchase your snack & drinks to support the Theater. Everyone is welcome.
Rice Meal Packing Day – April 22 (Saturday) at 9 am
Summer Youth Mission Trip to Tennessee, 6/11 to 6/17.
Youth Mission Trip Fundraisers
 4/9 Easter Sunday Breakfast – following Sunrise service
 4/30 Sunday, Chili Luncheon
 Freewill offerings will be received!
Easter Program – Sunrise Service at 7:30 am
 Easter Breakfast between 8:30 am to 10:00 am
 Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30 am
 Easter Service at 10:15am with Special Music
Next Blood Drive – May 23rd Tuesday @ 3-6 pm

	April 9	April 16
Acolyte	Ryker McCombie	Jiwon Yim
Liturgist	Brennon Cavanagh	Deeann Kramer
Counter	Rhonda Law	Lori Miller
Verifier	Linda Jachino	Kay Cavanagh
Youth S.S.	Easter Egg Hunt	Pastor Dave
Coffee	Easter Breakfast	Yim Family

Attendance for last week: 50

You can find pre-recorded online service on our church website and listen to the latest sermon by calling 815-599-1307



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Sunday, 10:15 am
April 2, 2023

Vision 2023–“Make Jesus’ Disciples”

Focus on making Jesus’ disciples to transform lives and the world!
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“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.”(Matthew 28:19)

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