

The Vine

"O God of Hosts, look down from Heaven, and visit this vine which, we trust, Thy right hand hath planted. Watch over, protect, and defend it. Nourish it with the dews of divine grace, and cause it to grow and spread and flourish..."
Also refer to John 15:5 — "I am the vine, ye are the branches ..."

Prayer Concerns as of Mar. 23

At home Judy Couser, Mary Burris, Betty Aiton, Cathy Neal, Walker Martin, Hack Brown, Nancy Finneran, Kathy Burriss, Linda Murphy, Carl Coker, Tommy Hörger
Presby. Home (801 Musgrove St, Clinton, 29325) June Dean, Marie McCracken Martha Franks Center (1 Martha Franks Dr, Laurens) Nancy Cook Smith

Extended Prayer list

Barbara Edwards, Lesley Mitchell's mother (3/21)
Angela Bonner, daughter of David and Virginia Bonner (2/16/21)
Carol Byrd, former interim pastor, (1/11/21)
Mark Dolny, stepson of Linda Dolny (11/20)
Drenda Taylor, friend of Alyssa Pinson (11/20)
Susan Roberts, sister-in-law of Connie Parker (10/20)

Sunday, Mar. 28

10 AM In Person Worship Service *Jerusalem Sees Jesus*

4:30 PM Elementary children-Bible study and dinner

5:30-7:15 PM Youth Bible study and dinner

Menu: Pizza

Attendance last Sunday: 91

Usher team-Mar. 28

Luke

Travis Thomas**
Chris Edwards
Curtis Fuller
Margaret Fuller
Marion Robinson
Jane Seigler

Usher team-Apr.3

John

Bill Baldwin**
Kathy Baldwin
Peg Basche
Bob Britt
Kaye Richard
Paul Wilkie

The sanctuary flowers are given by
Stan and BJ Turner.

Sanctuary Flowers

Apr. 4 EASTER LILIES

Apr. 11 WILSON,

Charles & Sherry

Apr. 18 WESTMORLAND,

Jim & Lee

Apr. 25 WHITLEY, Jean

Dear Saints of First Presbyterian Church:

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord-- the King of Israel!" John 12:12-13

Palm Sunday brings us to our feet and causes us to raise our voices with the crowds in Jerusalem that greeted Jesus upon His arrival. We wave branches and sing the "happier" hymns that have been somewhat absent during the journey of Lent. We stand alongside the crowd at the city gate with our palm branches waving, filled with expectation and hope.

But the crowd will turn on Jesus in less than a week, and in some ways we do the same in our own lives. When the hopes and expectations of Sunday are not fulfilled by Monday or Tuesday – at the latest! Jerusalem sees Jesus triumphantly come into the city and cheers His arrival, but not much time passes before Jerusalem seeks other answers. We are not so different, save that we know more of how the story ends. We'll talk about it Sunday.

Because our hope is never misplaced in Christ, know that you are loved.

Dr. Mike

By
his
wounds
we are
healed.

Isaiah 53:5, NIV

Apr. 1-Maundy Thursday Service at

First Baptist, 6:30 PM

Apr. 2- Good Friday Service

at First Presbyterian, 7 PM

Apr. 4-Easter Sunrise Service, 7 AM,

Thomason Shelter

Flowering the cross (*bring flowers*)

Worship in sanctuary, 10 AM

"One Great Hour of Sharing" offering

Vine Helpers (11:30 Wed.)

Mar. 31- Gail Robinson

April 7- Patsy Adams

14-Diane Milam

21-Lonnie and Rita Bixler



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Egg Hunt! Sat., Apr. 3

10 AM at the church; birth-5th grade

Story-time, craft and snack

Accepting candy for the eggs through Mar. 28. Please leave in bucket in hall-way outside the church office.

Urgently needed! Plans are in progress for Operation Christmas Child shoe box sites for November 2021. If our church continues to be a drop-off site we need a volunteer or volunteers to lead this mission project. The deadline to let Samaritan's Purse OCC know that we are willing to participate is **March 30**. If you are interested in this position please let the church office (984-6561) or Gail Parker (984-3790) know quickly!



Ken's Komments

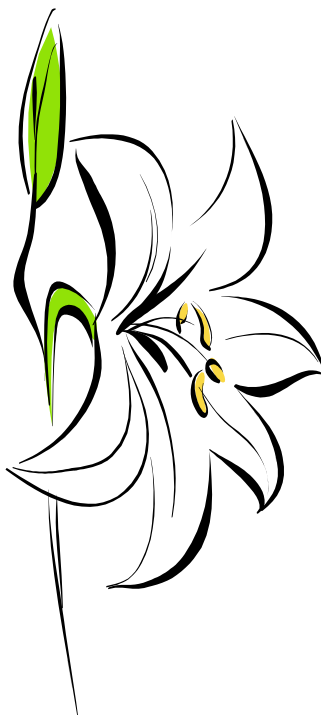
HELP NEEDED! YOU are needed in the Chancel Choir. If you can carry a tune in a bucket, bring your bucket to choir rehearsals, Wednesday evenings at 6:30- 7:30pm in Hunter Hall, masked and distanced. Please consider coming. As I said Sunday morning, "Come and sing your sins away!"

The Sunday we have waited for: this Sunday you, the congregation, will be able to sing hymns, masked and seated, and the Chancel Choir will return to the Choir Loft, masked and singing. I am very thankful that we can do this, and that there has been an abatement of the Corona Virus.

Worship music by the Chancel Choir this Sunday will be an arrangement of "Ride On, King Jesus," and the wonderful arrangement of "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" by Gilbert Martin.

Our children will enter with palms as we sing the Palm Sunday hymn "All Glory, Laud and Honor." The text of the hymn was written in 820 AD by Theodulph, Bishop of Orleans, and has been sung by Christians through the ages.

Come, ready to sing and worship this Sunday.



The sanctuary will be decorated with lilies for Easter. If you would like to contribute in honor or in memory of someone, please use the form below or pick up one at church. Make payments to First Presbyterian Church with "Easter Lilies" on the memo line and place form/money in the offering plate or bring/mail it to the office.

Given by: _____

In memory/honor of: _____

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In memory/honor of: _____



2-Chris Liner, Cadie Wilson
 3-Kathy Baldwin, Peggy Crow, Watson Smith
 4-Mike McCracken, Kayleigh Sheehy, Griffin Raines
 5-Elizabeth Robertson, Foster Thomason
 6-Margaret Fuller
 7 -Johnny Mitchell
 10-Melissa Gilstrap
 13-Brianna Wynn
 14-Meredith Liner
 18-Bev Britt, Ashley Brown, Gary Crow, Libby Hewes, Claire Raines
 19-Melissa Meier, Marilyn Bronson
 22-Cozy Todd
 24-Carter Thomason
 25-Emma Rae Davis, Susanna Smith
 27-Gracin Gilstrap, Julie Iacoune, Lane McCracken
 28-Cade Liner



The knitting/handwork group has resumed gathering. They meet on **Tuesday mornings** from **10-12** in Cook Conference Room. Anyone is welcome whether you knit or not! Come join the fellowship!



Youth Group Easter Edition!

All 6th to 12th grade students are invited to join us this Sunday from 5:30 pm to 7:15 pm for a fun night of fellowship and Easter-themed games! Come be nourished by the Word of God and each other! Dinner will be provided.

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