

Palm Sunday Worship



On Palm Sunday, we celebrated the beginning of Holy Week with a palm procession and shouts of praise.

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Questions of Holy Week

Throughout the season of Lent, we have reflected on questions:

Who will you listen to? How do we begin again? Will you give me a drink?

Who sinned? Can these bones live? Where are you headed?

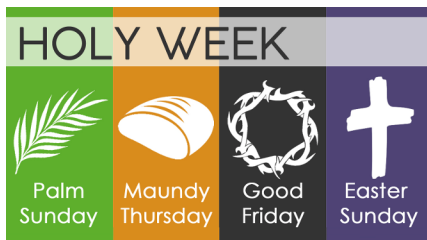
Hopefully, these questions have guided us into a deeper relationship with Jesus. While some may suggest that questioning God signals a lack of faith (how dare we lowly humans question all-powerful God?), Scripture suggests otherwise. Abraham negotiated, Jacob wrestled, David asked "how long, O Lord?" Asking questions may not always lead to answers, but perhaps to a deeper understanding and relationship. The God we are seeking is the God who promises, "**you will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart**" (Jeremiah 29:13).

Holy Week brings some of the heaviest and deepest questions we may encounter:

Will you wash my feet? Why have you forsaken me? Who are looking for?

As we journey through this Holy week, may we keep seeking and keep asking questions. There is good news and light on the horizon. In the meantime, God is with us, here and now.

With grace and hope for this Holy Week,
Pastor Jennifer Rygg, 4/4/23



Holy Week Opportunities

Maundy Thursday · Worship with Communion

Apr 6 · 6:30 pm · Sanctuary

Community Good Friday Service

Apr 7 · Noon · St. Paul Episcopal Church
(328 E Queen St)

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, Apr 8 · 3:00 pm

· meet in the Fellowship Hall for games; kids will be divided into age groups to hunt Easter eggs

Easter Sunday

· usual schedule with worship at 10:45 am in the Sanctuary and online

· bring fresh cut flowers to "flower the cross" after worship; flowers will also be provided

Easter Monday Holiday

The church office will be closed on Monday, April 10.

to ask why

prayer by Rev. Sarah Speed
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To ask why

is to break open your heart,
to pour yourself out,
to stare into
the gnawing emptiness
of the tomb,
to peel away
any layer of security,
to walk on fire,
and stand in the rain.

It's talking about the bad dreams
after you've had them.

It's courageous and vulnerable,
painful and necessary.

To ask why

is to declare
that God is God.

To ask why is to say,

be my God

even when,

especially when,

the world falls apart.

CBFSC General Assembly

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina General Assembly will be at First Baptist Church of Anderson on Friday, April 21. The event will include opportunities to learn about CBF mission and ministry partners, fellowship, and worship. The evening worship service will feature CBF Executive Coordinator Paul Baxley as the keynote speaker and a special time of celebration as we officially install Elizabeth Nance-Coker as our CBFSC Coordinator. Childcare is available. For additional details and registration, visit cbfsc.org/general-assembly-2023.

CHOIR SINGERS are invited to join in a Mass Choir presentation of "Total Praise" during Friday evening worship. Come as you are - rehearsal is at 6:15 pm in the choir loft - worship is at 7 pm.

Mental Health First Aid

Mental Health First Aid will be offered at FBCP on **Saturday, Apr 22 from 9 am - 3 pm**, led by **Ted Thomas** (ted@tedthomas.us). Cost is only **\$25 per participant** and includes lunch. This course is designed to equip non-professionals to have conversations with friends and family about mental health challenges. No previous experience or training is required. We have 12 participants registered so far. On Wed, April 12, Ted Thomas will share about the importance of mental health awareness during our Wed Night Bible Study. This will be a great opportunity for those who are curious about the course to learn a bit more.

Keenagers

Keenagers will meet **Monday, Apr 10 at 10:30 am** in the **Fellowship Hall** and will enjoy fellowship, **BINGO**, and lunch. Please let **Evelyn Simpson** (864-364-4670) know if you will attend so we order enough food for lunch. All Senior Fellowship participants are invited to attend Keenagers. Thanks.

Save the Date: Quarterly Church Conference

Save the Date for our next Quarterly Church Conference on **Sunday, April 30** in the **Fellowship Hall** following worship. The church will provide an entree; **please bring a side or dessert to share**. Quarterly Church Conference is always an opportunity for fellowship and an opportunity to stay informed about what's happening in the church. We hope to see you there!

Congratulations, RMS Chorus!



Congratulations to the **Riverside Middle School Chorus**, who received a **Superior** rating at their state chorus festival on Thursday, Mar 30 in Greenville.

Prior to the competition, FBCP hosted the chorus for lunch, and then thoroughly enjoyed a rehearsal concert in the Sanctuary. We hope to do this again!

Congratulations to director Kayla Williams, accompanist Rev. Chris Cottingham, and all the members of the Riverside Middle School Chorus!



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**As we aspire to keep Jesus at the center of our lives,
 we are Rooted in Faith, and Growing in Love.
 We endeavor to be a welcoming and affirming
 community of grace for all people, loving our
 neighbors because God first loved us.**

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

9:00 am Coffee, Tea, & Conversation in the Fellowship Hall
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship in the Sanctuary and on Facebook Live

We hope you can join us for in-person worship, but if you aren't able to attend in person, you can worship on Facebook through our live streaming system.
 visit our website
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PASTORAL EMERGENCY

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