

†Congregational Response      *Jesus Messiah*      -arr. Lloyd Larson  
*Jesus Messiah, name above all names; blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.  
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven; Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.  
All our hope is in you, all our hope is in you, all the glory to you, God,  
the Light of the world.*  
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†Benediction      Jeff Harris

†Postlude      *Ride On, O King, Ride On*      -Lani Smith

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sunday, March 20	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	4:00 pm	Easter Egg Hunt – TFAC Amphitheater
	5:00 pm	Children’s Choir
	6:00 pm	Refuge
Monday, March 21	12:00 pm	Noonday Prayer
Tuesday, March 22	10:30 am	Staff Meeting
	12:00 pm	Noonday Prayer
Wednesday, March 16	12:00 pm	Noonday Prayer
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, March 17	6:00 pm	Maundy Thursday potluck and worship
Friday, March 18	12:00 pm	Good Friday – guided prayer service

Acolytes for today’s service are Laney Littlefield and Jack Fox.

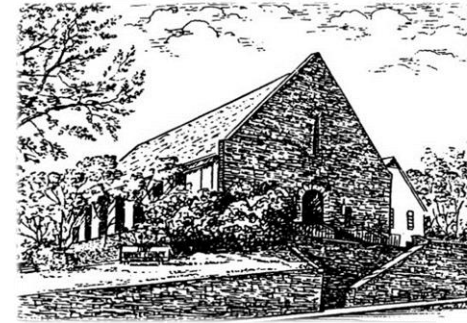
If you are a guest, we are grateful you are here. Please complete a welcome card, which can be found in the pew pocket, and place it in the offering plate, so we can send you a written word of greeting. As you exit, we have a small gift to offer in appreciation of your presence.

Hearing assistance devices are available in the narthex.

The third Sunday of each month, we collect an offering for the Food Pantry of Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry. This offering directly helps feed hungry families in Polk County. You may give to this offering as you exit today.

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The Reverend Candace Wilson,  
Minister of Music and Christian Formation  
Kay Greene, Pianist  
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*First Baptist Church*

March 20, 2016

Eleven O’Clock in the Morning

Palm Sunday

*The Worship of God*

**GATHERING TO WORSHIP**

Music for Gathering      Kay Greene  
Gospel Reading      Luke 19:28-40 (p. 81)      Jeff Harris  
Palm Processional      *Sing Hosanna! Blessed Is He!*      -arr. Fettke/Grassi  
Call to Worship      Jeff Harris  
We open our eyes to see his glory.  
**We open our ears to hear his wisdom.**  
We open our hands to offer him gifts.  
**We open our mouths to sing his praise.**  
We open our hearts to offer him our love.  
**He is Lord!**

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Invocation      Laney Littlefield

† Hymn of Praise 126      *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*      ST. THEODULPH

† Passing of the Peace      Jeff Harris  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Children’s Time      Candace Wilson  
(Kindergartners and preschoolers leave for Children’s Church after the Children’s Time)

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Gospel Reading Luke 23:13-25 (p. 85) Jeff Harris  
Candace Wilson

Responsive Reading Psalm 22:1-8 Kathryn Smith  
My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me,  
from the words of my groaning?  
**O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.**  
Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.  
**In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.**  
To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.  
**But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised  
by the people.**  
All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;  
**'Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver— let him rescue the one  
in whom he delights!'**

Gospel Reading Luke 23:26-31 (p. 86)

Responsive Reading Psalm 22:9-15  
Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast.  
**On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have  
been my God.**  
Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.  
**Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me;**  
they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.  
**I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is  
like wax; it is melted within my breast;**  
my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me  
in the dust of death.

Gospel Reading Luke 23:32-43 (p. 86)

Responsive Reading Psalm 22:16-24  
For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet  
have shriveled;  
**I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me;**  
they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.  
**But you, O Lord, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid!**  
Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog!  
**Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen  
you have rescued me.**

I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation  
I will praise you:  
**You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify  
him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!**  
For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face  
from me, but heard when I cried to him.

Gospel Reading Luke 24:44-47 (p.88)

Responsive Reading Psalm 22:25-31  
From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those  
who fear him.  
**The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the  
Lord. May your hearts live forever!**  
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families  
of the nations shall worship before him.  
**For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations. To him,  
indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow  
all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.**  
Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,  
**and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he  
has done it.**

Sermon "A Strange Equation" Jeff Harris

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

Silence

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

†Hymn of Dedication 129 *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* STORIES OF JESUS  
(Those making decisions of faith, renewals of faith, or desiring to unite with our church through  
membership, may come forward at this time.)

†Offertory Prayer Phillip Pleasants

Offertory and Meditation *The Palms* -arr. Rob Roy Peery

†Doxology 253 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

## DEPARTING TO SERVE

Opportunities for Service Jeff Harris

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Easter Egg Hunt Today, 4:00pm** - All preschool and elementary children are invited to join us. Children should bring a basket or bag for their eggs, and should meet at the Tryon Fine Arts Center Amphitheater at 4:00pm. We will have snacks, games, and hunt for eggs.

**Easter Missions Offering** – During the month of March, we are collecting donations for **CBF Global Missions** the **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**. If you have offering envelopes, those designated envelopes are in your box. If not, they are available at the sanctuary entrances.

**Give the Gift of Food** – Because we are no longer using live Easter lilies in the sanctuary due to allergy concerns, you may give a food box to Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry in memory or in honor of someone for Easter. The cost of each box is \$20. Envelopes are provided for this and may be found at the entrances to the sanctuary.

**Brotherhood** meets at 6:30pm, **Monday, March 21**, at Calvert’s Kitchen in Columbus. All men of the church are invited and encouraged to bring a friend. There is a sign-up sheet in the education hallway.

**Scholarship Applications and Renewals** are available for 2016, and can be found on the kitchen counter in the church. Please have them filled out and back to the church office by no later than April 10.

**Stop Hunger Now** – there is a food-packing event at Polk County High School on Saturday, April 9, at 8:00am. We will be packing nutritious individual meals to ship to Haiti. All volunteers are welcome. There is a sign-up sheet in the education hallway, as two shifts are available – one from 8-10 and another from 10-12.

**March 13, 2015**

Weekly Budget Giving	\$ 7,626	Easter Food Boxes	\$80
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 6,683	Annie Armstrong	\$175
YTD Budget Giving	\$ 68,619		
YTD Budget Goal	\$ 73,513		

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- March 20 Palm Sunday, 11am
- March 21 Noonday Prayer (This is a brief service – a mini Sabbath if you will – usually about 15 minutes, for prayer and reflection as we move closer to the cross.)
- March 22 Noonday Prayer
- March 23 Noonday Prayer
- March 24 Maundy Thursday, 6pm - We will gather in the Activity Building for a potluck meal at 6pm, and will move into a time of worship at 6:40pm, which will include foot washing/hand washing and The Lord’s Supper.
- March 25 Good Friday, Noon-3pm - There will not be a community Good Friday service this year, so we are having our own. The sanctuary will be open from noon until 3, and you are invited to drop in for a silent time of worship based on the Stations of the Cross. Someone will be there to guide you in the right direction. The service should take about 20 minutes. Good times to stop by would be 12:00pm, 12:20pm, 12:40pm, 1:00pm, etc.
- March 26 There are no scheduled services, but try and find time for quiet reflection, a walk in the woods, fasting, etc. Do something to mark this day as sacred.
- March 27 Easter Sunrise, 7am - Tryon Fine Arts Center Amphitheatre, with breakfast to follow.  
Sunday School, 10am  
Easter Celebration, 11am