



Virginia Avenue United Methodist Church

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Palm/Passion Sunday
April 1, 2007

Prelude

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Processional: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" All

*"Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!"*

Call to Worship

Leader: Excitement is all about. Today we tell an ancient story of a parade, palms and possibilities.

People: And we wear palms and crosses, reminding ourselves that both ecstasy and agony, joy and disappointment are part of our living.

Leader: Today we say: Blessed is the One who comes in God's name!
Hosanna!

People: This One is Jesus of Nazareth —teacher, builder, Christ.

Leader: In ancient Jerusalem, people gave Jesus a wonderful welcome.

People: Today we celebrate the presence of the living Christ!

All: Holy One, thank you for your unmistakable presence! With our senses and our minds, we delight in the gift of life! We honor you with attentive listening and we eagerly wait for your voice.

*Opening Hymn: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" No. 278

Extending the Hand of Fellowship, Welcome and Announcements

Prayer for Holy Week: (in unison)

Without your breath in us, dear God, we wither away to nothing. Calm us by your Spirit. Direct us by the example of Jesus. Help us in this holy week to journey along with Jesus. As we take the steps this week of sacrifice and love, may we discover how much Christ loves us. May we draw even closer to your eternal presence. In the name of Jesus our Lord and guide, we pray. Amen.

A Minute of Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Know that God always goes with us. Know that God is always there to lead us, guide us, forgive us, comfort us, and encourage us. Know that God is always near to us, now and forever.

Morning Prayer Pastor

The Lord's Prayer (as found at No. 895)

Offering

* Doxology: "Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow" No. 95

* Offertory Hymn: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" No. 280
Children's Message Rev. Goodman
Choral Praise: "There Were 12 Disciples"
"Sandals" Children's Choir

Scripture:

Sermon: Rev. Goodman

* Closing Hymn: "Jesus! The Name High Over All" No. 193
sung to the tune of "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

* Pastoral Benediction

* Indicates that you may stand, as you are able.

TODAY'S HOSTS

Pastor: Rev. Terry Goodman

Pianist: Debbie Dixon

Ushers: William Buchanan, Tom Kirby
Ray Nash,

Willie Lowe

Greeters: Carter

Family

Hospitality: Carter Family

Nursery: Fred Cook

*Sign-up sheets for these ministries are located in
the volunteer Roster in the Narthex. Please sign
up today!*

CALENDAR

Today:

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Fellowship Lunch
6:00 p.m. Administrative Board
7:00 p.m. Vespers Service (immediately following Administrative
Board meeting)

Wednesday:

12:00 p.m. Sarah Creasy Circle
6:00 p.m. Youth & Children's Classes
6:30 p.m. Vespers Service
7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday:

7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday Service

Saturday:

1:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt/Picnic

Birthdays

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP AND EVENTS

Palm/Passion Sunday

- 7:00 p.m. (or as soon as the Administrative Board meeting ends.) Palm Sunday vespers service in the Prayer Chapel. This service will be similar to the one offered on Ash Wednesday.

Monday April 2, 2007

- Noon worship service and luncheon at the Bluefield First UMC.

Tuesday April 3, 2007

- Noon worship service and luncheon at the Bluefield First UMC. Rev. Goodman will lead worship and sing a solo.

Wednesday April 4, 2007

- Noon worship service and luncheon at the Bluefield First UMC.
- Reverend Goodman will preach at the Bluefield, West Virginia Ministerial Association noon worship service at Trinity UMC on College Avenue in Bluefield, West Virginia.
- 6:30 p.m. — Vespers service in the Prayer Chapel. Similar to the Ash Wednesday service.

Thursday April 5, 2006: Holy Thursday

- Noon worship service and luncheon at the Bluefield First UMC.
- 7:00 p.m. — Holy Thursday Foot Washing and Communion Service at the church. The choir will sing a number from their upcoming cantata that is associated with this event.

Friday April 6, 2007: Good Friday

- 7:00 a.m. — United Methodist Men will meet at the Bluefield First UMC for community Holy Week breakfast.
- Noon worship service and luncheon at the Bluefield First UMC.
- 7:00 p.m. — Bluefield, Virginia Ministerial Association will host a Good Friday service at the Ebenezer UMC.

Saturday April 7, 2007

- 11:00 a.m. — Macedonia UMC Easter Egg Hunt
- 1:00-3:00 p.m.—Virginia Avenue UMC Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic

Sunday April 8, 2007: Easter Sunday

- 7:30 a.m. — Easter Sunrise Service at the Macedonia UMC
- 8:15 a.m.—Easter Breakfast: It's Potluck, so bring along a favorite breakfast food to share.
- 9:30 a.m. — Macedonia UMC morning worship service.
- 10:30 a.m. — Begin decorating the flowering Easter Cross
- 11:00 a.m. — Virginia Avenue UMC morning worship service. The choir will present the Easter cantata, *Behold the Lamb*.

First Sunday Fellowship Meal

Please join us after Morning Worship for our monthly fellowship meal. Bring your favorite dish to share and maybe even a dessert. Hope to see you there!

Administrative Board Meets Tonight

The Administrative Board will meet tonight at 6:00 p.m. at the church. All members should try to be present for this meeting.

Easter Memorial Bulletin

We will be printing a Easter Memorial Bulletin again this year. You may submit names to be honored or memorialized. For a donation of \$5.00 we will include as many names as you wish to submit. Please fill in the insert in today's bulletin and place it in the offering plate. All donations will be applied toward paying our Fair Share Apportionment. **Today is the deadline for submissions**

Community Easter Egg Hunt

There will be a community-wide Easter Egg Hunt held at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 31st, at Bluefield College. In case of rain on Saturday the Hunt will take place on Sunday, April 1st at 4:00 p.m.

Offering Being Taken for Easter Egg Hunt

If you would like to donate funds so that we can purchase plastic Easter eggs and treats, then please do so today. We will need to purchase the materials and get the eggs filled with treats so that we can have everything ready for the egg hunt by April 7th. Please be sure to mark your offering so that we know it is for the Easter Egg Hunt.

College and/or Technical School Graduates

We would like to know of anyone who will be graduating this spring from College or Technical School. We would like to honor your accomplishment and celebrate along with you and your family. Please make the church office aware of your graduation date, the school you will be graduating from, and the degree or diploma you have earned.

Baby Bottle Boomerang

It is time to return the bottles you have been filling with change for the Abel Center. Please bring them in and leave them in the church office on the counter. Thank you for helping area women during difficult times.

Bow the Knee

Parkview Baptist is presenting the dramatic musical "Bow the Knee". It is the story of Jesus told from the viewpoint of a centurion. See the Flyer in the Narthex for info on dates and times and to reserve your free tickets.

Cards for Easter

We have several cards in the narthex for some of our hometouch members. Please take a minute to stop by and sign them if you haven't done so already.



Rev. Goodman invites you to reflect on the Gospel of John with him during the season of Lent. If you have internet access, you are encouraged to read the reflections online at <http://revtdg.wordpress.com>. If you don't have internet access, then copies will be made available for each week of Lent. Make sure to get a new copy each week.



Adorning the Chancel Area during Lent

Each Sunday during Lent, as we are approaching the cross we are going to have a different setting. Each week, the chancel area will reflect some of the scriptures associated with a different day during Holy Week. This Sunday is referred to as the **Day of**

Popularity. One side of the Cross has a statue depicting Jesus riding on a donkey into Jerusalem. On the other side you will find the palm leaves signifying the celebration that took place as Jesus rode into the city.

Let us pray

as we accompany our King to Jerusalem. Almighty Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you sent your Son to be born of woman and to die on a cross, so that through the obedience of one man, estrangement might be dissolved for us all.



Prayer for Lent

Guide our minds by his truth

and strengthen our lives by the example of his death, that we may live in union with you in the kingdom of your promise. Grant this through Christ our Lord.



Join us for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt for Kids
Saturday April 7th
1:00-3:00 p.m.

We will meet at the church from 1:00-3:00 p.m. and, weather permitting, hide eggs at Dudley School. We will also have hot dogs, chips, cookies, and drinks.



VBS 2007
June 24-28
6:00 — 8:30

Volunteers are invited to Take the Plunge and help our children and youth learn how Jesus used a very common element—water—to teach some uncommon lessons.

Take a minute to fill in the insert in today's bulletin to tell us how you would be willing to help with VBS 2007.



Prayer Requests

Steve Alexander
Christopher Bowen
Bessie Brewer
James Brown
Ralph Brown
Nancy Buchanan
Morgan Campbell
Martha Jane Chudina
Jerry Connelly
Isabel Douthat
Roscoe & Margaret Farmer
Nell Fulcher
Gabriella Gibbs
Terry Hall
Curtis Helmondollar
Shirley Helmondollar
Vernon & Hop Hopkins
Ronnie Houchins
Earnest & Ruth Kirby
Tracy & Betty Janutolo
Nancy Lester
Malamisura Family
Juanita Maiuri
Norma Morgan
Dave Parris
Eddie Perdue
Carter Richardson
Wanda Stevenson
Delores VanDyke
Charlie Wood
Carlene Workman
Unspoken Requests