

# *Grace Presbyterian News*

## **April 2022**

### **Masks Now Optional in Worship**

As April begins, the final days of Lent are at hand. Masks are now optional in worship. We also continue to live stream the services for those who prefer to remain at home. Go to our website [www.grace-pres.org](http://www.grace-pres.org) for the link to the live stream.

### **Nursery Care Available Now During Worship**

The nursery is available for child care during worship for children of kindergarten age and younger. The nursery is located on the north side of the hallway just west of the sanctuary.

### **Celebration Reception – Sunday, April 3, Following Worship**

A reception is planned after worship on Sunday, April 3, to celebrate the adoption of Jasper Cloughen by his parents Matt and Sue Cloughen.

### **Outdoor Bring Your Own Meal and Palm Cross Making Event**

**Saturday, April 9, at 5:00 p.m.**

Many of us have come to enjoy making palm crosses on the night before Palm Sunday, and so we will on Saturday, April 9. Bring your own food and we will eat together beginning at 5:00 p.m. Then we shape the palm fronds into the form of a cross. Some of us have mastered the art of this in a matter of hours; fortunately, others are faster learners. The palm crosses are given to worshipers to be worn about the neck on Palm Sunday and throughout Holy Week if you so choose.

### **Palm Sunday, April 10; Maundy Thursday, April 14; Good Friday, April 15**

Palm/Passion Sunday is April 10. We sing “All Glory, Laud and Honor” to the Jesus who comes to save us from sin, though not in the way we might have imagined. We look forward to the children processing about the sanctuary waving their palm branches during the hymn. Palm Sunday is also Passion Sunday and the service on this day concludes with reading the Passion Narrative (this year from Luke) with members of the church taking various parts along with several responses by the entire congregation.

On Maundy Thursday, April 14, we worship at 7:30 p.m. This service celebrates the institution of the Lord’s Supper, and so we celebrate this sacrament. This service also incorporates some of the church’s ancient liturgy associated with Maundy Thursday and Good Friday and concludes with the “stripping of the church,” in which worshipers remove items used in the sanctuary so that the church is bare and without decoration or adornment on Good Friday.

On Good Friday, April 15, we also worship at 7:30 p.m. This is the service of Tenebrae, a series of Scripture readings and the extinguishing of candles, emblematic of the gathering darkness surrounding the crucifixion, punctuated by three sung solos of Holy Week texts. This service also contains some ancient liturgy and practices, particularly the “loud knocking” indicative of resurrection, the first glimmer of hope of Easter.

### **Easter Is April 17 – Community Sunrise Worship at 7:00 a.m.**

On Easter, April 17, the Bartlett-Ellendale Association of Churches’ sunrise service will be held at 7:00 a.m. at Fullview Missionary Baptist Church, 7100 Memphis-Arlington Road. The sermon will be given by Rev. Greg Taylor, pastor of Ellendale United Methodist Church. Masks will be required at the sunrise service, according to the host church’s protocols.

**Easter Worship, Lunch, Egg Hunt at Grace Presbyterian Church – April 17**

Easter service on April 17 at Grace Presbyterian Church is at 11:00 a.m. with masks optional. After worship there will be a pot luck lunch on the grounds and an egg hunt for the children.

### **Thursday Night Study Group – New Study Begins April 21**

After the final session on Albert Camus' *The Plague* on April 7, the next study begins on April 21. *Pilgrim's Progress* is a Christian classic, written by John Bunyan in 1678. It is an allegory of the Christian's journey through life toward the heavenly city. This study meets on Zoom, Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., April 21 - May 26. If you were not part of previous Thursday night studies, but would like to join this one, send Pastor Mike Krech an email at [jmkrech@yahoo.com](mailto:jmkrech@yahoo.com).

### **Sunday School for Adults on Zoom**

The adult Sunday School class meets on Zoom Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. John Price is leading the class, studying Genesis. Send Pastor Mike Krech an email at [jmkrech@yahoo.com](mailto:jmkrech@yahoo.com) to be added to the list receiving the Zoom link.

### **Morning Prayer Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom**

Morning prayer on Zoom continues in April, though it will not meet on April 13. Email Mike at [jmkrech@yahoo.com](mailto:jmkrech@yahoo.com) to receive the link to join us. You will get an email by Tuesday noon with the link to join the Zoom chat and a list of the Scripture readings and the hymn for the meeting. We pray for each person on the prayer list by name at morning prayer. I warmly invite those who find it meaningful to be remembered on the prayer list to also be among those who pray for those on the prayer list in this service. We try to open the room by 9:20 a.m. so we can chat and visit, start at 9:30, and conclude by 10:00.

### **Presbytery Wide Presbyterian Women Gathering – Saturday, April 2**

The annual gathering of Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of the Mid-South will be held Saturday, April 2, at 9:15 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 1573 North Highland St., Jackson TN.

### **Presbyterian Women Circles on Zoom (Lesson 8 in the Book)**

The Night Circle meets Monday, April 11, at 7:00 p.m.

The Day Circle meets Tuesday, April 12, at 10:00 a.m.

If you received emails with the Zoom links in previous months, you will receive an email for the Zoom links to these meetings. If you have not participated, but wish to do so, email [patsykrech@gmail.com](mailto:patsykrech@gmail.com)

### **Game Nights on Zoom – Fridays, April 1 and April 22, at 7:00 p.m.**

We meet on Zoom for fellowship, word games, and trivia. If you would like to be added to the list receiving the Zoom link, email Mike at [jmkrech@yahoo.com](mailto:jmkrech@yahoo.com).

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Names <i>in italics</i> on a certain day indicate that day is that person's birthday.		<b>1</b> 7:00 p.m. Game Night on Zoom <i>Judy Rutkauskas</i>	<b>2</b> 9:15 a.m. PW Presby. at First Pres Jackson <i>Grace Lawson</i>
<b>3</b> 9:00 Adult Sunday School on Zoom 9:30 Children's Sun Schl on Zoom 9:30 Confirmation 11:00 Worship/ Communion In Person & Live Stream Lent 5 Reception after worship <i>Sierra Fry</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom	<b>7</b> 7:00 p.m. The Plague Study on Zoom	<b>8</b> <i>Jean Markham</i>	<b>9</b> 5:00 p.m. Bring Your Own Meal & Palm Cross Making Outdoors
<b>10</b> 9:00 Adult Sunday School on Zoom 9:30 Children's Sun Schl on Zoom 11:00 Worship In person & Live Stream Palm Sunday	<b>11</b> 7:00 pm PW Night Circle On Zoom	<b>12</b> 10:00 a.m. PW Day Circle on Zoom <i>Brooks Keiser</i>	<b>13</b> No Morning Prayer	<b>14</b> 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship & Communion	<b>15</b> 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Worship	<b>16</b> <i>Chuck Walker</i>
<b>17</b> 7:00 Sunrise Serv. at Fullview M.B. 9:00 Adult Sunday School on Zoom 9:30 Children's Sun Schl on Zoom 11:00 Worship In person & Live Stream Easter Pot Luck/E. hunt	<b>18</b> 5:30 pm Session Mtg on Zoom	<b>19</b> <i>Greg Elmore</i>	<b>20</b> 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom	<b>21</b> 7:00 p.m. Pilgrim's Progress Study on Zoom	<b>22</b> 7:00 p.m. Game Night on Zoom	<b>23</b> <i>Jere Lawson</i>
<b>24</b> 9:00 Adult Sunday School on Zoom 9:30 Children's Sun Schl on Zoom 11:00 Worship In person & Live Stream Easter 2	<b>25</b> <i>Linda Hunter</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom	<b>28</b> 7:00 p.m. Pilgrim's Progress Study on Zoom <i>Bill McGoldrick</i>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

### **Scripture Readings for Worship:**

**April 3:** Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126;  
Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

**April 10 (Palm Sunday):** Isaiah 50:4-9;  
Psalm 24 Philippians 2:5-11;  
Luke 19:28-40; 22:39-23:56

**April 14 (Maundy Thursday):**

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116;  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17,31-35

**April 17 (Easter):** Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118;  
1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12

**April 24:** Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 150;  
Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

### **A Prayer for Easter**

**Glorious Lord of life, by the mighty resurrection of your Son, you overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him. Grant that we who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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