

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude	This is the Day	Emily Clem
Introit	All Glory Laud and Honor	The Bell Choir
Welcome and Announcements	Elder Carol Copeland	
* Call to Worship	Carol Copeland	
	(adapted from Psalm 118)	

We worship the One who comes in the name of the Lord!  
**We praise the King with palm branches, prayers, and songs.**  
The Psalms proclaim that “The stone the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.”  
**With people in every place and time we say: “This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.”**  
Let us worship God!

*Palm Sunday Hymn of Praise		
	All Glory Laud and Honor	# 196

*Litany of Praise and Adoration	Carol Copeland
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We thank God for Jesus’ joyful entry into Jerusalem.  
**We praise the King for bringing never-failing love.**  
We thank the Lord for sending the Promised One.  
**Jesus, the Messiah has become our salvation.**  
This is the day that the Lord has made.  
**We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

* Sharing the Peace of Christ	
	Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all. <b>All: And also with you.</b>

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

<i>This Little Light of Mine</i>		
Time with Young Disciples	DeAnna McNeil	
Prayer for Illumination	Carol Copeland	
Gracious God, we pray that you will open our hearts through the reading of your Word. Guide us as we walk through Holy Week. We pray this in Christ's name, Amen.		
First Reading	Philippians 2:5-11 p. 1,162	Carol Copeland
Anthem	West Minster Chimes	The Bell Choir
Second Reading	Mark 11: 1-11 p. 1,003	Rev. Dr. Judy Rich
Response	Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. <b>All: Thanks be to God.</b>	
Sermon	<i>"In the Parade?"</i>	Dr. Rich

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*Hymn of Discipleship	Congregation & FPC Bell Choir
	Hosanna, Loud Hosanna #197
* Affirmation of Faith	Unison
	The Apostles' Creed
<b>I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.</b>	

Prayers of the People	Carol Copeland
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*The Lord's Prayer	Unison
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**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Worship God with Our Offering

Offertory	Forest Green	The Bell Choir
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\*Doxology  
**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him all creatures here below;  
praise him above ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication	Carol Copeland
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*Hymn of Sending	Ride On! Ride On with Majesty	#198
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*Charge	Unison
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**Wherever we go, God has sent us; Wherever we are, God has put us there; God has a purpose in our being there; there is something that God wants to do through us. Wherever we are!**

*Benediction	Dr. Rich
	As God’s people we all say, <b>Alleluia, Amen!</b>

* Postlude	Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!	Emily Clem
	<i>*Stand if you are able</i>	

THE REV. DR. JUDY MITCHELL RICH is an ordained Presbyterian USA minister member of the Presbytery of North Alabama. She served churches in Michigan, Kansas, and Ohio and now in her retirement lives in the country north of Athens. Judy is a frequent guest pastor in the churches of North Alabama. She also has written five novels which focus on mysterious intrigue, insidious evil, and the blessings of church community. In addition, they reveal some of the complexities in the life a pastor. Her latest book is Like Stones.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**CHURCH FAMILY**

Marv & Elizabeth Price (Health)

Doris Welch (Home)

Dean Steele

Susie Fogg (Home)

Sharon Massey

Melvin & Ruth Clem (Health)

Debbi O'Neill (Healing)

Betty Fae Spencer (Recovery)

Don Payne (Healing)

Prayers of sympathy for Stephen Ware and family at the passing of Stephen's mother

Duane Counter (Health & Healing)

Suzanne Weeks (Healing)

Jac Catlett

Diane Lynn (Health)

Gale Cottles (Healing)

Christy Arnett (Healing)

Ken (Healing) and Connie Brown

Chuck Kellogg (Healing)

**THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

Brandon Noel – Army

Adam Naves - Marines

Kevin O'Neill-Army Nat. Guard

Joshua Hargrove – Deployed

Justin Ruf- Army Air Guard

Sean Miller - Army

Damien Williams – Army

Michael Ress – USAF –AZ

Jay Tulley- Middle East

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

Bob Defour (Doyle & Suzanne Weeks son-in-law)

Brent Harris (Friend of Chris Hilgeman)

Larry Harris, ( Healing, friend of Chris Hilgeman

Sue Guyer (Health & Healing, Bonny Noel's sister)

Gerry Smith(loss of Spouse cousin of Jan Ruth)

Alex Noel (Nephew of John & Bonny Noel)

Hazel Ruf (Mason Ruf's mother, home)

Gary Kilgo (Health, Kay Baugher & Carol Quillen's family member)

Karen Ferguson (Potter's Hand)

Sherry Thompson (Healing, sister of Christy Arnett)

Keith Clem (Healing, cousin of Chris Paysinger)

Amy Cotten (Potter's Hand)

John Cotten (Healing, Potter's Hand)

Telula Thornton (Healing and Comfort, mother of Karan Baker)

Phyllis Ramshur (Health, mother- in - law of Sean Harbin)

Mike Frehner (Support, friend of David Lyle)

Cindy Newman (Healing, cousin of Chris Hilgeman)

Jesse Saunders (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)

Martha Taylor(Healing, mother of John Cagle)

Wendy Jordan (Recovery, friend of Matt Copeland)

Maryann McKee (Healing, friend of Carol Copeland)

Shannon Underwood (Healing, daughter of Barbara Welborn)

Cadence Brooks (Healing, student of Cindy Witt)

Kim Fears (healing, friend of Jim May and Jan Ruth)

**FOR OUR VISITORS:**

We welcome you to worship and would love to connect with you personally. Prayer Request/Visitor cards are located in the pews. Please place it with the offering or give it to the pastor following the service. Thank you for worshiping with us today!

**The Session**

**Class of 2023**

Sandy Colvin

David Lyle

Brittany Mallette

**Class of 2024**

Courtney Greene

Don Payne

Jerry Witt

**Class of 2025**

Karan Baker

Gary Boyd

Stanley Hand

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**Flowers**

The flowers are given to the glory of God.

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**Today's Services:**

**Sermon**

Dr. Rev. Judy Rich

**Liturgist**

Elder Carol Copeland

**Musicians:**

Erica Hand

Emily Clem

FPC Bell Choir

**Volunteers:**

**Church Nursery:**

April 20<sup>th</sup>- Suzanne Paysinger

April16th-Jennifer Quillen

**Liturgist:**

April 20<sup>th</sup>- Sharon Hand

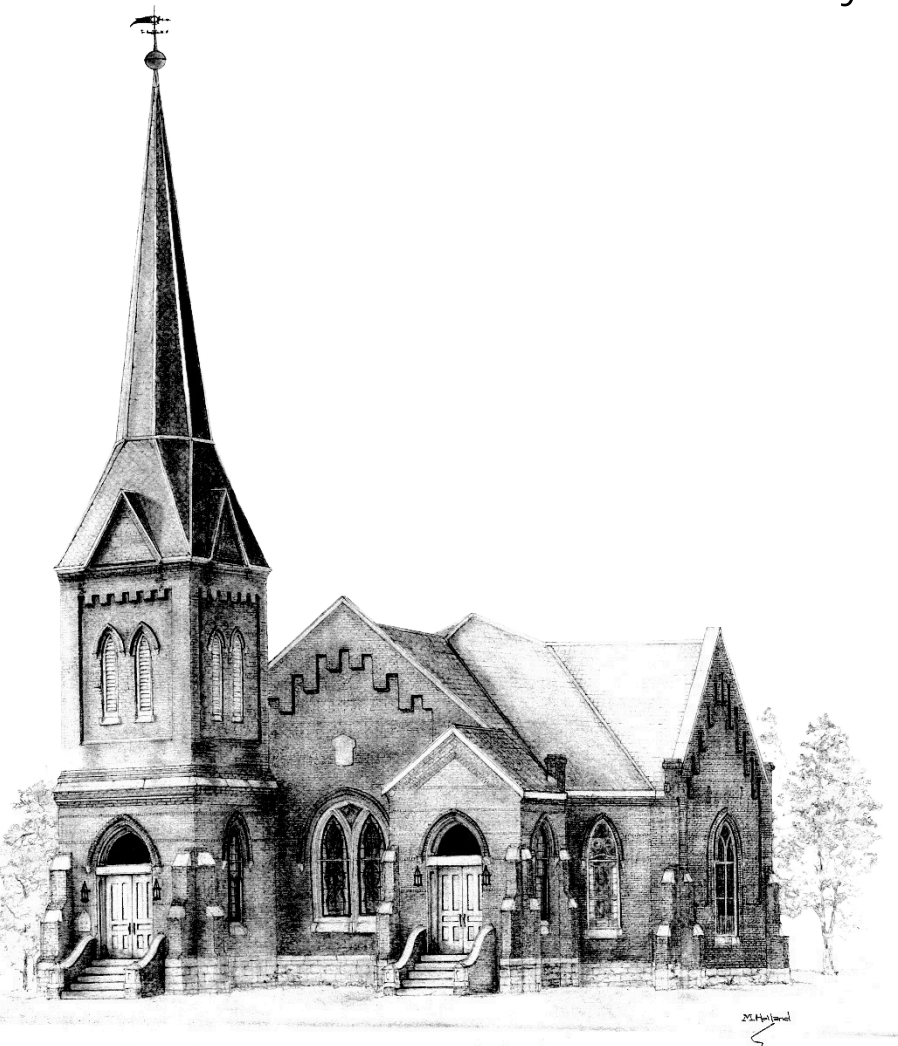
**Communion Prep:**

May 4<sup>th</sup> -Karan Baker

*Prayer Family*

Prayers for the Cagle family as they welcome the new baby Miles.

April 13, 2024  
Palm Sunday



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