

### News & Events

**Ecumenical Lenten Worship Services.** Our last Ecumenical Lenten Service is at First Presbyterian Church (1220 Pine St). Rev. Mike Proctor of FUMC – Gurdon will be preaching. As always, all are welcome. We hope you can join us for this final Ecumenical Lenten Service.

**Church Meetings.** The Finance Committee meets Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Community Egg Hunt.** Local churches are hosting a community wide egg hunt from 10-12, Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, with free food, bounce houses, face painting, and games. We need volunteers and non-chocolate candy. Contact Jewelie if you can help or scan the code. Forms and candy are needed by March 26<sup>th</sup>.



**Church Workday.** Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., is a church wide cleanup day. Put on your work clothes, bring your tools, and help us clean up the grounds and buildings before Easter. If you see something that needs to be done and want to do it before the cleanup day, we sure won't stop you. See you then!

**Palm Sunday.** Join us April 2<sup>nd</sup> for Palm Sunday when we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Children and all those who wish to join will process down the aisle and back around waving palms in honor and glory of Jesus Christ, King of Kings. Contact Jewelie for more information.

**United Women in Faith.** UWinF meets Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. in the FUMC Upper Room Classroom. Robert McCallum, Board Member of the Methodist Family Health Foundation, will talk about the Get Up & Give Program. Please join us!

**Easter Lilies.** I am taking orders for Easter Lilies through April 8<sup>th</sup>. Order forms are in the Narthex. I hope to have a price by Wednesday. We have 20 lilies on reserve.

### Weekly Participation Opportunities

**Sunday Night Youth.** Meets from 6-8:00 p.m. in the Sturgis Children & Youth Center. Contact Jewelie for more information.

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study.** Meets at 9:30 a.m. in the church library. Led by Claire Gehrki.

**Pastor's Bible Study.** Wednesdays at noon and 6:30 p.m. (in person/Zoom) in the Fellowship Hall. Led by Zeke Allen.

**G.R.O.W. Kids.** Children aged 5 through 5th grade, Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:15 in the Sturgis building. Bible story, craft, and game time. Contact Jewelie to sign up or volunteer.

**Chancel Choir Practice.** Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the choir room. Contact Bill Higgins for more information.

### Mission Opportunities

**Get Up & Give.** We are collecting for Methodist Family Health Get Up & Give program. A box is in the Narthex for donations.

### Please Remember:

- You may put your offering in the plate, use Tithely by scanning the QR code under Ways to Give, go directly to Tithely at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=368022>, or drop it off at the church office during the week or by mail.
- You can live stream services on Facebook or YouTube at [www.facebook.com/fumcark](http://www.facebook.com/fumcark) or [www.youtube.com/user/fumcark](http://www.youtube.com/user/fumcark). Watch previous services at [www.fumcark.org/sermons](http://www.fumcark.org/sermons).

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Adopted by First United Methodist Church Council, October 10, 2017.

The Solidarity of God  
John 11:35



# Worship for the Lord's Day

March 26, 2023  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

Traditional Worship Service  
Arkadelphia, AR

## Chiming of the Hour

Welcome Bill Higgins

Opening Voluntary Kay McAfee  
*Sing My Tongue the Savior's Glory*  
-by Lynn Trapp

## \*Call to Worship

Loving God, captivate our hearts. Our lives are full of brokenness and life is incredibly messy

**Remind us we are never alone and that you will never leave our side**

Tender God, remind us that, even in the midst of struggle and heartache and brokenness, you are near.

**Remind us we are never alone and that you will never leave our side.**

Present God, remind all this day of your steadfast presence and tender mercy.

**Remind us we are never alone and will never leave our side.**

\*Hymn of Praise UMH No. 303  
*The Day of Resurrection*

\*Apostles' Creed UMH No. 881

\*The Gloria Patri UMH No. 70  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Children's Moment Sabrina Mecum

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Zeke Allen

The Lord's Prayer Congregation

Reading from the Psalter UMH No. 848  
*Psalms 130*

Offertory Prayer Rev. Zeke Allen

Offering The Offertory Kay McAfee  
*Lord of the Dance*  
-by John Behnke

\*Doxology UMH No. 95  
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.

\*Reading God's Word Bill Higgins  
*John 11:35*

Anthem Chancel Choir  
*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*  
-by Dan Forrest

Sermon Rev. Zeke Allen  
*The Solidarity of God*

\*Hymn of Response UMH No. 707  
*Hymn of Promise*

\*Benediction/Blessing Rev. Zeke Allen

Closing Voluntary Kay McAfee  
*I'll Fly Away*  
-by Albert Brumley

*\*Please stand if able*

## Prayer Request

Please keep Steve and Nancy Wayland in your prayers. Nancy is going through breast cancer treatment and Steve had recent surgery for a double quad muscle tear. Please also keep Eddie Graham in your prayers as he goes through rehab.

## ANTHEM TEXT

*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*  
-by Dan Forrest

Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure, through a world that would deceive us, where to sin our hearts are lured. Ever in His footsteps treading, living here, yet home above, full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Father's bidding. Faithful Lord, abide with me; Savior lead, I follow Thee.

Let us also die with Jesus, by His cross He conquered death, freed us from our souls' destruction, quickened us with life's new breath. Let us mortify, while living, self and pride, and die to sin; and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate to heaven. Jesus, here I die to Thee, there to dwell eternally.

Let us gladly live with Jesus, He is risen from the dead. Death is swallowed up in vict'ry; Jesus Thou art now our Head. Living members of Thy Body, where we shall be, keep us constantly. Even so, dear Lord, come quickly, Jesus here I live to Thee, there to dwell eternally. Let us ever walk with Jesus.

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