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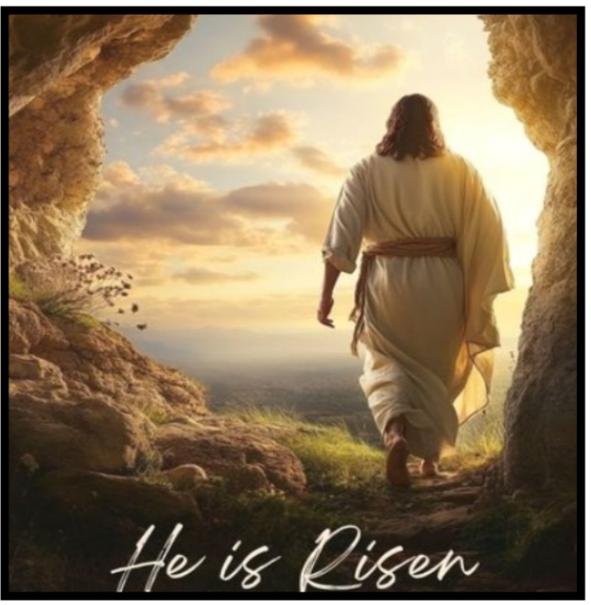




**March**

**THE VISITOR**

**2026**



*Come and experience worshipping the Savior together!*  
*Every Sunday at 11:00 A.M.*  
*We would love to have you!*

**PCC Annual Birthday Luncheon**

**Sunday, March 1**



Following the Worship Service in the Downstairs Fellowship Hall.

You are invited to join us for our previously scheduled PCC Annual Birthday Luncheon which had to be rescheduled due to ice and snow. Please join us **Sunday, March 1**, following the 11:00 AM Worship Service.

Lunch provided and will consist of Salad Bar, Baked Potato Bar and of course, Homemade Birthday Cakes for everyone to enjoy! Please come join us as we celebrate a special year of Birthdays!

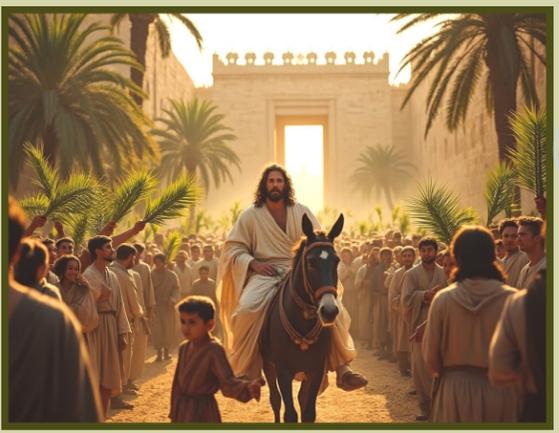


**Sunday, March 8, 2026**  
clocks are turned **FORWARD**  
1 Hour

**March Worship Leaders**

**Elders:** Judy Gillespie, Leader  
Pam Backi, Back-up  
**Communion:** Lynda Bryant  
**Greeters:** Lynda Bryant

*Hosanna!*



*Blessed is the King!*

*Palm Sunday*  
*Sunday, March 29*

Palm Sunday is the day Christians celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, one week before His resurrection (Matthew 21:1-11). As Jesus ascended toward Jerusalem, a large multitude gathered around Him. This crowd understood that Jesus was the Messiah; what they did not understand was that it wasn't time to set up the kingdom yet—although Jesus had tried to tell them so (Luke 19:11-12). The crowd's actions along the road give rise to the name "Palm Sunday" John records the detail that the branches they cut were from palm trees (John 12:13). As Jesus entered the holy city, He neared the culmination of a long journey toward Golgotha. He had come to save the lost (Luke 19:10), and now was the time—this was the place—to secure that salvation.

Please mark your calendar to join us on **Sunday, March 29** at **11:00 AM** for our beautiful Palm Sunday Worship Service. We will wave palm branches during our processional hymn as we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on a donkey. This will mark the start of "Passion or Holy Week" and the ending of Lent and the final seven days of Jesus' earthly ministry.

**A NOTE FROM RODNEY**

*Hebrews 12:1b-2 . . . let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

One Sunday the men of the choir were short a few voices. Jokingly they asked me to put on a robe and join them singing. I laughed hard, then said, "You'll sing much better without me. I'll just pull you down. *It's addition by subtraction.*"

These days of Lent call us to remember the above words from Hebrews. Let's ask God to help us reflect and examine our lives – in hopes of letting go of some stuff that is unnecessary, heavy baggage, that weighs us down as we follow Jesus.

I have 3 ideas: our thoughts, our calendars, our checkbooks. What do I worry about, hold against others, or despise in my thoughts? How do I spend my time – do I take time to make time for God each day in service, prayer and learning? Last but not least – my resources – am I giving to help others near and far?

*It's addition by subtraction.*  
We can follow Jesus closer by setting aside just a little baggage. Thanks be to God! ~  
*Rodney*



Have you ever wondered why God gives us so much? We could truly exist on far less! God could have left the world flat and gray - we truly wouldn't have known the difference. Instead, He gave us mountains, oceans and deserts to see. Why did He give a flower its fragrance? Why give food its taste? We could keep on asking the why's and naming the gifts He gives us each and every day.

Jesus asked, "If you hardhearted, sinful men know how to give good gifts to your children, won't your Father in Heaven even more certainly give good gifts to those who ask Him for them?" (Matthew 7:11 TLB).

Every gift reveals God's love—but **no gift reveals His love more than the gift of the cross!** The old rugged cross didn't come wrapped in paper, but in passion. It wasn't covered with ribbons and sparkles, but sprinkled with His precious blood. Truly, the gift of the cross is pure and simple- **Love. Love. Love.**

May we all take the time to open the gift of the cross. May we all listen carefully and we will hear Him softly whisper, "***I did it just for you.***"

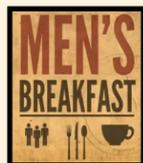


**CWF News**

The CWF March meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 17th at 1:00 pm** in the Downstairs Fellowship Hall Kitchen.

We will be making Beef Vegetable Soup. All ladies are welcome and encouraged to come and join us!

Looking forward: Judy Gillespie will be leading us in a blanket workshop in the following months.



**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

The Christian Men's Breakfast will be held on **Tuesday, March 17th at 9:00 AM at Mama Zoe's Restaurant** located at **2859 Reynolda Road, Winston-Salem.** **All men are welcome and encouraged to come and join us! You will be glad you came!**

**TASTE & SEE BIBLE STUDY LUNCHEON**



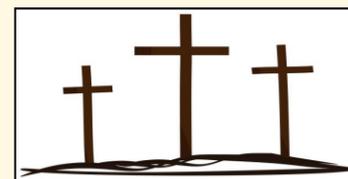
If you haven't joined us for our monthly Taste & See Bible Study Luncheon, **please do!** Please make plans to join us on **Wednesday, March 11 at 11:30 AM** for our next Bible Study Luncheon! We would really love for you to come!

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**Thursday, April 2  
7:30PM - Sanctuary**

The night before Jesus' betrayal and arrest, Jesus humbly washed the feet of His Disciples. He gave them a new commandment, "to love one another as He had loved them." (John 13:34)

Maundy Thursday commemorates this act of love at the Last Supper of Jesus with His Disciples in the Upper Room. Join us as we recount this solemn evening through words of scripture, meditation, reverent music, and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.



**Tenebrae Service**

**Good Friday, April 3 ~ 7:30pm**

**The Seven Last Words of Christ"**  
Presented by the Chancel Choir, Soloists, Harp, Timpani, and Organ

Tenebrae' is Latin for shadows and at our Tenebrae Service, we will feel the emotion of the passion story as shared in music. This is not a service of celebration. We will sing solemn hymns and hear the scriptural narratives of Jesus' final words from the cross. Seven black candles and a Christ Candle will be lit. After each reading of Jesus' words, a candle is extinguished until the only flame of the Christ Candle remains. The Christ Candle is carried out of the Sanctuary at the end of the service leaving us in total darkness (*tenebrae*).

The Tenebrae Service recreates the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the crucifixion and is left unfinished because the story isn't over until Easter morning. This service is a moving and reflective as we witness the full story of Jesus' last hours and as we truly experience the wonder of Easter morning.

So make plans now and invite your family, friends and neighbors to this very powerful, meaningful worship experience. -Tim

*Prayer Requests*

**Church Family:** Owen Clodfelter (great grandson of Steve & Betty Clodfelter), Bobby Joe "BJ" Carmichael, Jack Groff, Helen Johnson, Evelyn Nifong, Jo Poplin, Doug Ramsey, Sue Terry, Betty Tilley, Julie Tilley

**Others:**

- Ken Barker: Friend of Rodney & Beth Stilwell
- Faye Fincher: Jill Robertson's Aunt
- Isaiah Johnson: Great-Grandson of Helen Johnson
- Cayden Kingsbury: Grandson of Rodney & Beth Stilwell
- Sue Miles: Friend of Jo Stanley
- Ryan Platz: Friend of Cliff & Kitty Hunt
- Jan Ritchie: Sister of Jo Stanley
- Wes Snuffer: Son of Ed Snuffer
- Darlene Stewart: Sister of Ann Fletcher
- Heather Stokes: Niece of Jill Robertson
- Joy Stokes: Sister of Jill Robertson
- Mike Stokes: Friend of Pam Backi
- Shay Whitehead: Daughter of Steve & Betty Clodfelter
- Jean Wilkens: Friend of Shawn Widmyer

*Please call the church office to add or remove someone's name from the Prayer List. This will assist us in keeping our prayer concerns updated. in our bulletin and newsletter publications.*

*The Glory of the Easter Story*

*In the glorious Easter Story  
A troubled world can find  
Blesses reassurance  
And enduring peace of mind*

*For though we grow discouraged  
In this world we're living in  
There is comfort in just knowing  
God has triumphed over sin*

*For our Saviour's resurrection  
Was God's way of telling men  
That in Christ we are eternal  
An in Him we live again*

*And to know life is unending  
And God's love is endless too  
Makes our daily tasks and burdens  
So much easier to do*

*For the blessed Easter Story  
Of Christ the living Lord  
Makes our earthly sorrow nothing  
When compared with this reward.*

*~ Poet: Helen Steiner Rice*



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