

**WELCOME!!!**

**WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!**

We welcome each of you to our worship services today.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES & TEACHERS**

**Blackburn Education Building**

**Nursery (Infant to Pre-K):** Rm. 102 - Nicole Duenas, Claire Davis, Hailey Matthews, Tenajah Sampson

**Sunday School**

**Adult Classes**

**Bradshaw Class:** Parlor, Barbara Robi

**Transforming Lives Class:** 2nd Floor, Room 202

**Sanctuary Building**

**Adult Classes**

**Pathfinders Bible Study Class:** Chapel, Michelle Newton

**Woman to Woman:** First Floor, Conference Room - Debbie Bradley

**Hardison Discussion Class:** 2nd Floor, Dave Williams, various class members



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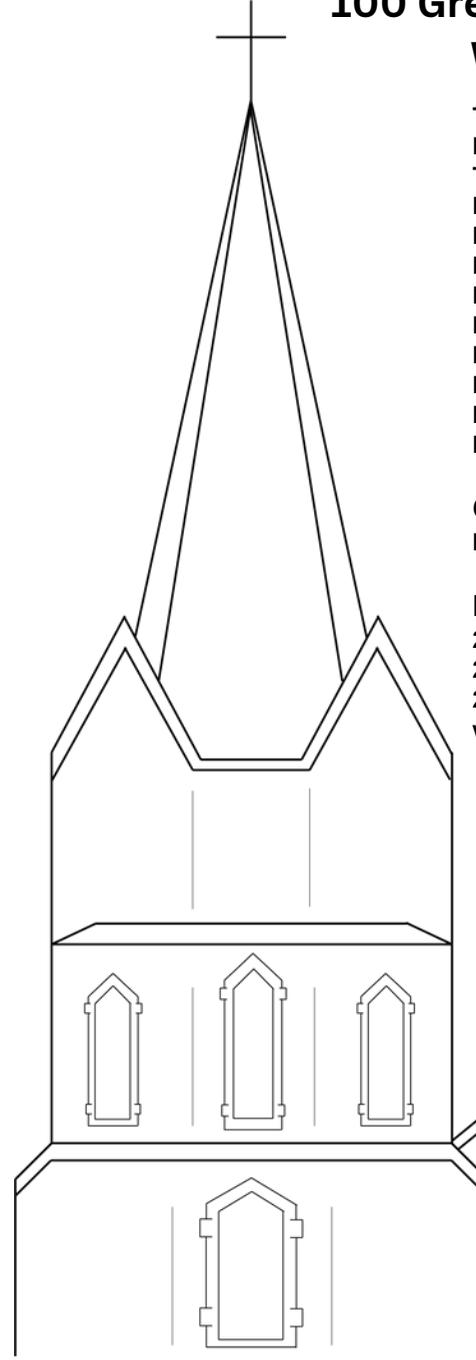
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**Church Office Hours**

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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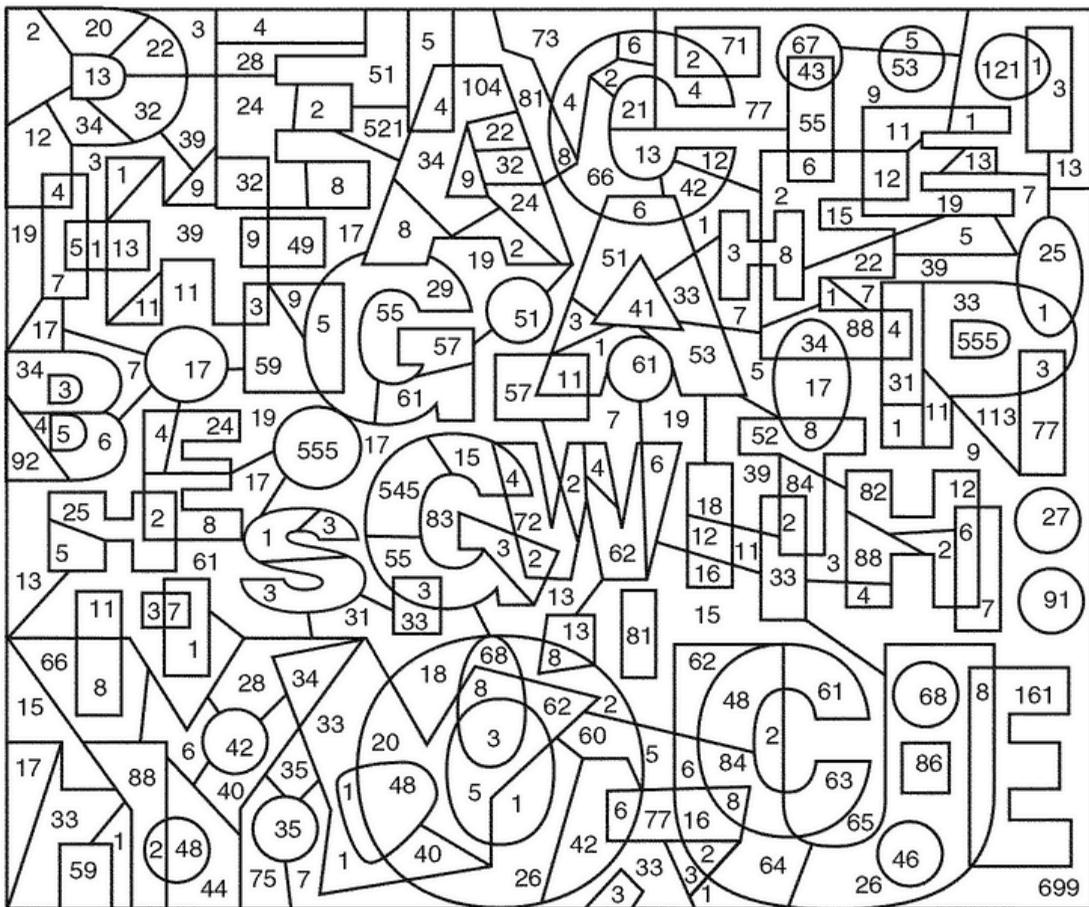
*"Invite, Inspire, Ignite"*

**May 4, 2025**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

# Jesus Is the Son of God

On the evening of the first day of the week (the first Easter), when the disciples were together with the doors locked ..., Jesus came and stood among them. What did He say?

Shade in all the shapes with an even number.



**Special Offering:** This Sunday is Native American Ministries Sunday. This offering will support the contributions of Native Americans to the church and society. Part of the funds allow us to collaborate with existing native ministries, create programs and support seminary scholarships for United Methodist Native Americans. Fifty percent of the offering remains in the annual conference to develop local ministries. See insert on how to make a donation!

## WELCOME VISITORS!

We are so glad you've joined us! Please scan the QR code so we can connect with you!



**Green Street Kids' End of Year Celebration** is on May 18 from 4 - 6 p.m.! Even if you haven't attended GSK this year, we would love to have you join! Please email Hannah at hannahbland@fumcwilson.org if you plan on attending!

**VBS Sign Up:** Vacation Bible School is June 16 - 20 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. for kids potty trained through rising 5th grade.

Register your child here -



Sign up to volunteer here -



**Youth Mission Trip:** This summer's high school mission trip will take place in Black Mountain, NC from July 12-18. Students will assist with ongoing recovery efforts from Hurricane Helene. Spots are filling fast—contact Tiler (tilerbland@fumcwilson.org) today to reserve your place!

**We are collecting the following items in May for the Hope Station:** Canned vegetables, canned tuna/chicken, pasta noodles (whole grain if possible), rice (brown if possible) oatmeal, grits, cereal, paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, deodorant, trash bags, cleaning products. Please bring your items to the blue bins in the atrium.

## MUSIC MINISTRIES

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** will meet for rehearsal today at 5:30 p.m. The Children's Choir last performance and choir awards presentation will be held May 18 at the 11:00 a.m. Service. Rehearsal before the service will start at 10:15 a.m. Our last Children's Choir Rehearsal will be held on Thursday, May 15 from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the choir room.

**HANDBELL CHOIR** rehearsal will be held on Monday, May 5 at 6:00 p.m.

**SPRING CONCERT** May 22 at 7:00 p.m. Guest Musicians and FUMC Chancel Choir will present a beautiful evening concert program followed by Choral Evensong. This concert is free. Donations accepted for the "Psalms 150" Music Ministries Fund.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SUNDAY, MAY 4

- 9:00 Contemporary Worship Service - Asbury
- 10:00 Adult Sunday School Children/Youth Small Groups - Sanctuary Building and Blackburn
- 11:00 Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 3:30 Confirmation Session - Watson Classroom
- 5:00 Children's Choir & GSK
- 5:00 Youth Group - Asbury

### MONDAY, MAY 5

- 8:30 Weekday School - Blackburn Weekday School
- 6:00 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - Watson Classroom

### TUESDAY, MAY 6

- 8:30 Weekday School - Blackburn Weekday School
- 1:00 Staff Meeting - Conference Room
- 6:00 FMW Salad and Dessert - Asbury

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

- 8:30 Weekday School - Blackburn Weekday School
- 6:00 First Wednesday Night Dinner - Asbury
- 6:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Music Suite

### THURSDAY, MAY 8

- 8:30 Weekday School - Blackburn Weekday School
- 6:00 Finance Committee - Watson Classroom
- 6:30 Praise Band Practice - Asbury

### FRIDAY, MAY 9

- 8:30 Weekday School - Blackburn Weekday School

### SATURDAY, MAY 10

## LOOKING AHEAD...

- May 11:** Confirmation Sunday & Mother's Day
- May 18:** GSK Celebration @ PowerPlex
- May 22:** Spring Concert
- May 27-30:** Weekday School Summer Camp
- June 8:** Senior Sunday
- June 16-20:** Vacation Bible School

## From the Pastor . . .

Easter is a great and grand celebration of God's power. The crucifixion could not kill Jesus' message. The grave could not contain him. Death could not hold him. In the resurrection of Jesus, we see the unbridle power of God working for good in the world. Despite being with Jesus throughout his public ministry, the disciples and followers of Jesus were largely perplexed by the empty tomb. Certainly, it defied all logic and ran counter to all natural processes. As the news seeped into their consciousness, the disciples came to believe that Jesus was, in fact, raised from the dead.

Despite the joy they felt knowing that their teacher, Savior and friend was alive again, their situation hadn't changed. The antagonism of the Jewish leaders and Roman authorities did not dissipate following the crucifixion. The disciples remained worried whether they would face the same fate as Jesus. It's not surprising that Jesus finds them behind locked doors both on Easter evening and the following week (John 20:19-29).

I'm sure we all can relate to the disciples' situation. We live in the light of the resurrection. We believe in God's power to transform our lives and our circumstance. Yet, we still face trials and difficulties. The storms of life still assail us. We still worry about today and tomorrow. This Sunday, we will look at John 20:19-29. Rather than center on Thomas' response to the resurrection, we will focus on Jesus. Jesus comes to the disciples in the midst of their fears and concerns. He comes to bring them peace. It is a peace that doesn't change their situation, but it promises to change them in their situation. The sermon will focus on the nature of the peace Jesus brings, not only to the disciples but to all believers. It's a gift that is available to us.

Mike Frese

## UPHOLDING OUR VOWS TO THE CHURCH BY OUR PRAYERS

Remember those in hospitals, retirement and rest homes, and the sick and shut-ins with prayers, cards, calls, and visits.

### BY OUR PRESENCE

*The following numbers represent our in-person and livestream numbers for Sunday, April 27, 2025:*

**9:00 am Worship Service**

In-Person - 59 Online - 53

**11:00 am Worship Service**

In-Person - 86 Online - 45

**Total In-Person Attendance - 145**

**Total Online Worship Attendance - 98**

**Sunday School - 51**

### BY OUR GIFTS

2025 Operating Budget	\$1,053,395
Weekly Requirement	\$20,258
Offering Received April 27, 2025	\$4,320
YTD Requirement	\$344,379
Received YTD	\$335,921

### BY OUR SERVICE AND OUR WITNESS

**GSK Announcement:** Today, Green Street Kids will host a Water Olympics Night from 5 to 7 p.m.! Please bring a change of clothes; McNuggets and fries will be provided!

**First Wednesday Night Dinner:** The dinner will be **this Wednesday, May 7, at 6 p.m.** in Asbury Hall. The Pathfinders Class will be serving ham, potato casserole, green beans, coleslaw, and desserts. Cost: \$7 for adults; \$4 for children; \$20 max. The deadline for sign-up is Monday, May 5 at noon. Please make reservations by calling the church office at 237-6121. You can also RSVP on the sign up sheet in the office.

**May Chancel Committee:** Thanks to Susan Barnes (co-chair), Bea Newton (co-chair), Kathryn Hansen, Donna Allen, Sandy Clark, Mamie Boyette, Nancy Buscemi, & Samantha Nelms for serving on the May Chancel Committee. **May Narthex Greenery Volunteer:** Ellen Bergland

**Memorial Garden Information Meeting:** After several years of discussion, the Trustees have a proposed plan for landscaping and a memorial garden on the corner of Pine Street and Vance Street. This will also include a new columbarium. A presentation by the architect will be shared on Sunday, May 18 from 3:00-4:30 p.m. The Trustees would welcome your presence to share the information, get further input and gauge interest.

## The Worship of God

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Hour

### Third Sunday of Easter Gathering of God's People

Sharing in Song

**LEAD ON GOOD SHEPHERD  
COME TO ME**

Praise Band

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Moments

First Lesson

**Philippians 4:4-7**

Morning Prayer

Special Music

**HOLY FOREVER**  
(Please sign and pass the attendance pad)

Praise Band

Prayer of Dedication

### WORD FOR THE DAY

Second Lesson

**John 20:19-29**

Morning Message

**"An Unexpected Peace"**

Reverend Mike Frese

Holy Communion

### OUR RESPONSE

Closing Song

**REDEEMED**

Praise Band

Sending Forth

**Sound Operator: Parker Gibson**

**Reader: Todd Stinagle**

**ProPresenter: Shelley Gibson**

**Greeters: The Stinagle Family**

**Video: Will Lasitter**

**We are so grateful to all who give of their time and talents to our Praise Band. Thank you for leading in worship and for your ministry to our church!**

# The Worship of God

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Hour

Third Sunday of Easter

*Please let the first note of the prelude be a call to silent meditation.*

PRELUDE                      “We Walk By Faith And Not By Sight”                      J. Biery

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+HYMN NO. 155                      “All Hail The Power Of Jesus’ Name”                      DIADEM

## +AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day He rose from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

+HYMN NO. 71                      GLORIA PATRI                      GREATOREX

## CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

FIRST LESSON                      Philippians 4:4-7                      NT page 198

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Please sign and pass the attendance pads.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM                      “With A Voice Of Singing”                      M. Shaw

+HYMN NO. 95                      DOXOLOGY                      OLD 100th

## +PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+SECOND LESSON                      John 20:19-29                      NT page 115

MORNING MESSAGE                      “An Unexpected Peace”                      Reverend Mike Frese

## HOLY COMMUNION

*Everyone is invited to join in the singing of the Communion hymns.*

Adagio from Sonata No. 1                      F. Mendelssohn  
Hymn 162 Alleluia, Alleluia                      ALLELUIA NO. 1  
Hymn 420 Breathe On Me, Breath Of God                      TRENTHAM  
Prelude on 'I Know That My Redeemer Lives'                      W. Held

+HYMN NO. 327                      “Crown Him With Many Crowns”                      DIADEMATA

## +DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

## +A TIME OF SILENCE AND TRINITY CHIMES

POSTLUDE                      “Rigaudon”                      A. Campra

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+Those who are able, please stand.

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Henry Walston and his father H. H. Walston III by the family.

## Participating with the clergy today:

Sound: Shelley Gibson                      Reader: Ben Eagles  
Video: Mark Godwin                      Greeters: Robin and Steve Flinn

## Prepare for Next Sunday: *Living Out The Great Commission*

First Lesson: John 14:18-27

Second Lesson: Matthew 28:16-20