

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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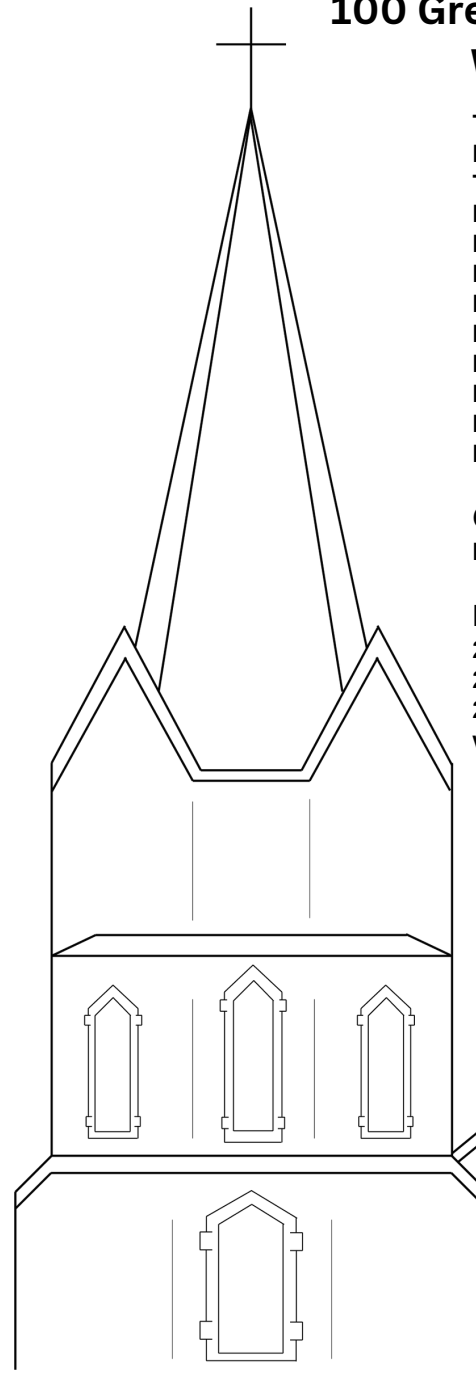
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Church Office Hours

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

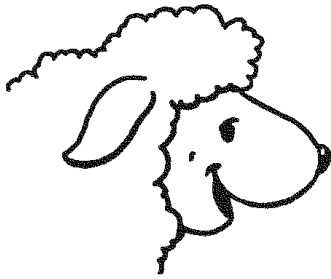
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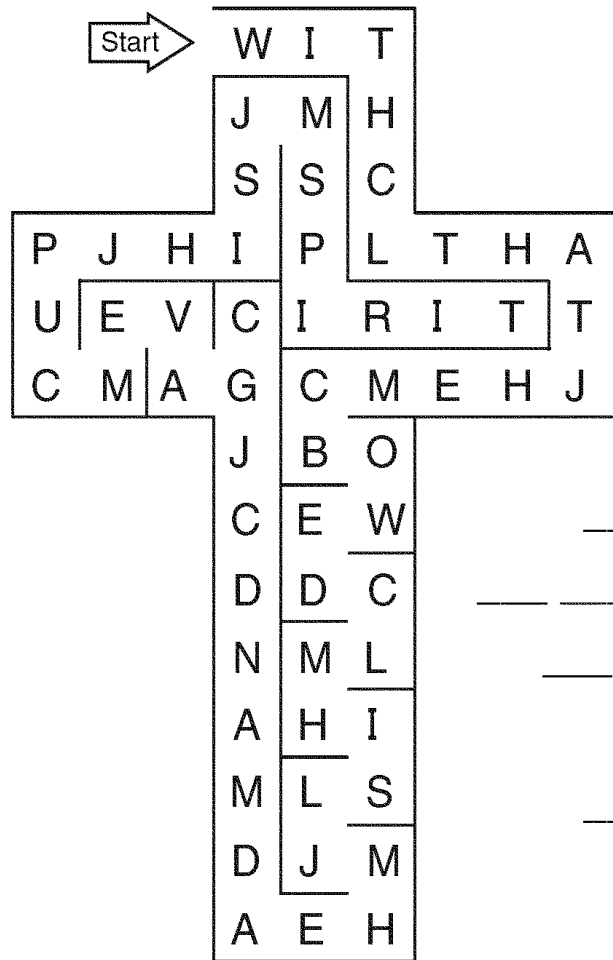
"Invite, Inspire, Ignite"

April 13, 2025
Passion/Palm Sunday



Jesus received the drink,
and said, "It is finished."

Cross out every C, J, L and M in the cross.
Following the path, write the remaining letters on the lines
to find out what happened next.



Easter Egg Hunt: FUMC Kids will host their annual Easter Egg Hunt at Rotary Park today from 4-5 p.m. Please invite your friends and family members to bring their children, too!

Easter Flower Crosses: We invite you to participate in the wonderful Easter morning tradition at our church of bringing fresh flower stems to place on the Lenten Crosses in Asbury Hall and in the Sanctuary, so that the crosses may be transformed into Flower Crosses - beautiful symbols of Christ's resurrection. You may place the flowers on the cross before the services begin.

Mission Trip to Western North Carolina- The Missions and Outreach team is planning a trip to WNC this fall either the week of September 7-13 or November 9-15. All are welcome, no specific skills needed, just a willing heart. Contact Jessica Satterfield (252-363-3388 or satterfields2@yahoo.com) for more information and which week would be best for you.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS OPEN: Applications for college scholarships are now open! All high school seniors & current college students are encouraged to apply. Please be thoughtful and detailed in your essays! Scan the QR code to learn more and get started. THE DEADLINE TO APPLY IS APRIL 25.



Good Friday Service: Reverend Chris Thomas with First Baptist Church will be preaching at Saint James Christian Church (DOC) at 2 p.m. The address is 1739 M.L.K. Jr Pkwy B, Wilson, NC 27893.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

CHILDREN'S CHOIR will be singing on Easter Sunday, April 20 at the 11:00 a.m. service. Our rehearsal before the service will start earlier at 10:00 a.m. The children need to arrive in the choir room a little before 10:00 a.m. so they have enough time to put on their robes.

EASTER SUNDAY PRELUDE MUSIC Join us for special prelude music beginning at 10:50 a.m. before the Easter Sunday service.

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 "Psalm 150" Music Ministries Fund.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

- Palm Sunday*
- 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
- 4:00 Easter Egg Hunt - Rotary Park
- 5:00 Youth Group - Asbury
- 5:15 Re-Visit Bible Study - Watson Classroom

MONDAY, APRIL 14

- 8:30 Weekday School - Blackburn Weekday School
- 9:00 Class Photos (Weekday School)

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

- 8:30 Weekday School - Blackburn Weekday School
- 9:00 Class Photos (Weekday School)
- 10:00 Staff Meeting - Conference Room
- 6:00 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - Watson Classroom
- 6:30 SPRC Meeting - Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

- 8:30 Weekday School - Blackburn Weekday School

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

- Maudy Thursday*
- 8:30 Weekday School - Blackburn Weekday School
- 9:30 Weekday School Chapel - Sanctuary
- 6:30 Praise Band Practice - Asbury
- 7:00 Maudy Thursday Service - Sanctuary

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

- Good Friday*
- Weekday School Closed*
- 2:00 Good Friday Service - Saint James Christian Church (DOC)

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

LOOKING AHEAD...

- April 20:** Easter Worship
- May 11:** Confirmation Sunday
- May 27-30:** Weekday School Summer Camp
- June 8:** Senior Sunday
- June 16-20:** Vacation Bible School

From the Pastor . . .

This Sunday is Palm Sunday. It is the last Sunday in Lent and is the gateway to the climax of our Lenten journey. It appears to be a high point in Jesus' ministry with a royal welcome and parade into the city of Jerusalem complete with crowds calling, "Hosanna," and waving palm branches. However, things quickly degenerate into Jesus' arrest, sham trials, an illegitimate verdict, mocking, lashes, and his crucifixion. The events of Holy Week are important, for they show the depth of Jesus' suffering and the fullness of God's love for us. If possible, I highly recommend that you find time to attend the Maundy Thursday service at First UMC (April 17 at 7:00 p.m.) or the community Tenebrae Service (April 18 at 2:00 p.m. at St. James Christian Church). These services offer the opportunity to focus on Jesus' final hours and death.

The sermon will focus on Jesus' sixth word from the cross, "It is finished" (John 19:30). Both Matthew and Mark tell us that as he breathed his last, Jesus cried out with a loud voice. Only John records the content of that cross. Unfortunately, the written words do not convey the manner in which it was spoken and that to which it is referring.

How do we interpret this cry from the cross? Was it a resignation to death or a cry of victory? And what exactly was the "it" that was finished? Answering these questions lead us to a deeper understanding of the magnificent act of grace that Jesus was offering on the cross. Once again, Jesus is sharing with us a more complete portrait of God and a fuller picture of Jesus' mission. There is good news in these words which open to us the grace of God which can transform our lives.

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.

We extend our love and sympathy to Matt Nestor and family on the unexpected passing of his mother, **Patricia Mackey Nestor**, on April 2.

BY OUR PRESENCE

The following numbers represent our in-person and livestream numbers for Sunday, April 6, 2025:

9:00 am Worship Service

In-Person - 70 Online - 42

11:00 am Worship Service

In-Person - 102 Online - 64

Total In-Person Attendance - 172

Total Online Worship Attendance - 106

Sunday School - 34

BY OUR GIFTS

2025 Operating Budget	\$1,053,395
Weekly Requirement	\$20,258
Offering Received April 6, 2025	\$29,933
YTD Requirement	\$283,607
Received YTD	\$278,862

BY OUR SERVICE AND OUR WITNESS

Youth Service Projects: Last Sunday, our youth had a wonderful time serving three households of church members. The youth offered their assistance with yard work and other household projects. Thank you to all of the youth and adults who participated, we greatly appreciate you!

FMW Salad & Dessert: First Methodist Women are hosting their annual Salad and Dessert dinner on Tuesday, May 6 at 6 p.m. in Asbury Hall. ALL WOMEN of the church are invited to attend this fun evening of fellowship and devotion. The meal will be catered this year and the theme is "You've Got a Friend." Please save the date in your calendar to join us! More information to come!

April 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 April Chancel Committee. **April Narthex Greenery Volunteer:** Susan Barnes

The Worship of God

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Hour

Passion/Palm Sunday

Gathering of God's People

Sharing in Song

HOSANNA (PRAISE IS RISING)

Praise Band

SEE A VICTORY

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Moments

First Lesson

Luke 19:28-40

Morning Prayer

Special Music

SUNDAY IS COMING

Praise Band

(Please sign and pass the attendance pad)

Prayer of Dedication

WORD FOR THE DAY

Second Lesson

John 19:16-20, 28-30

Morning Message

Last Words: "It is finished!"

Reverend Mike Frese

OUR RESPONSE

Closing Song

LET IT BE JESUS

Praise Band

Sending Forth

Sound Operator: Bill Bass

Reader: Grayson Coulter

ProPresenter: Johna Kite

Greeters: The Miller Family

Video: Ed Reel

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

Passion/Palm Sunday

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

PRELUDE

“Rondeau”

J.J. Mouret

Michael Peery, Trumpet and David Bellows, Organ

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

C. Dobrinski

Handbell Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+HYMN NO. 280

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

ST. THEODULPH

ANTHEM

“Let The King Come In!”

L. Larson

Chancel Choir & Michael Peery, Trumpet

+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 CHOIR

“Little Grey Donkey”

N. Sleeth

Jessica Satterfield, Accompanist

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

+FIRST LESSON

Luke 19:28-40

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PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please sign and pass the attendance pads.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“The Palms”

J. Faure

Chancel Choir & Michael Peery, Trumpet

+HYMN NO. 95

DOXOLOGY

OLD 100th

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+SECOND LESSON

John 19:16-20, 28-30

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MORNING MESSAGE

Last Words: “It is finished!”

Reverend Mike Frese

+HYMN

“Ride On, Ride On In Majesty”

TRURO

See insert with hymn lyrics.

+DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

+A TIME OF SILENCE AND TRINITY CHIMES

POSTLUDE

“Postlude on 'Truro”

J. Wayne Kerr

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+Those who are able, please stand.

The Chancel Palms are given to the glory of God and in honor of the loving church family and staff here at FUMC Wilson by Keith and Elaine Merrick and Katherine, Kelly, and Jess.

Participating with the clergy today:

Sound: David Presnell

Reader: Nancy Owens

Video: Shelley Gibson

Greeters: Luke and Kristen Spainhour

Crucifer: Walton Green

Acolyte: Nola Green

Prepare for Next Sunday: Last Words: “Into your hands I commend my spirit.”

First Lesson: Luke 23:44-56

Second Lesson: Luke 24:1-12