

11:00 am Worship
March 26, 2023 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

The altar is open for personal prayer time prior to the beginning of our service.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude Kelley Hill

Invocation Will Tosch

Call to Worship *Make A Joyful Noise* Chancel Choir

***Hymn of Praise** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* UMH #139

***Responsive Reading** *adapted from Psalm 130*

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;

People: **Lord, hear my voice.**

Leader: Let your ears be attentive

People: **to my cry for mercy.**

Leader: If you, Lord, kept a record of sins,

People: **Lord, who could stand?**

Leader: But with you there is forgiveness,

People: **so that we can, with reverence, serve you.**

Affirmation of Faith: *The Apostle's Creed

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.*

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***Gloria Patri**

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.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* UMH #277

Children's Moment Hillary Eckstein

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Music *He Looked Beyond My Fault and Saw My Need*
Chancel Choir

***Prayer of Praise**

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

Message Jesus In The Wild Rev. Clint McBroom
"The Power of 'It Is Written'" (Luke 4:4, 8, 12)

***Hymn of Invitation** *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* UMH #301

***Benediction**

***Postlude** Chandler Ogles

*please stand as you are able

Did you know?

On May 8 our church family will join a new expression of Methodism, the Global Methodist Church. This will begin a new and renewed season in the life of our church. Reports from the new conferences that have already formed are that they are more like revivals than business meetings! May we experience this renewal of God's presence and power in our church life!

We are continuing the next step of our New Beginnings campaign, which has raised \$29,000 so far, leaving \$99,000 that we will need to pay by July. During this phase of the campaign you will have the opportunity to pledge. Be in prayer about this opportunity.

Prayer Requests

Good Morning!
We're so glad you're here!

Name(s):

Email (optional):

Sign-Ups

- **The Gospel Story--A Passover Meal Experience** reservations
Thursday, April 6 at 6 pm

Number in party: _____

Vidalia Onions

I'd like to purchase _____ 10-lb bags
of onions for \$10 ea.

Mission House

_____ Check if interested in volunteering

Announcements

- **LifeSouth Blood Drive** - now until 12:30 pm, *front parking lot*

This Afternoon

4:00 pm - Handbell Rehearsal, *bell room*

5:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal, *choir room*

NOT meeting: Children & Youth

Tuesday, March 28

9-11:00 am – Chrismons, *fellowship hall*

Wednesday, March 29

6:00 pm - Food & Fellowship - meal provided by *Men's Club*

6:30 pm - Small Groups, Youth & Kids Classes

Friday, March 31

10:00 am – Making Palms, *fellowship hall*

HELP WANTED: PALM CROSSES

We need volunteers to help fold palm crosses for Palm Sunday! No unique skills are needed. **Friday, March 31st at 10 am.** Please let Sally Weaver know if you can help.

CANDY & PLASTIC EGGS NEEDED

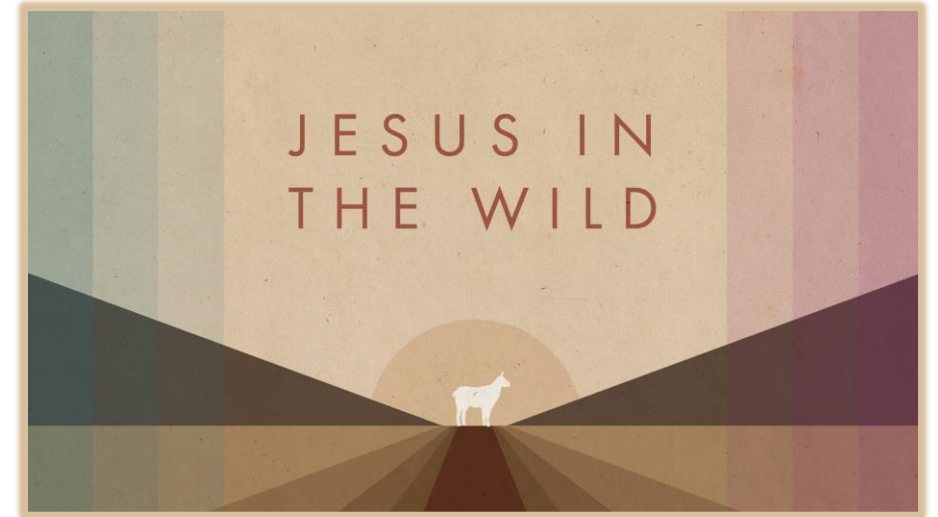
Please don't forget to bring plastic eggs & candy, for the Easter Egg hunt next Sunday, April 2nd at 11:30 am. Place in box in fellowship hall or bring by office. No chocolate, please.

Join us for fasting and prayer beginning NOW

Everyone at First Methodist is invited into a season of prayer and fasting for our church and mission. Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d4da4ab2ea2fb6-prayer#/>. If you don't have internet or if the link doesn't work call the church office to sign up.

Why are we calling folks to fast and pray? Because we want to see God do a new thing among us! We are fasting for our leaders and for our future. We are fasting and praying for a God to bring awakening and spiritual renewal in our beloved church family.

As Jesus said, some things only happen when we fast and pray, so we encourage you to step into this spiritual discipline and let's watch together for what God will do.



“The Power of ‘It Is Written’”
Luke 4:4,8,12

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