



13 April 2025 – 11:30am  
**PALM SUNDAY**  
**Baked Potato Bar**  
 A fundraiser for Youth Mission Trip  
 Baked Potato & Toppings  
 Salad Bar  
 Desserts  
 Drinks  
**\$8.00- \$6.00 KIDS**  
**Carryout Available**



**AMAZING RACE:  
 HOLY WEEK**  
 Friday, April 18th  
 11:00am – 1:00pm  
 Kids Preschool – 5th Grade  
 Race and complete tasks as you learn about the events of Holy Week  
 Lunch provided  
 See Christi Lankford to register or volunteer



**Good Friday Bake Sale**  
**@ the Courthouse April 18 8-11:30am**  
**Baked Goods may be dropped off at the church by 3pm Thursday April 17**  
*Please wrap all baked goods with clear plastic wrap and mark whether it contains nuts*



**Good Friday Service**  
**April 18th 6:15pm**  
 Our Cross Procession will start at the YWCA to the Church @ 6PM  
 All are welcome to join



**Maundy Thursday Service**  
**April 17th 6:15pm**  
 Invite your Friends and Family



**FUMC Holy Week**

- Palm Sunday, April 13th
- Maundy Thursday Service, April 17th at 6:15pm
- Good Friday Bake Sale, April 18th at 8am-11:30am
- Amazing Race: Holy Week, April 18th at 11am-1pm
- Good Friday Service at 6:15. Cross Procession will begin at YWCA at 6pm
- Easter Breakfast, April 20th at 8:30am
- Easter Egg Hunt, April 20th at 9:30am
- Resurrection Sunday, April 20th at 10:15am

# FIRST <sup>United</sup> methodist CHURCH

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**Steadfast Love**  
*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."  
 Lamintations 3:22-23*

April 13th, 2025  
 Palm Sunday

April Prayer Partner

*prayer*

Finally, be strong in the Lord and mighty in his power.

Ephesians 6:10

“Heavenly Father, I ask that you would give (\_\_\_\_\_) courage while they are at school. Help them to be strong in your mighty power, and give them the courage to do what’s right, knowing that they worship a living God who is active, and will help them in times when they need strength. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Our Vision Statement:

**Enlarging the circle of disciples through Jesus**

**Thanks for joining us today!** If you have any questions while you are here this morning, you can find an answer at the Welcome table, which is inside the doors off Jefferson Street. Whatever your circumstances, and no matter where you’ve been, you matter to God, and you matter to us. We are glad you are here! If you are a first time guest with us this morning, **Welcome!** Please stop by the welcome table and pick up a welcome packet.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

“Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.” 2 Timothy 1:13-14

*\*indicates please stand if you are able*  
*Please fill out the attendance pad and pass it to your neighbor*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** Dillon Staas

**PROCESSION OF THE PALMS** *King of Kings/House of the Lord*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** Dillon Staas  
Leader: Today, we join Jesus in the final ascent to Jerusalem, knowing the depths we will descend on our journey through Holy Week.  
**People: Open the gates of righteousness, that we may come worship God!**  
Leader: We join the disciples in declaring that Jesus, riding on a donkey, is our Ruler, the One who will bring peace and salvation for all.  
**People: Open the gates of peace, that we may come worship God!**  
Leader: We join with the bystanders who questioned and wondered who this Jesus really is, who feared the consequences of angering the powers that be.  
**People: Open the gates of truth, that we may come worship God!**  
Leader: The journey through Holy Week brings us face-to-face with the stark reality of sin and God’s faithfulness to save.  
**People: Open the gates of salvation, that we may come worship God whose steadfast love never fails!**

**\*HYMN** *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name* #154 Scott Turner

**\*OPENING PRAYER** Dillon Staas  
Leader: God, we gather on this day to begin a week of contrasts.  
**People: From hope to despair to hope again.**  
Leader: As we begin the week, as we join with the crowd,  
**People: Help us cut through the noise to see what is happening and what is at stake.**  
Leader: As the story unfolds,  
**People: Open us to both the hope and the pain.**  
Leader: In this time of worship,  
**People: Prepare us to celebrate, to weep, and to wait. Amen.**

**SONG** *King of Kings* Jeremy Laukhuf

**CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN** Scott Turner  
*(Children are dismissed to AWE - Preschool through 5th Grade)*

**ANTHEM** *Hosanna in the Highest* arr. Craig Courtney Handbell Choir  
Gloria Wendel, Director

**\*SCRIPTURE** Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

**SERIES**  
**MESSAGE** *Steadfast Love*  
*Open the Gates* Pastor Christian Taylor

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**  
**THE LORD’S PRAYER** Pastor Christian Taylor

**GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**  
*(Children return from AWE)*  
**OFFERTORY** *Mantos y Palmas* by Ruben Avila Scott Turner  
**\*DOXOLOGY** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* #278 v.3 Scott Turner  
**\*PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

**\*HYMN** *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* #277

**\*SPOKEN BEDICTION** Pastor Christian Taylor

**POSTLUDE** *Chorale Postlude* arr. Jack Stevens Scott Turner  
*You are invited to be seated and enjoy the Postlude or leave quietly in peace.*  
*Thank you for worshipping with us!*

**KID’S MINISTRY AWE**

Children preschool through 5th grade have an opportunity to build their relationship with Jesus through uplifting songs and impactful Bible lessons by attending our Alternate Worship Experience. Children will be released to AWE after praise and worship and return during offering time. AWE will not meet Communion Sunday which is the first Sunday of the month.

**Leaders in Today’s Worship**

**Pastor:** Christian Taylor

**Worship Leader:** Jeremy Laukhuf

**Director of Music:** Scott Turner

**Acolytes:** Dillon Staas & Aubrey Osborn

**Screen Creators:** Melody Taylor

**Projectionist:** Noah Carter

**Sound Engineer:** Justin Siefker

**Videographer:** Dave Thompson

**Usher Coordinator:** Neil Shaffer & Dave Lichtle, Assistant