

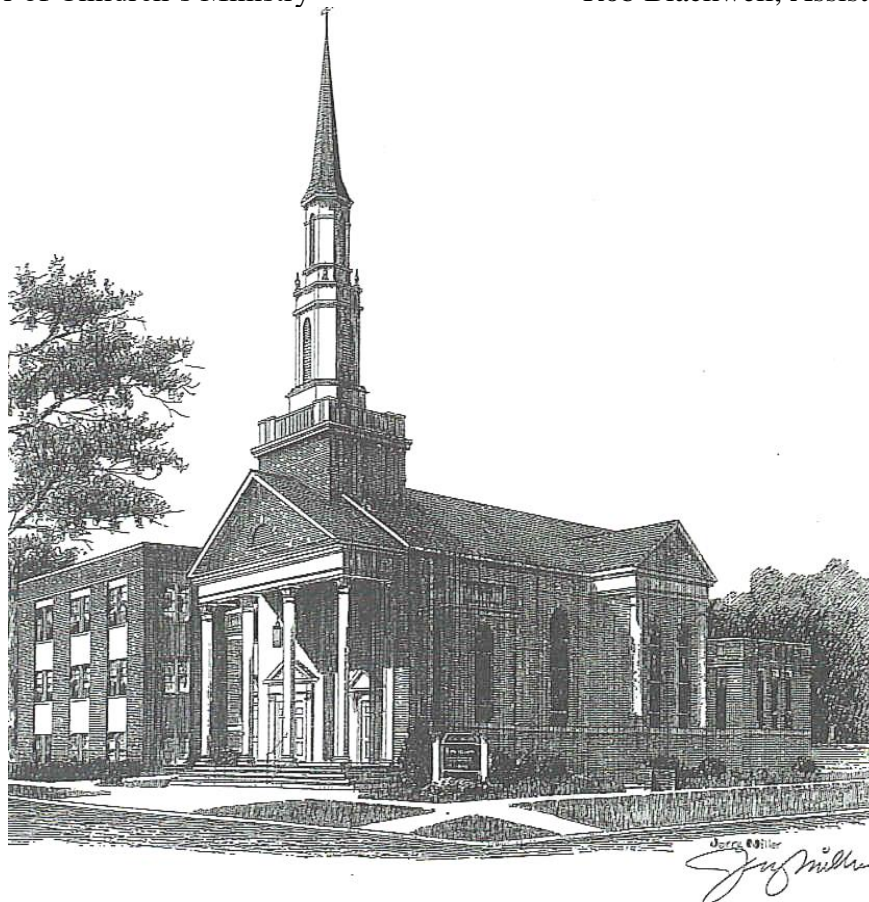
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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 17, 2024

8:30 & 11:00

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

PRELUDE

†CHIMING OF THE HOUR & INTROIT

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked...

But whose delight is in the law of the Lord!

Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees...

**Give me understanding, so I may keep your law and
obey it with all my heart.**

Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength;

May our obedience be a sign of our love and worship!

†HYMN

“Lift High the Cross”

No. 159

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.
The hosts of God in unity combine. [Refrain]

Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. [Refrain]

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. [Refrain]

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! [Refrain]

†OPENING PRAYER

Unison

Sovereign God, Most Holy One: your Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light on our path. You summon us to follow you in obedience to your Word and Way. Forgive us when we choose the world's way over yours. Forgive our disobedience. Grant that in our worship we may recommit ourselves to the joyful obedience that is the fruit of faith and love. To you alone be our allegiance and praise. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

Unison

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.

†GLORIA PATRI

Unison

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.

THE CROWN OF THORNS

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Unison

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.

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 11:1-15

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

WORSHIP WITH TITHES, GIFTS, AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Empty of Me"

Chanel Choir

†DOXOLOGY

No. 95

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.

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way! While we do his good will,
he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain:

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
but our toil he doth richly repay; not a grief or a loss,
not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey. [Refrain]

But we never can prove the delights of his love
until all on the altar we lay; for the favor he shows,
for the joy he bestows, are for them who will trust and obey. [Refrain]

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do,
where he sends we will go; never fear, only trust and obey. [Refrain]

SCRIPTURE

John 14:15-21

SERMON

“Poured out... Obedience”

Pastor Powell

HYMN

“Jesus Is All the World to Me”

No. 469

Jesus is all the world to me, my life, my joy, my all;
he is my strength from day to day, without him I would fall.
When I am sad, to him I go, no other one can cheer me so;
when I am sad, he makes me glad, he's my friend.

Jesus is all the world to me, my friend in trials sore;
I go to him for blessings, and he gives them o'er and o'er:
He sends the sunshine and the rain, He sends the harvest's golden grain;
sunshine and rain, harvest of grain, he's my friend.

Jesus is all the world to me, and true to him I'll be;
O, how could I this friend deny, when he's so true to me?
Following him I know I'm right, he watches o'er me day and night;
following him by day and night, he's my friend.

Jesus is all the world to me, I want no better friend;
I trust him now, I'll trust him when life's fleeting days shall end.
Beautiful life with such a friend, beautiful life that has no end;
eternal life, eternal joy, he's my friend.

†BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Share His love by telling what the Lord has done for you
Share His love by sharing of your faith
And show the world that Jesus Christ is real to you
Every moment, every day!

TRINITY CHIMES

(Please remain in place at the end of the service until the conclusion of the Trinity Chimes)

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are dedicated to the glory of God and given in honor of Jean Kittrell, whose birthday is March 17th, by her husband, Roy and their children.

THE FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL RAIL

The flowers on the chancel rail are dedicated to the glory of God and given in loving memory of Barden & Eva Carawan in honor of their birthdays (February 27th and March 18th) and wedding anniversary (March 17th), by their children Angela & Danny Varner, Evonne Carawan & Phillip Carawan.

STEEPLE LIGHTING

The Steeple is lit for the month of March in honor of Ellen Brent Boone from her family.

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday Last Supper

March 28th at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

On this night, we celebrate Communion, the Holy meal and last supper, which Jesus shared with his disciples in the Upper Room on the night before he died.

Good Friday Service of Tenebrae

March 29th at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary

Experience Christ's crucifixion through Tenebrae, a service of shadow and darkness, with Scripture readings and music from the Chancel Choir that share Jesus' final acts on the Cross.

Easter Sunday Services

Sunrise Service in the Courtyard at 6:45am (followed by a light breakfast)

Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00am

The Rise Contemporary Worship in the Fellowship Hall at 8:30 and 9:45am

Lenten Lunches
Tuesdays at 12:10pm in the Sanctuary

Join us for a brief worship service in the Sanctuary followed by a light lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

March 19th - Rev. Chris Stratton, Lanes Chapel Methodist Church

March 26th - Rev. George Gouge, Global Methodist Church

Palm Sunday Luncheon
March 24th

The Palm Sunday Luncheon fundraiser tradition continues in supporting the SECU Crystal Coast Hospice House. Kay Coole reminded us that this fundraiser was originated to help build the Hospice House 12 years ago. First Methodist continues to support the Hospice House as they are now replacing and upgrading equipment and furniture. Join us for a home cooked meal including Ham, Fried Chicken legs, Potato Salad, Baby Lima Beans, Cucumbers, Homemade Yeast Rolls, and Homemade Desserts! Make your reservations online or by calling the church office at 726-7102. If you'd like to make a donation it'll go to support the SECU Crystal Coast Hospice House. We also need volunteers to help prepare, serve, clean, and deliver meals.

Egg Hunt and Cookout
March 23rd @ 11:00am
Camp Albemarle

Bring the family! Grab your basket, the Egg Hunt will begin promptly at 11:00am (and you know how fast an egg hunt lasts - not very long!) Stay for a cookout lunch and fellowship with First Methodist family and friends as we enjoy the live music of members of The Rise Band. There is no cost for this event and reservations are not needed. See you at Camp Albemarle.

Easter Parking Hospitality

On Easter Sunday, worship attendance will be its yearly high! Everyone wants to worship on Easter, the Day of Resurrection! For regular attenders, a special request: please prayerfully consider parking a block or two away. Plan your route on Palm and Easter Sunday to help our guests and visitors feel welcome.

Ekklesia Donations

Ekklesia is asking for Toilet Paper donations this week. Grab an extra roll at the grocery store or from your house and drop it in the basket in the Atrium. Thank you for your support!
Sometimes it's the little things that show the greatest LOVE!

Register Now!
Project MHC (June 10-12)
VBS (June 4-28)

