



*March 24, 2024*

*Palm Sunday*

9:02

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## St. John's Dementia Support Group

We are looking forward to beginning a new ministry support program for those who care for and/or who have family members or close friends who are challenged by Dementia. This ten-week program is scheduled to start on Tuesday, April 16. They will meet Tuesdays from 4:30pm - 6pm in room 212/213 of the Faith Center.

## Easter Lily Sales

Today is the final day for Easter Lily orders. Tables will be set up and receive orders in both the main lobby of the church office and the lobby of the Faith Center, before and after all services. Orders can also be placed online at <http://stjaiken.org/give>. Simply select the "flowers" fund and put to whom you wish to honor or remember in the memo box of your payment. The cost of each lily is \$25, and checks are to be made out to St. John's UMC. Thank you to all who have supported this ministry over the years and for helping to bring glory to our RISEN Lord.

## St. John's Missions News

Enjoy digging in the ground and making the world a more beautiful place? Then Saturday, April 20 is your opportunity to serve Epworth Children's Home as we complete the landscaping bed with flowers. We need to know you are coming, so please call Debi Rood at 803-646-2845.

For the month of March, we are collecting **granola bars and breakfast bars**. Please place any donated items in the box marked "**Grace Kitchen**" in the Narthex of each worship service. Please place only the requested donation items in the Grace Kitchen boxes as these are the current items needed.

## Wednesday Night Supper

**Menu:** Beef stew, mashed potatoes and coconut cake

**Kids menu:** Sliders and yogurt

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, March 25, at 5pm by calling the church office at (803)648-6891 or contacting Juli Davis at: [jdavis@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:jdavis@stjohns-umc.org). Cost is \$8.00 for ages 10 yrs. - adult and \$3.00 for children over 3 years. You can pay online at [stjaiken.org](http://stjaiken.org), select "GIVE NOW" and then from the drop down menu, select "WNS." You may also pay in person - checks are preferred. Please make checks payable to St. John's.

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### SERVING THIS WEEK

**Worship Services:** Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon; Rev. Butch Blackwell; Rev. Will Altman; Director of Traditional Music - Dr. Matt Caine; Organist - Christopher Nash; 9:02 Band Leader - Jane Timmerman; The 9:02 Band - Chuck Carver, Juli Davis, Earl Melton, Matt Osteen, George Collins, Steve Davis, Alec James, Jeff Krok, Jonathan Cook, Susan Lawson, & Marshall Sanders

**Crucifer:** Olivia Overstreet    **Acolytes:** Ella and Eva Jernigan

**March 11:00 Ushers:** Donald Leader, Larry Burdette, Missy Poe, Eric & Helen Randall, Connie & Mick Pisko, Mitch Rivers, Mary Ann Findley, Penny Rue, Bill Hillan, Jerry Miller, and Nola & Allen Radcliffe

**March Worship Support:** Lynda Troutman, Mary Musick, Sherry Williamson, & Gayle Jones

You may text your gift to St. John's by texting **stjaiken** to 1-888-364-4483 and following the instructions.

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*The 11:00 service is broadcast over WKSX 92.7 at 12 p.m., one week delay.*

## Children's Ministries

Please join us for Children's Wednesday night activities for music and lessons from 5:30pm - 6:45 pm. Children's Wednesday evening activities will not take place during Spring Break 4/3, or 4/10. We encourage all families to come to our Maundy Thursday service at 7pm on 3/28 and our Good Friday Service at 12 noon on 3/29.

**Easter Egg Hunt** will take place on March 30, 2024. Please join us from 10am - 12 noon in the Faith Center. This is for children 0 - 12 years. Please register today in Realm if you plan on participating.

**HELP NEEDED:** We are accepting donations of 12 filled Easter eggs for our Easter egg hunt. Eggs can be filled with candies (please, NO nuts), coins or stickers. Donations will be accepted through March 28. Please leave on the table outside of the Children's Director office door.

## Foundation Student Ministries (7th-12th Grades)

Join us tonight for Sunday Night Youth! Drop off in the Faith Center loop starting at 5pm. We will have free time in the gym, dinner, worship, and small groups! Middle School will begin a new series "Created in God's Image" and High School will continue the series "Habits of Jesus." Bring \$2 and be sure to invite a friend! Pick up is at 7:00pm in the Faith Center loop.

**Youth Band** 3:30pm - 5pm in room 205

**Youth Small Groups on Wednesdays from 7pm-8pm:**

Brotherhood (7th-12th grade boys) in the gym

CORE (7th-8th grade girls) in the Faith Center

Dwell (9th-12th grade girls) in Bekah & Amy's office

Memory Verse: Mark 4:8

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## News of the Family

**Welcome Our Newest Member:**

**Tricia Swartz**

**Congratulations to:**

**Anita Burg**, on the birth of her newest great-granddaughter, **Emilia Leigh**, who was born on March 18, 2024 in Long Island, NY. Emilia joins proud parents Kristi and Mike, and big brother Brody.

**Roger & Mary Ward** who will celebrate their 45th Wedding Anniversary on March 25, 2024.

## ACTS Monthly Collection Item

March — **cereal, oatmeal or grits**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

## Attendance — 3/17/2024

8:30 | 96      9:02 | 227      11:00 | 342

In-Person Total | 665

9:02 Online Live | 361      11:00 Online Live | 445

## Financials

Financial information not available due to Nancy Fairgrieve participating in McCormick's Kairos this week.

## Order of Worship



*We welcome you, no matter who you are, where you come from, or why you are here. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide. This service will be livestreamed today at 9:02 on our website [stjaiken.org](http://stjaiken.org), our Facebook Page, and the St. John's App. Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please silence all electronic devices.*

### PRELUDE

**PRAISE SONG**                      **Holy, Holy, Holy**                      *Dykes*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAISE SONG**                      **Amazing Love**                      *Foote*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**                      **We Believe**

*We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ. We believe in the Holy Spirit and He's given us new life. We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death. We believe in the resurrection and He's comin' back again. We believe.*

### PASTORAL PRAYER & 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

**OFFERTORY**                      **He Is Worthy**                      *Peterson*

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

**SCRIPTURE READING**                      **Mark 11:1-11**                      **Rev. Will Altman**

**SERMON**                      **"The King Is Here!"**                      **Rev. Will Altman**

**PRAISE SONG**                      **Hosanna**                      *Fraser*

### BENEDICTION

### SENDING FORTH SONG

*This is a time of great need, and our missions and church operations require our continued generous giving. Please consider giving online, through text, through the mail, or over the phone to help us ensure that our ministries here and around the world are not adversely affected. More details can be found at [stjaiken.org](http://stjaiken.org).*



**ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**PALM SUNDAY AND PASSION SUNDAY**  
**MARCH 24, 2024**

**CHORAL PRELUDE**

X. Ave Verum [sung in Latin]

Hail, true Body,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Who has truly suffered,  
Was sacrificed on the cross for mortals,  
Whose side was pierced,  
Whence flowed water and blood:  
Be for us a foretaste (of heaven)  
During our final examining.

O sweet Jesus, O pure Jesus,  
O Jesus, Son of Mary,  
Have mercy upon me. Amen.

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\*PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL READING**

**Mark 11:1-11**

### **\*OPENING HYMN AND PROCESSION OF PALMS**

No. 280,

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

ST. THEODOLPH

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE STABAT MATTER**

### **\*THE PASSION AND DEATH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK**

### **\*JESUS IS ANOINTED AT BETHANY**

**Mark 14:1-11**

## **ANTHEM**

#### **I. Cantus lacrimosus [sung in Latin]**

There stood the Mother grieving,  
beside the cross weeping.  
While on it hung her son.

Whose saddened soul,  
sighing and suffering,  
a sword pierced through.

O how sad and how afflicted  
was that blessed Mother  
of the Only-Begotten!

Loving Mother, who was grieving  
and suffering, while she beheld  
the torments of her glorious Son.

## **THE LAST SUPPER**

**Mark 14:12-31**

## **CALL TO PRAYER**

#### **II. A Plea for Prayer upon Observing Mary's Suffering [sung in Arabic]**

## **PASTORIAL PRAYER**

## **CHORAL RESPONSE**

#### **III. Vidit Jesum in tormentis [sung in Latin]**

Who is the man who would not weep  
if he should see the Mother of Christ  
in such great distress?

Who could not be saddened  
if he should behold the Mother of Christ  
suffering with her only Son?

She saw her own sweet Son,  
whose dying caused his desolation,  
while he yielded up his Spirit.

Oh Mother, fount of love,  
God help me feel the force of your grief,  
so that I may mourn with you,



For the sins of his people,  
she saw Jesus in torments  
and subjected to stripes.

Grant that my heart may burn,  
in loving Christ my God,  
so that I may be pleasing to him.

## **GETHSEMANE**

**Mark 14:32-52**

## **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

IV. Lament [sung in English]

## **JESUS BEFORE PILATE**

**Mark 15:1-15**

## **CHORAL RESPONSE**

V. Sancta Mater [sung in Latin]

Holy Mother, I pray that God will do this:  
fix the stripes of the Crucified  
deeply into my heart.

And make me lovingly weep with you,  
to suffer with the Crucified  
so long as I shall live.

And will allow me to share the pains  
of your wounded Son  
who deigned to suffer so much for me.

To stand with you beside the cross,  
and to join with you in deep lament:  
this I long for and desire.

## **THE SOLDIERS MOCK JESUS**

**Mark 15:16-20**

## **CHORAL RESPONSE**

VI. Now my life is only weeping [sung in English and Aramaic]

Now my life is only weeping,  
like a candle melting,  
like a flute my cries are song.

## **THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS**

**Mark 15:21-32**

## **CHORAL RESPONSE**

VII. And the Mother did weep [sung in English, Hebrew, Latin, Aramaic, and Greek]

## **THE DEATH OF JESUS**

**Mark 15:33-41**

IX. Are you lost out in darkness? [sung in English and Aramaic]

Are you lost out in darkness?  
Is your sleep, your silence, endless?  
Can you no more hear my voice?

## THE BURIAL OF JESUS

Mark 15:42-47

### CHORAL RESPONSE

XI. Fac, ut portem Christi Mortem [sung in Latin]

Grant that I may bear the death of Christ;  
Make me a share in His Passion  
and ever mindful of his wounds.

Let me be wounded by His wounds,  
Cause me to be overcome by the Cross,  
And the Blood of you Son.

XII. Paradisi Gloria

Lest I burn in flames enkindled,  
may I, through your Son's suffering,  
O Virgin, be defended on Judgement Day.

When my body perishes,  
grant that my soul be given  
glory of Paradise.

O Christ, when from here I must depart,  
grant that, with your Mother,  
I may obtain the palm of victory.

Amen. Alleluia

### BENEDICTION

**Maundy Thursday Service - March 28, 2024 at 7pm**

**Good Friday Service - March 29, 2024 at 12 noon**

**Easter Sunday Services - March 31, 2023 at 8:30, 9:02 & 11 am**

#### Participants in this service include:

Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon, Senior Pastor

Rev. Butch Blackwell, Associate Pastor of Nurture Ministries

Rev. Will Altman, Associate Pastor of Evangelism, Missions and Young Adults

Nancy Fairgrieve, Church Administrator

Jennifer Windham, Administrative Assistant/Communications Director

A.C. Daniel, visual artist

Madeline Beitel Olivera, *mezzo-soprano*

The Chancel Choir of St. John's United Methodist Church

The Orchestra of St. John's United Methodist Church

Dr. Matt Caine, Director of Traditional Music and conductor

Christopher Nash, church organist and collaborative pianist



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