

Happy Birthday!

- 24 Connie Haberman
Jayden Maras
- 25 Christopher Nelsen
Jada Nelson
- 26 Aaron Bonsma
- 28 Karen Lawrence
David Reisdorfer
- 30 Kathy Gallagher
Ashtyn Van Westen

Happy Anniversary!

None to Celebrate This Week

Church Family

Prayer List

Each week throughout the year, we pray intentionally for families from all of our churches - please include these families in your prayer life this week.

Skeeter Doeden
Kevin & LeAnn Donovan & family
Chris & Diane Dybevic
Michelle Ebbers
Andy & Cindy Ekedahl
Rebecca Emary
Don & Robin Erlandson & family
Jennifer Erwin & family
Daren & Nancy Flinck
Ardis Frederickson
Roger & Bonnie Frisbee
Katherine Gallagher

Let's remember to visit those who are in Care Centers or are homebound: especially reach out to Jenola Uden, Betty Taarud, Lois Carlberg, Norma Carlberg, Margaret Loger, Mary Prins, LaDee Grant, Karen Lawrence, and Norma Swenson

One visit goes a long way!



PRAYER CORNER

Prayers for immediate health concerns:

Myron Grussing (vision issues)
Jack Christofferson (Galen & Sherry's grandson)
Sheila Bengtson (Betty Taarud's granddaughter)
Tom Vagt Kathy Gallagher
Mary Prins Ajulo Ochala
Clyde Scheevel Janelle Johnson
LaDee Grant Marlene Wieneke

Persons impacted by COVID 19:
COVID long-haulers

Prayers for those dealing with cancer:

Laurie Blume Scott Klooster
Christopher Allen Brown
John Kellen (Burdell Kuhl's friend)
Marian Reitsma (Jolene Kuhl's friend)

Persons recovering/dealing with health issues:

Emma Schnyders Nancy Hyink
Gerald Fisher Mike Miller
Kristi Johnson John Clease
Weston Erlandson Bill Carlberg
Steve Timmons Ariana Lopez
Ken Bipes Phil Glembin
Aiden Remme Pat Huisenga
Tim Yager

For peace in Israel and the surrounding areas which are dealing with armed conflict...

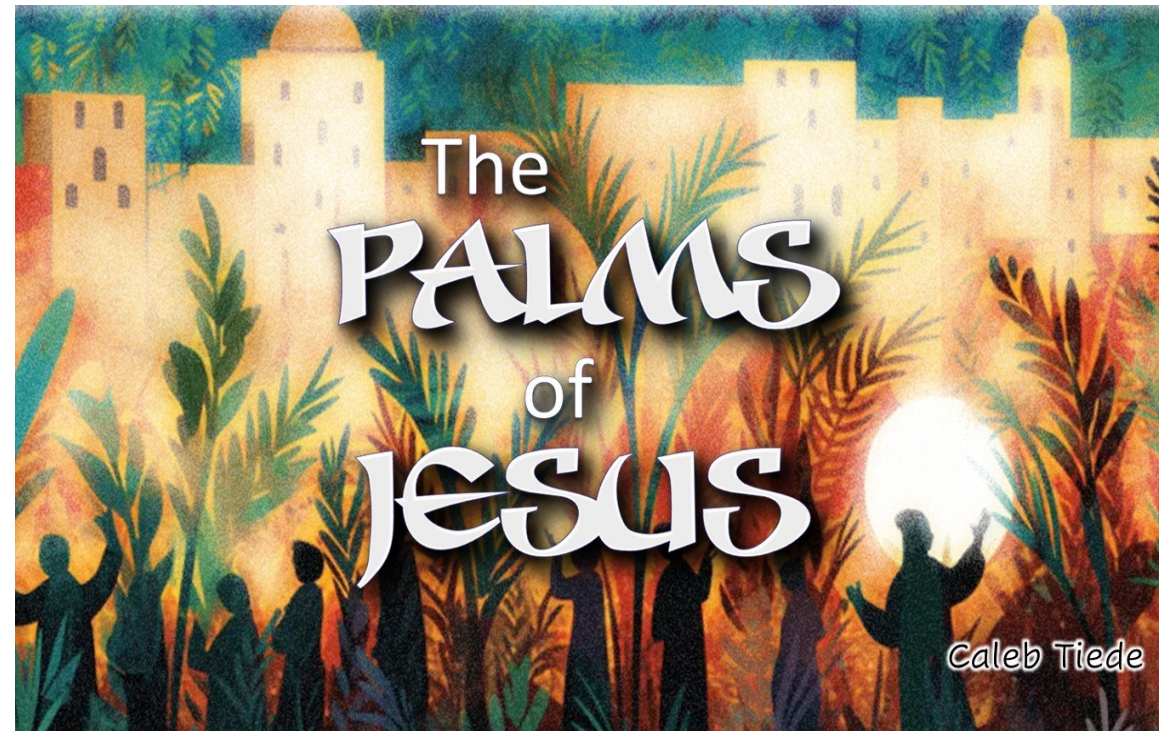
For those dealing with grief and loss...

Giving thanks & praying for:

Our new pastor Rev. John Mitchem
and his former congregation: Albert Lea UMC...
Our Bishop and District Superintendent...
Our teachers, administrators, students...
Front line health care workers...
Law enforcement & emergency workers...
Service women & men and their families...

If you have a loved one you would like to have added to the Prayer Corner list, or if any name needs to be removed from this list, please contact the church office:

507.372.2939
methodistoffice@gmail.com



Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024
Worship - 10:30 a.m.



The Boxcast TV Channel

First UMC YouTube Channel

First UMC FaceBook Channel

First UMC Website

(<http://firstumcworthington.com/>)

PASTOR:

Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck

ORGANIST/ACCOMPANIST:

Carolyn Beerman

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:

Lori Nienkerk

CHOIR DIRECTOR:

Jeanette Jensen

FAMILY LIFE:

Gretchen O'Donnell

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Brenda DeSmith

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Sarah & Chad Nickel

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Brenda DeSmith

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Mike & Shauna Brignac

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Palm Sunday, March 24th, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck
Guest Preacher: Caleb Tiede
Accompanist: Carolyn Beerman

 Please stand as you are able

CENTERING WORDS ¹

*Ride on, King Jesus. Ride with passion and compassion.
Ride in triumph and joy. Ride in humility and gentleness.
Ride with us as we travel the journey with you.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

PRAISE

UMH #277 - *"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"*

CALL TO WORSHIP ²

In joy, we gather this day.

Hosanna to Jesus, the Christ!

In remembrance, we gather this day.

Hosanna to the son of David!

*In festive celebration and quiet reflection,
we gather to worship and pray.*

Hosanna to the Son of God!

 PRAISE

UMH #278 - *"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*

YOUTH PRAISE

"Hallelujah! Praise Ye the Lord!"

MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNG CHRISTIANS



First and Adrian Holy Week Services

The Holy Thursday Service will be held at First UMC on March 28th at 6:30 p.m. (Holy Communion will be served). The Good Friday service is scheduled for March 29th at 6:30 p.m. at Adrian UMC.

Good Friday Passion Play in Sibley

Save the date and plan to attend the 38th Anniversary production of the Osceola County Community Ministerial Association Good Friday Passion Play, scheduled for three performance times on Good Friday, March 29th - at 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Sibley-Ocheyedan High School Auditorium in Sibley, Iowa. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex - sign up if you'd like to car pool together to attend this free event. Tickets are available by reservation (no cost) by calling 712.754.2945. Contact Gretchen O'Donnell if you have any questions about attending this event.

Seeking Photos

Pastor Daren's retirement party planning committee would love to be given any photos you have of Pastor Daren in his time here in Worthington. These could be photos from church, from the golf course, from his musical involvements or any other such thing he's been involved in here in town. Digital photos are preferable but hard copies are also usable. Thank you! Please give photos to Amy Oberloh or Gretchen O'Donnell.

Last Craft Night until Fall!

Come to C3 on Wednesday, April 3, for the last craft night of the school year! 4:30-6:30; cost is \$5. We will be making two different crosses. Please let Gretchen know by calling the church office if you plan to attend -507-372-2939.

Bingo & Games Night

Join us on Sunday, April 14, from 4:00 - 6:00ish in the Fellowship Hall for Bingo and Games! We'll provide a light supper. Bring your favorite board game or puzzle!



Through the Bible in One Year

Here are this week’s Bible readings:

March 25	Joshua 7 - 9	March 29	Joshua 19 - 20
March 26	Joshua 10 - 12	March 30	Joshua 21 - 23
March 27	Joshua 13 - 15	March 31	Joshua 24
March 28	Joshua 16 - 18		Judges 1 - 2

Fireside Book Club

Our next book club book choice is *The Stranger in the Lifeboat*, by Mitch Albom. Please pick up your own copy or get it from the library and read it ahead of our next meeting on Tuesday, April 16th at 7 p.m.. Bring a friend as we discuss the question, "What would happen if we called on God for help and God actually appeared?"


Adult Sunday School

All adults are welcome to join us in the Fireside Room at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday through April 28th. Randy Shirbroun will be leading this class. We will be using the video from the RightNow Media resource called "The Easter Experience" by Kyle Idleman. The Easter Experience brings the passion, and resurrection of Jesus to life through dramatic storytelling and challenging teaching done in a highly cinematic style. Through these in-depth teachings, your small group will grow spiritually, bonding with each other as well as with the eternal message of Easter.

April 7	I Have The Promise of Eternal Life	April 14	I Have A Hope That Never Dies
		April 21	Truth And Dare
		April 28	The Ride - A Christmas Parable

Looking for Home to Rent

Pastor Angel and Lourdes are in the process of searching for a home to rent in Worthington. It’s been a difficult search because of the lack of rental homes in this area. If you know someone who might be interested in renting their home to Pastor Angel and Lourdes, please contact the church office immediately 507.372.2939. Thank You!

	Last Week’s Offering	\$ 13,968.19
	Carry Over Revenue	\$ 39,484.78
	(from 2023):	
	Revenue Year to Date:	\$ 76,060.05
	Expenses Year to Date:	\$ 78,588.22

OPENING PRAYER ³
Jesus, you have walked this road with us many times. Guide our steps and keep us close. Inspire our worship with your loving presence and work in our lives, that your Spirit may flow through our lives as we seek to help others walk the journey with you. Amen.

PRAISE *“The Palms”*
Solo by Elizabeth Bushard ** Accompanied by Carolyn Beerman

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE - THE LORD’S PRAYER

We Hear God’s Word

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 11:1-11
MESSAGE *“The Palms of Jesus”*
Message by Caleb Tiede

We Respond to God’s Word

RECOGNITION OF OFFERING
(please place your offering in the plates as you depart worship)

✚ DOXOLOGY UMH #95 - *“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

✚ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
We Go Forth to Serve God

✚ PRAISE UMH #279 - *“Mantos y Palmas”*

✚ THE BENEDICTION - ✚ POSTLUDE

¹ The Centering Words are based on or inspired by Mark 11.
² The Call to Worship is based on or inspired by Mark 11 and Psalm 118.
³ The Opening Prayer is based on or inspired by Mark 11 and Mark 14-15.
All are based on [or taken from] “The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024”,
edited by Mary J. Scifres and B.J. Beu

Worship Attendance	Last Sunday	LIVE STREAM VIEWS	133
ADRIAN UMC	24	CRISTO EN TU AYUDA	43
FIRST UMC	80	TOTAL	280



First UMC Twins Game 2024

C'mon Twins Fans - join with your friends and neighbors from the United Methodist Church in Worthington to watch the Twins take on the Houston Astros. It's a return trip to Target Field!

Game day is Saturday, July 6th at 1:10 p.m. We are again taking a charter bus to make the entire trip enjoyable (the bus will leave from the front of the church at 8:00 a.m.). A special word of thanks to the First UMC Foundation for again funding the cost for the bus! Of course, you have the option of driving to the game yourself, if desired.

Our reserved seats will once again be in Section 102 - we have 60 tickets set aside for us along the first base side toward the right field corner. The total cost for the tickets \$45.00 per person (there is no cost for the bus, but we will donate a gratuity for the bus driver - \$3 per person or \$5 per couple/family suggested). We will stop at St. Peter for a rest break on the way up.

Sign up sheets will be posted in the Narthex at First UMC or contact the church office. Or you can clip the order form below and send this to the church office. Sign up and pay before June 7th! Go Twins!

NAME: _____ NUMBER OF TICKETS: _____

ADDRESS: _____ X \$45.00 = _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

(PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK OUT TO FIRST UMC - "TWINS GAME" IN THE MEMO LINE)



New Chairs in the Fellowship Hall...

Thanks to a generous gift to the Memorial Team, 196 new chairs have been purchased for the Fellowship Hall. They look fabulous! We have many old chairs remaining - if you are interested in having some chairs, you are welcome to them! Please make a decision before the next two weeks whether or not you will want some of the old chairs - no limit and no cost!

Confirmation Sunday

This year's Confirmation Class session is scheduled for Saturday, April 13th at First starting at 9:00 a.m.. Pictures for the class will be held on Wednesday, April 24th - 5:00 p.m. at First UMC and 6:00 p.m. at Adrian UMC. The class will be confirmed on Sunday, April 28th, 2024, in their own church congregations: at Adrian - Charger Erlandson, Keyona Klingenberg, and Jenna Winselman; at First - Emma Hietbrink, Tucker Klinkenberg, and Tayler Nickel. Please acknowledge these persons as they confirm their faith in the Lord and join the church as full members.

Community Kids' Camp!

Volunteers are needed for our Second Annual Community Kids' Camp (formerly known as VBS)! After last year's success, we are very excited to repeat this multi-church event. Our theme is "What a Mess"! We need helpers to make one meal, volunteers to help teach and assist teachers, and youth or adults to hang out with the children throughout the night. Once again American Lutheran, Living Waters Covenant Church and First Lutheran Church will be co-leading the event along with us. First Lutheran will be hosting this year. Dates are June 10-13 from 5:30-8:00p.m. Please see Gretchen for more information or questions!

Holy Communion Servers Needed!

Volunteer servers are needed for Holy Communion. We offer Communion once a month on the First Sunday of the month. We need persons to sign up on the Communion server list in the back of the church. If you are uncertain as to what needs to be done to prepare for Communion, please contact the church office 507.372.2939.



Operation Christmas Child

We will again be collecting items for the Operation Christmas Child boxes that will be packed in November. Starting in March and through October, each month we will highlight an area of items that are needed; you may give a monetary donation (Please make check payable to 1st UMC and put OCC on the memo line) at any time which will go towards buying additional items that are needed or for postage to help ship the boxes overseas. Your donations can be placed in the box in the narthex. There is a list available of the items that are needed and will be collected throughout the next months; you can donate any of those items at any time. The age groups that the boxes will be packed for are ages 2-4, 5-9 and 10-14 for both boys and girls.

For the month of March we will be collecting personal care items. Suggestions for items to donate are: toothbrushes, combs, hairbrushes, bars of soap, washcloths, stick deodorant, nail clippers, non-liquid lip balm, plastic bowls and cups, small water bottles, and small battery operated flashlights (batteries should be included).

The Missions Committee thanks you for your interest and consideration in this project. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Soderholm.

Minnesota Food Share March Campaign

The Annual Minnesota Food Share March Campaign is underway with both Manna Food Shelf and Worthington Christian Church Food Shelf participating; there will be a dollar for dollar match from the Worthington Regional Health Care Foundation. Monetary donations will be taken until Sunday, March 31st. Please make your check payable to First United Methodist Church with March Campaign on the memo line. Monetary donations can be stretched further but the donation of non-perishable items is also welcomed; please put in the box in the narthex. Thank you for your considerations of helping those in need.

MN West Food Pantry

Minnesota West offers a Pop-up Food pantry for their students who are on campus or off campus. Your financial donations will help to purchase gift cards that will be given to the college to purchase food items that are needed for students. Please make your check to First United Methodist Church with Pop-up Food Pantry on the memo line. Thank you for your consideration to help this mission!

Food Shelf Donations

Your donations for the local food shelves of non-perishable food items are accepted throughout the year, please place your items in the wagon located in the narthex. Please be aware of the "best by" or "use by" dates on the items that you are donating. Items are taken alternately to the two food shelves.



Our nursery is open,
but is not staffed at this time.

A baby changing station
is available in the nursery and
also in the women's restroom
located in the education wing.

Worship activity bags
for children are in the narthex.

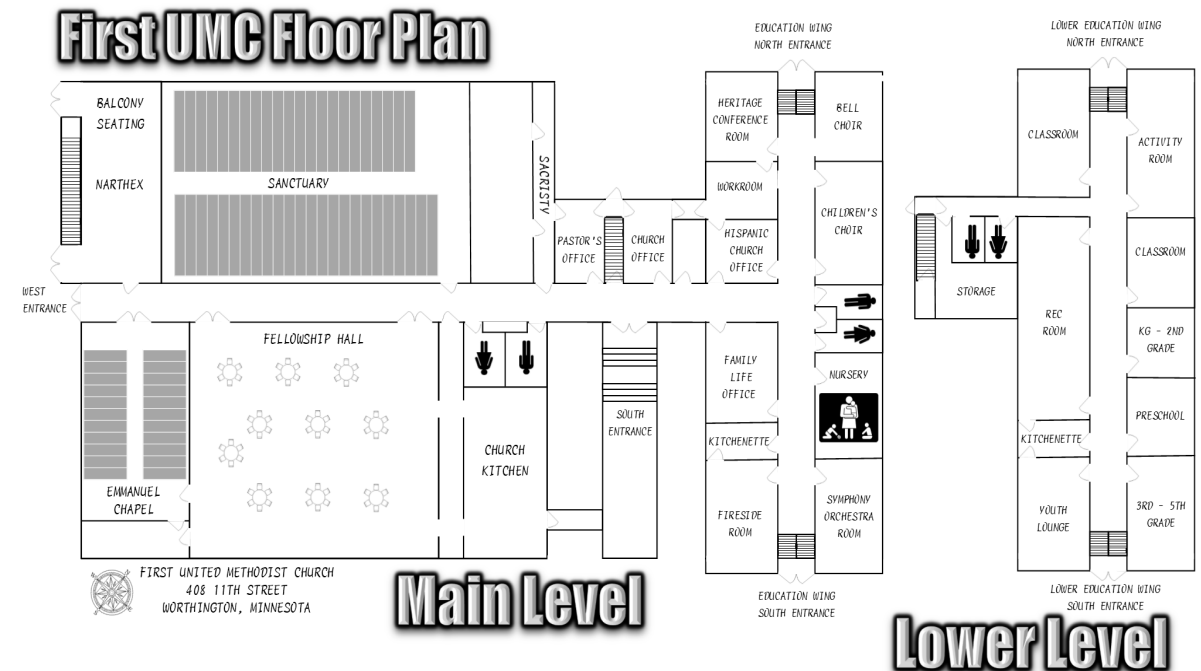
A Note to Our Guests....

Thank you for taking the time to
worship with us this Sunday!

We hope and pray that this worship
experience will increase your faith
and help you develop more resources
for growing in Christ.

Remember to join us for coffee
fellowship each Sunday at 9:45 a.m.
in the Fellowship Hall.

We welcome you to First Church!



Care Center Residents:

First UMC:

The Meadows Memory Care Unit

Karen Lawrence

South Shore Care Center

Lois Carlberg LaDee Grant

Sibley Specialty Care Center

Norma Swenson

Adrian UMC:

Mary Jane Brown Ctr (Luverne)

Mary Prins

Adrian Country Living Cottage

Margaret Loger

Live Streaming...

You can catch our live stream broadcast on your smartphone, iPad, Smart TV or computer at on any one of four different app channels or online websites:

[The Boxcast TV Channel](#)

[First UMC Website](#)

[First UMC YouTube Channel](#)

[First UMC FaceBook](#)

Please note that all of our services can be viewed at the above locations even after the service is over.

For questions, please contact the church office.
Thank you!

This Week

SUN

6:30 am

9:00 am

9:00 am

9:00 am

9:45 am

10:30 am

1:00 pm

MON

9:00 am

3:00 pm

TUES

9:30 am

3:00 pm

WED

8:00 am

5:00 pm

5:45 pm

6:15 pm

7:00 pm

THUR

6:30 pm

FRI

6:30 pm

SUN

6:30 am

9:00 am

9:00 am

9:00 am

9:45 am

10:30 am

1:00 pm

March 24 - Palm Sunday

Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

Worship @ Adrian

Sunday School @ First

No Adult Sunday School @ First

Coffee Fellowship @ First

Worship @ First

Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First

March 25

Ladies' Lenten Study

Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

March 26

Ladies' Coffee @ Hy-Vee

Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

March 27

Men's Breakfast @ Blue Line

NO C3 Meal

NO Bell Choir Practice

NO G1 @ Adrian UMC

NO Chancel Choir Practice

March 28

Holy Thursday (@ First UMC)

March 29

Good Friday (@ Adrian UMC)

March 31 - Easter Sunday

Worship Re-Broadcast on TV3

Worship @ Adrian

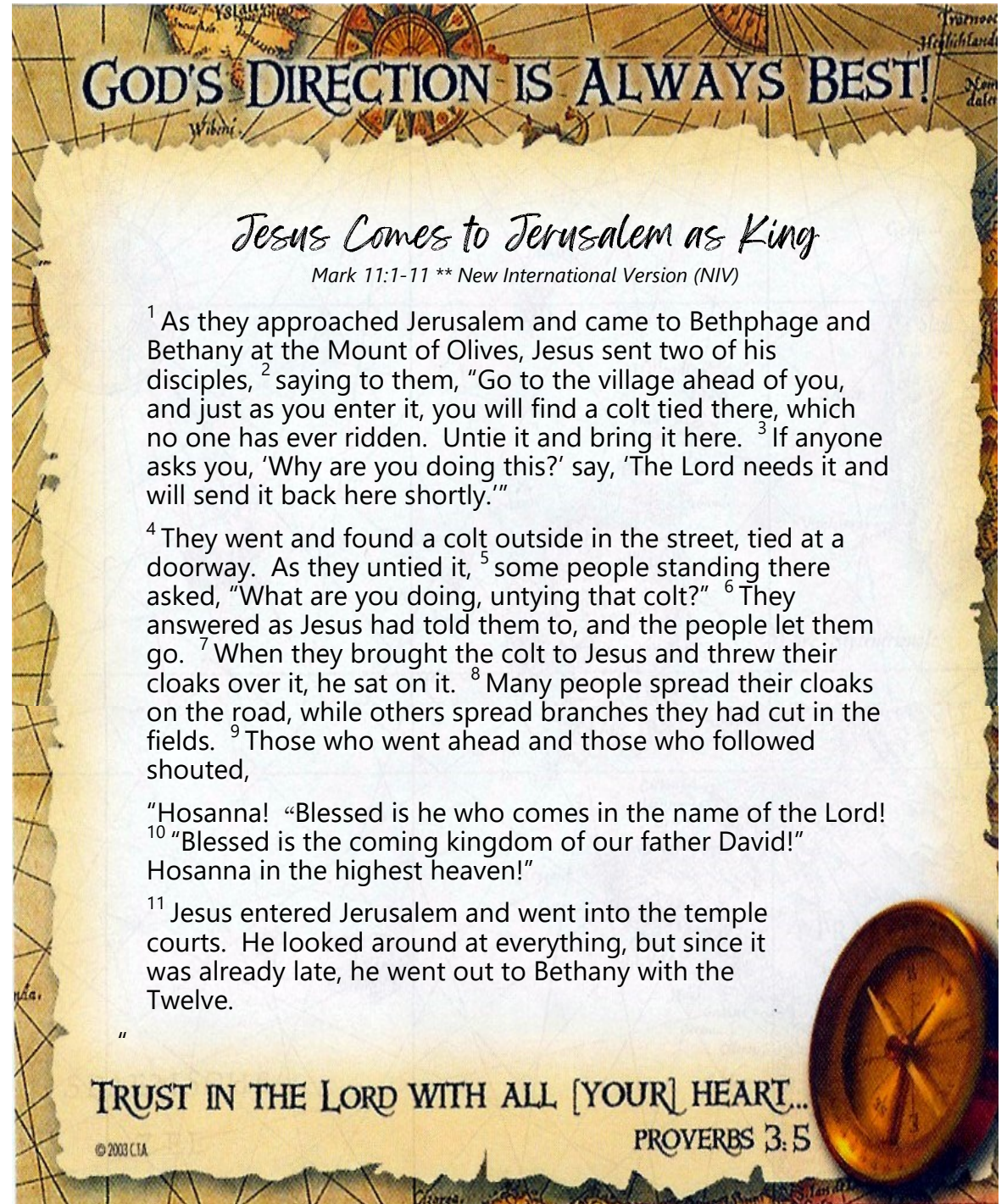
No Sunday School @ First

No Adult Sunday School @ First

Coffee Fellowship @ First

Worship @ First

Cristo En Tu Ayuda @ First



GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!

Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King
Mark 11:1-11 ** New International Version (NIV)

¹ As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ² saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'"

⁴ They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵ some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" ⁶ They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷ When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

"Hosanna! "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
¹⁰ "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹ Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

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TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL [YOUR] HEART...
PROVERBS 3:5

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