

April 2023

THE WAYFARER

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HOLY WEEK

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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

8:30 am	H.E. Rite I
9:30 am	Adult Christian Ed
9:30 am	Choir
10:30 am	Children's Church
10:30 am	H. E. Rite II

STUDY SCHEDULE WEDNESDAY

10:30 am	Bible Study
5:30 pm	Bible Study
6:30 pm	Choir

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Holy Week 2023

The start of April this year brings with it one of my favorite parts of the Christian year: Holy Week and Easter. Holy Week traditions allow us to be immersed in liturgy for a week. Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Great Vigil of Easter, and Easter Sunday make for a full and inspiring week in the life of the parish.

It begins April 2 with Palm Sunday. Weather permitting, we will gather in the courtyard for the Liturgy of the Palms. We will then process while singing and waving our palm fronds to the front door of the church. There we will pause and pray another collect, marking the transition from the crowd shouting, "Hosannah!" to their shouting "Crucify him!"

Our Holy Week observance continues on Wednesday with the Stations of the Cross. We symbolically travel with Christ through the streets of Jerusalem as he makes his way to Golgotha, stopping at various points to remember events both biblical and traditional.

On Thursday, we will celebrate Maundy Thursday. This service is the beginning of the Triduum of Easter, the "three days." *Maundy* comes from the Latin word *mandatum* or commandment. Jesus teaches his closest disciples that he is giving them a new commandment to love one another. Our Lord manifests this command by washing the feet of his disciples. We will wash feet at our service as well. Maundy Thursday also marks the institution of the Lord's Supper. At the end of the service, we will move the remaining consecrated elements to the altar in the chapel area, symbolizing Christ's journey to the Garden of Gethsemane. We will leave in silence after the stripping of the altar.

The service continues the next day with Good Friday. Just as we left in silence the night before, we enter in silence on this day. We kneel in silent prayer and hear again the Crucifixion narrative, this time from the Gospel of John. We then pray the Solemn Collects and spend time in adoration of the Cross. We receive communion from the reserve sacrament and once again depart in silence.

We next gather Saturday evening, once again in the courtyard, for the beginning of the Great Vigil of Easter. A new fire is lit and from it the Paschal candle. We will process into the darkened church, led by the light of Christ symbolized by the candle. We will hear the Exsultet sung as the light of Christ spreads through the darkness. We will read passages from the Old Testament that record God's saving deeds in history. We will then renew our baptismal vows.

After the renewal of our vows, we will light the candles on the altar, turn on the lights, and sing glory to God for the Resurrection of Our *(continued on page 2)*

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Lord Jesus Christ. Our Lord has passed over from Death into Life, from Darkness into Light. And then we will celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter. After the service, we will have a gala celebration in the parish hall.

The next morning, we will gather for the Sunday of the Resurrection. We will have the flowering of the Cross by our children. After the service, we will have an Easter Egg hunt on the lawn.

I urge you to immerse yourself in the events of Holy Week. Attend every service. Experience the rollercoaster of emotion that Holy Week provides. Open yourself up to experiencing God in a way that the rest of the year merely echoes. It is worth the effort.

Peace,
Fr. Brandt+



HOLY WEEK

- Apr 2 – Palm Sunday H.E. Rite I 8:30 am
- Apr 2 – Palm Sunday H. E. Rite II 10:30 am
- Apr 5 – Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm
- Apr 6 – Maundy Thursday H. E. Rite II 6:00 pm
- Apr 7 – Liturgy of Good Friday noon
- Apr 8 – Easter Vigil 7:30 pm followed by reception
- Apr 9 – Easter Sunday H. E. Rite II 10:30 am
Followed by Easter Egg hunt



Easter Lilies

The Easter Memorial Flower List is on the hall table. Please check the list and highlight the names of loved ones you would like to remember. If a name needs to be added, please PRINT the name on the attached legal pad. Minimum donation is \$30.00. Deadline for memorial names is **April 2**

Good Friday Offering

Each year our plate offering on Good Friday goes to The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. The Episcopal Church has been in partnership with the diocese of Jerusalem for a very long time. Since 1922 the Good Friday offering we collect helps the ministries of healing, feeding and teaching among the dioceses of the Province. While there is not an "offertory" on Good Friday there will be a plate in the aisle for your donations. Please give generously for this worthy cause.



The next ECW luncheon will be Tues., Apr 11 at noon at the Greenville Country Club.



MEN of ST. JAMES

The Men of St. James will be breakfasting together on Thurs. April 20, at 7:00 a.m.



Flowering the Cross Easter Egg Hunt



Two of our favorite traditions will happen Easter morning – the children's flowering of the cross and the Easter egg hunt. Children may put flowers into the cross during the sequence hymn. The egg hunt will be immediately after church in the yard. Don't forget to bring your Easter basket and flowers!!



We will ring in the Great Fifty Days of Easter at the 7:30 pm Easter Vigil service on Saturday, April 8. Bring your bells to ring during the service.

Service Ministries for Sunday, Apr 2 Palm Sunday

8:30 AM Worship Leader: Betsy Alexander
10:30 AM Worship Leader: Ann Macvaugh
LEM: Sonya Bixler
Lector: Austin Frye
Ushers: Lee Engel
Vestry Assignment: Leigh Harris, Brad Jones

Service Ministries for Maundy Thursday, Apr 6

6:00 PM Worship Leader: Ashley Hines
LEM: Noel Harris
Lector: Deanna Harper
Ushers: Mickey Naaman
Vestry Assignment: Austin Frye, Debi Hendrix

Service Ministries for Good Friday, Apr 7

10:30 AM Worship Leader: Dotti Lowe
Gospel Lectors: Tim Bixler, Deanna Harper, Warren Harper, Hal Winn

Service Ministries for Easter Vigil, Apr 8

7:30 PM Worship Leader: Ann Macvaugh
LEM: Geoffrey Lewis
Lectors: Robin Kelly, Erica Dick
Ushers: Peter Nimrod
Vestry Assignment: Graham Hollister, Rak Koestler

Service Ministries for Sunday, Apr 9 Easter Sunday

10:30 AM Worship Leader: Ashley Hines
LEM: Sonya Bixler
Lector: Rak Koestler
Ushers: Ralph Owens
Vestry Assignment: Beth Naaman, Wesley Smith

Service Ministries for Sunday, Apr 16

8:30 AM Worship Leader: Brister Lee
10:30 AM Worship Leader: Dotti Lowe
LEM: Noel Harris
Lector: Mickey Naaman
Ushers: Wesley Smith
Vestry Assignment: Doug Wade, Charlie Weissinger

Service Ministries for Sunday, Apr 23

8:30 AM Worship Leader: Jim Martin
10:30 AM Worship Leader: Ann Macvaugh
LEM: Geoffrey Lewis
Lector: Ralph Owens
Ushers: David Cochran
Vestry Assignment: Leigh Harris, Brad Jones

Service Ministries for Sunday, Apr 30

8:30 AM Worship Leader: Betsy Alexander
10:30 AM Worship Leader: Ashley Hines
LEM: Sonya Bixler
Lector: Charlie Weissinger
Ushers: Bill Andrews
Vestry Assignment: Austin Frye, Debi Hendrix

**The Annual Day School Rummage Sale
will be held in July!**

Spread the word that we are collecting treasures all year long for our Rummage Sale. We have 2 containers we would love to fill with rummage. This is our biggest fundraiser, and we welcome anyone's donations. If you bring your donations before noon any weekday, we will help you unload!

If you happen to see our instagram or facebook posts an easy way to show your support is to LIKE and SHARE all of them. Sharing our posts exponentially increases our visibility in our community!



OUR PARISH FAMILY



For parishioners: Emma Jean McIntyre, George Baird, Claire Quittmeyer, Sandy Welsh, Lynn & Bill Schaffarzick, Eva Jackson, Louise Loughran, Haley Holbrook, Jimmy Lee, Linda Owens, Dudley Stewart, David H. Lee, Susan Sutherland, Elizabeth Smith.

For friends and family: Waylon Sievers, Linda Howard, Sylvia Webb, Lisa Willis, Butch Ashmore, Portia Wise, Docia England, Hardy Brumfield, Linda Fava, Betty Coghlan, Kaye Buchanan, Penny & Rick Byler, Betty Lynn Cameron, Greg Knowles, Pookie Davis, Bob Jones, Sarah Dunn, Andy Von Antz, 2 Anonymous

For those serving in the Armed Forces: Jackson Mitchell, Tyler Owens, Nathan Thomas, Sean Williams, Thomas Griffin, Barry Jackson, Marcus Shoemaker, Beau Swain.

For expectant couples: Liz & Charlie Weissinger, Virginia & Myles Grubbs, Ann Elise & Xan Robertson

APRIL



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Lea Margaret Hamilton	4/03
Holly Wade	4/03
Debbie Blanks	4/04
Austin Frye	4/04
Robin Wells	4/04
Ralph Owens, Jr.	4/09
Mike Boyd	4/10
Mary Paul McDowell	4/10
LaMarr Winn	4/12
James Avis III	4/13
David H. Lee	4/19
Faris Buchberger	4/20
Vance Nimrod	4/21
Searcy Cunningham	4/23
Gary Hines	4/25
Eva Wade	4/27
Lily Rose Owens	4/29
Craig Karlson	4/30

Robin & Greg Wells	4/12
Amanda & Carl Cottingham	4/21
Elise & Jimmy Lee, Jr.	4/21
Katie & Billy Elliott	4/23
Margaret & Larry Wade	4/23

Revenue & Expenses February 2023

Total Revenue	\$20,822.84
Total Expenses	\$31,525.73
Net Total	(\$10,702.89)

Next Dates for Baptisms

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is appropriately administered within the Eucharist at the chief service on a Sunday. The next dates for Baptism are The Day of Pentecost, May 28, and All Saints' Sunday, Nov. 5. To schedule a baptism, please call Betsy at the Church Office or speak to Father Brandt.



Deadline for
articles for the
next *Wayfarer* is
Apr 24

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Apr 2 Palm Sunday services 8:30 & 10:30 am
- Apr 5 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross
- Apr 6 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday H. E. Rite II, foot washing and stripping of the altar
- Apr 7 12:00 pm Good Friday service
- Apr 8 7:30 pm Easter Vigil followed by reception
- Apr 9 10:30 am Easter Sunday H. E. Rite II followed by Easter Egg Hunt
- Apr 10 Church office closed
- Apr 11 12:00 pm ECW Luncheon at GGCC
- Apr 18 5:30 pm Vestry Meeting
- Apr 20 7:00 am Men's Breakfast

The Church Office will be closed April 10, Easter Monday

CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

APRIL 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 10:00 AM A.A. mtg
2  Palm Sunday 8:30 AM H.E. Rite I 9:30 AM Choir 10:30 AM Children's Church 10:30 AM H.E. Rite II	3 12:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee	4	5 8:30 AM Day School Chapel  5:30 PM Stations of the Cross 6:00 PM Choir Practice	6  Maundy Thursday 6:00 PM H.E. Rite II, Stripping Altar	7  Good Friday 12:00 Noon Liturgy of Good Friday	8 10:00 AM A.A. mtg  Easter Vigil 7:30 PM: Easter Vigil & Reception
9  Easter Sunday 9:30 AM Choir 10:30 AM H.E. Rite II Followed by Easter Egg Hunt	10 Office Closed	11 12:00 PM ECW Luncheon @ GGCC	12 8:30 AM Day School Chapel 10:30 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Choir Practice	13	14 Clergy Sabbath	15 10:00 AM A.A. mtg
16 8:30 AM H.E. Rite I 9:30 AM Adult Sunday school 9:30 AM Choir 10:30 AM Children's Church 10:30 AM H.E. Rite II	17	18 5:30 PM Vestry	19 8:30 AM Day School Chapel 10:30 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Choir Practice	20 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast	21 Clergy Sabbath	22 10:00 AM A.A. mtg
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