



Eastminster Messenger

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"This is the Easter message... It says to us that love is the most durable power in the world."-- Martin Luther King Jr, Sermon, "The Questions that Easter Answers", Easter 1957

"All of the nails in the world could never pierce this truth. All of the crosses of the world could never block this love. All of the graves in the world could never bury this goodness. ... Jesus lives today in our lives; he lives today in the world. And this is our hope. This is what keeps us going. There is something in the cross that is not only an element of tragedy; there is an element of triumph within that cross. So, you can go out this morning with new hope, new hope for the future. No matter how dark it gets.. God ultimately transforms Good Friday into Easter"—Martin Luther King, Jr, Sermon, "A Walk Through the Holy Land", Easter 1959

What a wonderful entry into Holy Week this Palm Sunday. Another absolutely soul-stirring anthem and truly moving service worshipping God whose kingdom of love, justice, truth, and peace has no end!

Friends, may the Holy Week journey for you be wonderfully graced with the peace and courage of the Spirit, as you follow Jesus through the events and present struggles He brings new life through.

Let us worship God!
Grace and courage,
Ryan

Membra Jesu Nostri: Meditations on the Wounds of Christ
Explored through scripture, music, and art



Christianity and the Arts • Eastminster Presbyterian Church
Thursday, April 17, 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Service 7 PM April 17

"Oh who am I, that for my sake, my Lord should take frail flesh and die." (Samuel Crossman, 1664)

This Maundy Thursday we invite you to enter into reflection of our Lord's sacrifice and death through Buxtehude's *Membra Jesu Nostri*.

While listening to this large work for chorus, strings, and organ, we will be able to immerse ourselves in the poetry and artwork of the time.



PRAYER VIGIL Maundy Thursday — Good Friday

Thank you to all who have signed up for the Prayer Vigil beginning on Maundy Thursday and continuing until Good Friday at 4pm. We have a few spots left: Thursday at 8 pm, Friday at 8 am, and at 1, 2, and 3pm. If you would like to sign up, please call the office or just come to the sanctuary at the time of your choice.

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Maundy Thursday - April 17 at 7:00 p.m.

As always, this will be a very meaningful experience of worship. We will share Holy Communion by intinction and hear inspiring anthems from our choir.



Maundy Thursday - Good Friday Prayer Vigil

Every year for more than two decades we have provided the opportunity to experience a meaningful and powerful hour in the sanctuary between the conclusion of our Maundy Thursday service and 3:00 PM on Good Friday. Sign up for an hour during that period and we'll have appropriate music and books available along with our traditional Stations of the Cross arrangement.



Easter Sunday - April 20

7:30 AM – Sunrise Service in The Gallery

8:30 AM - Sunrise Breakfast

9:00 – Sunday School

10:30 - Worship

SEE YOU FOR CINNAMON ROLLS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY APRIL 27, 9AM-10AM

Enjoy homemade cinnamon rolls, and wonderful Sunday school classes for kids, youth, and adults!



EASTER LILIES



We would love for you to take part in the Easter Lily display in the chancel area on Easter Sunday. Donate a lily in memory or in celebration of a loved one. Lilies are \$8 each. Please contact the office this week if you are interested.

What other springtime flower could possibly represent Easter and Christ better? The life cycle of Easter lilies, which grow from a bulb for several years beneath the earth before blossoming into magnificent flowers, recalls Jesus' death and resurrection.



Please pray for the following individuals: Ann Meyers, Dave & Barbara Moran, Beth Bailey, Randy Mattingly, Peggy

Pennington, Kim Hale, Linda Coleman, Savannah Murphy, Maria Keller, James Foster, Betty Sue & Pamela Jean, Jane Williams, Fred Austin, Dee J., Jonnie Pegues & her daughter, and Riley Willis.

If you have prayer requests or wish to have your name removed from the list, please call the church office at 812-476-3355.



GREETING & VALET SERVICE IN THE GALLERY

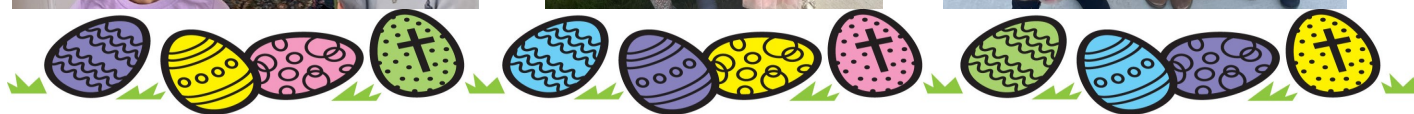
We are thankful for all the ways you help further the welcoming that Christ makes possible!

We are excited to share that we have begun to have two additional greeters in the gallery to welcome those who drive up and need valet service.

"Welcome one another, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God" (Romans 15:7)

Even the Stones Would Shout Out!

We had a wonderful celebration of Jesus as King this Palm Sunday in worship and a beautiful day to enjoy the Easter Egg and food truck fun.



Thank you for the truly incredible generosity that you share.
We have had a wonderful response to the Capital Campaign so far!
If you would like to support this incredible campaign, we
ask that all pledge cards be turned by April 30.
Thank you, EPC!
By God's grace and Spirit Eastminster continues Looking Up!

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