



We Seek to Better Understand
the Teachings of Jesus—
and Live those Teachings.

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WELCOME

Whoever you are,
and wherever you find yourself
on the journey of faith, you are
welcome to this church as you
are to receive the riches of
God's grace...

The Way...

The earliest Christians were called *The People of the Way*.

This weekly publication is provided to show
how our congregations are living *The Way* today.
2nd Sunday of Lent **February 25, 2024**

Holy Week

Palm Sunday ~ March 24th

9:00am ~ Blythe Chapel
10:30am ~ Fort Branch First
& Live Streaming

Easter Sunday ~ March 31st

7:00am ~ Sunrise Service w/Communion
@ Blythe Chapel UMC
w/ Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast
following

Holy Thursday ~ March 28th

7:00pm ~ Communion
@ Blythe Chapel UMC

9:00am ~ Easter Worship Service
w/Communion & Live Stream
@ Fort Branch First UMC

Good Friday ~ March 29th

6am-6pm ~ 12 Hour Prayer Vigil

8:00am ~ Easter Morning Breakfast



PRESSED *Gethsemane*, the name of the place where Jesus prayed before his betrayal, is an Aramaic word for “olive press.” During Bible times, olives were pressed three times to remove all the valuable oil. Before being arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus felt the full pressing weight of our sins on his shoulders. Surrounded by olive trees, praying fervently while sweating drops of blood, the perfect Son of God asked his heavenly Father three times to remove the cup of suffering.

Instead of removing that trial, God used it to redeem and save humankind. Likewise, God uses our hardships to refine and strengthen our faith.

In *The Rock, the Road and the Rabbi*, TV host Kathie Lee Gifford and Messianic Rabbi Jason Sobel speculate that if Peter, along with James and John, hadn't fallen asleep in Gethsemane, he may have had the strength to not deny Jesus later that night.

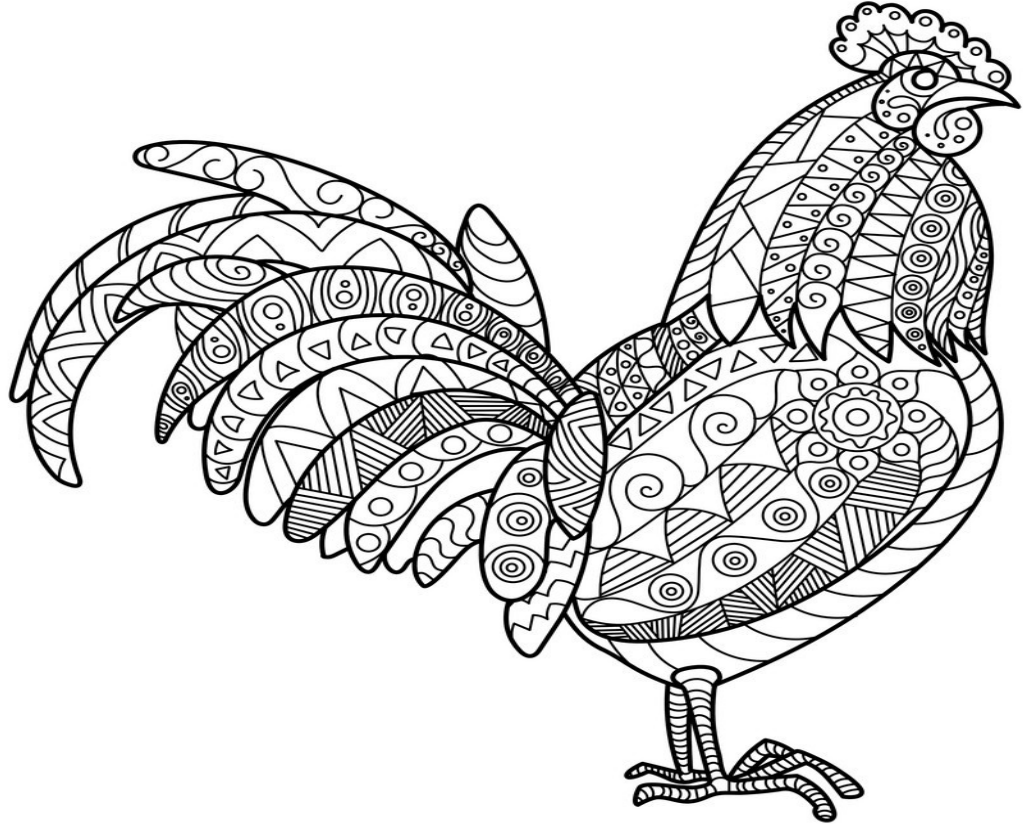
“All of us must be vigilant to watch and pray so that we don't succumb to the temptation to deny the Lord when we go through the olive presses of life and feel like we are being crushed by our situation and circumstances,” the authors write. “We must remember that it is the crushing that brings out the true inner value and worth of the olive.”

Judas betrays Jesus

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Passover	plotting	priests	Satan
teachers	temple	twelve	unleavened

YOU
ARE loved



FEBRUARY
Birthdays and Anniversaries

Stuart & Krissie Michel ~ 27th
John Windell ~ 1st

MARCH
Birthdays and Anniversaries

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THIS WEEK *At Church*

† Indicates location is Blythe Chapel
Ω Indicates location is First UMC

This Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

9:00am † Worship

10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

6:30pm Ω Bible Study

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: ~ Office Closed ~

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

9:00am † Blythe Chapel

10:30am Ω Fort Branch First &
Live streaming

Complete Schedule @
www.fbfirst.org

Welcome to worship as we continue in
the season of Lent. May we listen for
Jesus' voice, rest in his care and
share his love with others.



Rev. John Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN #530 9:00am
#98 10:30am

*Are Ye Able
To God Be the Glory*

*GREETING AND PRAYER

*We offer a cordial greeting to all worshipers who have come to praise the Lord.
Your presence helps lift our spirits, and we welcome you in Christ's name.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please add your name to the attendance register located in your pew and pass to
the next person until reaches everyone in your row.*

PRAYERS

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYER HYMN #528 9:00am *Nearer, My God, to Thee*
#140 10:30am *Great Is Thy
Faithfulness*

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE 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.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

Bible Study
Mondays @ 6:30pm



THE OFFERING:

The Gathering of the Gifts

*Presentation of Gifts with **DOXOLOGY**:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him all creatures here below!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.

CHILDRENS MOMENT

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Derek Robicheaux ~
Sherry Michel ~ You Are Mine

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 22:47-65 NLT

*MESSAGE

"The Betrayal"

*HYMN #536 9:00am
#732 10:30am

Precious Name
Come, We That Love the Lord

*BLESSING

Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG:

Hymn *chorus*
Glory to His Name!
Glory to His Name!
There to my heart was the blood applied.
Glory to His Name!

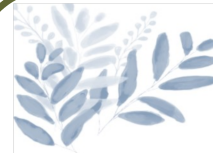
*PASSING THE PEACE:

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE



SECOND SUNDAY
in
LENT



**Friends
needing
prayers**

*Prayer Requests —last names are printed
for individuals requesting prayer for themselves or
with explicitly given permission.*

*Jane Marginet, Richard
Michel, Becca Manolov,
Morgan Whitehead, Terri
Jarboe, Jo Eckert, Ruby
Wilkerson, Scotti Pitts,
Gretchen Young, June
Regenhold, Brian Price,
Triston, Tegan, Pastor John,
Thelma & Len Robicheaux,
Wyatt Wagner, Mary & Roy,
Roberta & Duncan, Mark
Fear, Kim Stratman, Deanna
Wilson, Kenny Shaw, Laynie
Speicher*

With the current tax laws,
not everyone will need to
itemize their

2023 Federal Income Taxes.



As to save our Financial
Secretary (aka volunteer)
a lot of extra work,
a financial statement
of your offerings and tithes
will only be prepared for you
upon request.

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Jesus Is Betrayed and Arrested

⁴⁷ But even as Jesus said this, a crowd approached, led by Judas, one of the twelve disciples. Judas walked over to Jesus to greet him with a kiss. ⁴⁸ But Jesus said, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?"

⁴⁹ When the other disciples saw what was about to happen, they exclaimed, "Lord, should we fight? We brought the swords!" ⁵⁰ And one of them struck at the high priest's slave, slashing off his right ear.

⁵¹ But Jesus said, "No more of this." And he touched the man's ear and healed him.

⁵² Then Jesus spoke to the leading priests, the captains of the Temple guard, and the elders who had come for him. "Am I some dangerous revolutionary," he asked, "that you come with swords and clubs to arrest me?" ⁵³ Why didn't you arrest me in the Temple? I was there every day. But this is your moment, the time when the power of darkness reigns."

Peter Denies Jesus

⁵⁴ So they arrested him and led him to the high priest's home. And Peter followed at a distance. ⁵⁵ The guards lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter joined them there. ⁵⁶ A servant girl noticed him in the firelight and began staring at him. Finally she said, "This man was one of Jesus' followers!"

⁵⁷ But Peter denied it. "Woman," he said, "I don't even know him!"

⁵⁸ After a while someone else looked at him and said, "You must be one of them!" "No, man, I'm not!" Peter retorted.

⁵⁹ About an hour later someone else insisted, "This must be one of them, because he is a Galilean, too."

⁶⁰ But Peter said, "Man, I don't know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed.

⁶¹ At that moment the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Suddenly, the Lord's words flashed through Peter's mind: "Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me." ⁶² And Peter left the courtyard, weeping bitterly.

⁶³ The guards in charge of Jesus began mocking and beating him. ⁶⁴ They blindfolded him and said, "Prophecy to us! Who hit you that time?" ⁶⁵ And they hurled all sorts of terrible insults at him.

RESPONSE: The Word of God, for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Listening Guide
“The Betrayal”
February 25, 2024

Scripture: Luke 22:47-65

What does this scene teach us about betrayal?

It's _____ (vs. 47-48)

Demands _____ (vs. 49-53)

Comes from _____ (vs. 54-60)

Brings _____ (vs. 61-65)

Personal Application: Betrayal comes in many different forms with all kinds of consequences. How do you guard against betrayal?

