



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.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**March 7, 2021**

Your home church doors have re-opened for  
Sunday Morning Worship!

**TOGETHER**  
*again*  
*Welcome All*

*Blythe Chapel*                      9:00am  
*Fort Branch First*                10:30am  
*Facebook Live Streaming*    10:30am

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(See John 19:17-37) 04-09-1998

SO JESUS, HAVE YOU MADE ANY PLANS FOR  
EASTER YET?

**A BREATH OF FRESH PRAYER!**

Norwegian theologian Ole Hallesby described prayer as simply letting God into our lives. God “knocks,” he said, “not only in the solemn hours of secret prayer” but “in the midst of your daily work, your daily struggles, your daily grind ... when you need him most.”

Prayer, added Hallesby, is as essential to life as air. “As impossible as it is for us to take a breath in the morning large enough to last us until noon, so impossible is it to pray in the morning in such a way as to last us until noon,” he said. “Let your prayers ascend to [God] constantly, audibly or silently, as circumstances throughout the day permit.”



RENEWED:  
FINDING HOPE  
WHEN YOU DON'T  
LIKE YOUR STORY



Mondays @ 6:30pm

April 5<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>

Contact Kristi Pflug  
asap to reserve  
your book.

Cost is \$15.

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New Women's Bible Study ~ a 4 week study on Ruth  
by Heather M. Dixon

# Tithe & Offerings

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Thank you

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## A bountiful life

"Life is given to you like a flat piece of land," said actress Jeanne Moreau. "I hope that when I'm finished, my piece of land will be a beautiful garden."

God, who put the first human in a garden to care for creation, blesses us with talents and resources to wisely manage. In gardening terms, God gives us the plot of ground, the seed, the wisdom and strength to bring forth beauty and abundance. Yet we do the work, with God's help, to make it a reality. Like Adam, we till, but God gives the increase. God's provisions and our labor bring the garden — and our lives of stewardship — to fulfillment.

As stewards, we ponder: When God calls us home, what will our garden be like, and what will it have produced?

"SPRING" forward 1 hour next Saturday night... you don't want to miss Sunday morning worship!



Give To  
**FAITH PROMISE**  
★ PARTICIPATE IN WHAT GOD IS DOING ★  
Live Generously

## Paying it back — and forward

During the pandemic, acts of kindness seemed especially meaningful. Last spring, as Covid-19 hit Native American communities particularly hard, an interesting transatlantic outreach occurred. Donations from Ireland began appearing in a relief fund for Navajo and Hopi families, leading administrators to suspect the account had been hacked. Then they realized a cross-generational payback was underway.

In 1847, Choctaw Tribe members sent \$170 overseas to Ireland to help with Potato Famine relief. That generosity was never forgotten, and by May 2020, people in Ireland had contributed more than \$4 million toward pandemic assistance for relatives of people who'd helped their ancestors. Many donors included an Irish proverb meaning "In each other's shadows the people live."

The concept of paying it forward dates back to a 1784 letter by Benjamin Franklin. It also echoes Jesus' Golden Rule: "Do to others as you would have them do to you" (Luke 6:31). How might you live out this practice today?



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when found in the Order of Service  
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### CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Children are welcome in the worship service! We do offer options. Following the Children's Sharing, children may attend Sunday School at Blythe Chapel or Nursery at First.

Nursery  
Attendant:



3/7: Marilee Rostron  
3/14: Margie Beal



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

### This Sunday: Lent week 3

9:00am † Worship  
9:30am Ω Sunday School  
10:30am Ω Worship & Live  
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~  
6:00pm Ω Worship Com. Meet

Tuesday:

Wednesday:  
6:30pm Ω Trustees

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday: Lent week 4  
9:00am † Worship  
9:30am Ω Sunday School  
10:30am Ω Worship & Live  
streaming worship

*Next Sunday Worship:*

Love

LENT 2021

with all your  
MIND | HEART | SOUL

"Jesus Washes the  
Disciples Feet" John 13:1-17

# Lent

Welcome to worship, whether in person or online! May zeal for God's house consume us, as it did Jesus (John 2:17), but remember that the Holy Spirit lives in every human heart.



## Rev. John F. Baylor, Jr.

### PRELUDE

### \*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

\*HYMN # 98 9:00am To God Be the Glory  
#378 10:30am Amazing Grace

### \*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

### PRAYERS

#### SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYER HYMN #140 9am Great Is Thy Faithfulness  
#496 10:30am Sweet Hour of Prayer

### 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.



## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON *insert*

*John 12:20-36*

**MESSAGE “Jesus Predicts His Death”**

\*HYMN #530 9:00am  
#398 10:30am

*Are Ye Able  
Jesus Calls Us*

\*BLESSING

Pastor

\*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

\*DEPARTING SONG: Hymn #467 Trust and Obey

*Trust and obey,  
for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus,  
but to trust and obey.*

\*PASSING THE PEACE:

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

\*THE OFFERING

*Please place your tithes and gifts in the offering  
plates located at any of the three main sanctuary exits.*

POSTLUDE

*For the safety of all, please take home all items you  
brought with you and properly dispose of your bulletin,  
paper mask and other trash.*

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*“Always show kindness and love to  
others. Your words might be filling the  
empty places in someone's heart.”*

—Mandy Hale

## Prayer REQUESTS

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

*Jane Marginet, Marty Marginet,  
Joann Davis Fitch, Mark Dillion,  
Jake Prieshoff, Lynn Prieshoff,  
Richard & Betty Michel, Becca  
Manolov, Carla Jackson, Kyle Stone,  
Joyce Kruse, Lucile Johnson, Poppy  
Petry, Judy Basham, Thomas Brown,  
Connie Collins, Linda McKimmy,  
Bruce Rostron, Brooks Boger, June  
Regenhold, Kim, Connie Osborn &  
Tommy Osborn, Alec Taylor  
The Family of Deven Pohl*

MAKE A *Joyful*  
NOISE

*We want to give God the Glory for  
the many blessings in our lives.  
Let's share these moments with  
praise!*

***What if you woke up  
TODAY with only what  
you thanked God for  
YESTERDAY?***

*Let's  
Celebrate*

*Steve Jarboe ~ 9th  
Christian Cowling ~ 10th  
Stacey Michel ~ 11th  
Morgyn Hollis ~ 11th  
Steve Michel ~ 13th*



**Listening Guide**  
**“Jesus Predicts His Death”**  
**March 7, 2021**

**Scripture:** John 12:20-36

**How did Jesus predict His own death?**

**It was \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 20-26)**

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**Jesus Became \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 27-33)**

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**A Call for Trust (vs. 34-36)**

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**Personal Application:** Jesus predicted His own death which was another important step of preparation for the people. Do you think you would have paid attention to His prediction?

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**LENT**  
**PRAY + REPENT + FAST**

## **John 12:20-36**

### **Jesus Predicts His Death**

<sup>20</sup> Some Greeks who had come to Jerusalem for the Passover celebration <sup>21</sup> paid a visit to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee. They said, “Sir, we want to meet Jesus.” <sup>22</sup> Philip told Andrew about it, and they went together to ask Jesus.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, “Now the time has come for the Son of Man to enter into his glory. <sup>24</sup> I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives. <sup>25</sup> Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity. <sup>26</sup> Anyone who wants to serve me must follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And the Father will honor anyone who serves me.

<sup>27</sup> “Now my soul is deeply troubled. Should I pray, ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But this is the very reason I came! <sup>28</sup> Father, bring glory to your name.”

Then a voice spoke from heaven, saying, “I have already brought glory to my name, and I will do so again.” <sup>29</sup> When the crowd heard the voice, some thought it was thunder, while others declared an angel had spoken to him.

<sup>30</sup> Then Jesus told them, “The voice was for your benefit, not mine. <sup>31</sup> The time for judging this world has come, when Satan, the ruler of this world, will be cast out. <sup>32</sup> And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” <sup>33</sup> He said this to indicate how he was going to die.

<sup>34</sup> The crowd responded, “We understood from Scripture<sup>l</sup> that the Messiah would live forever. How can you say the Son of Man will die? Just who is this Son of Man, anyway?”

<sup>35</sup> Jesus replied, “My light will shine for you just a little longer. Walk in the light while you can, so the darkness will not overtake you. Those who walk in the darkness cannot see where they are going. <sup>36</sup> Put your trust in the light while there is still time; then you will become children of the light.”

After saying these things, Jesus went away and was hidden from them.

RESPONSE: The Word of God, for the people of God.

*Thanks be to God!*



Revised March 1, 2021

## Reopening Plan

We are planning to reopen for in person Worship on March 7, 2021

The following is our plan that is subject to change.

- \* Discontinue the meet/greet (handshaking, hugging, etc.) during the Worship Service.
- \* We have purchased sanitizing stations to be located at various places throughout the building and are mobile for easy moving.
- \* Pre-packaged Communion elements have been purchased and folks will form a line to receive the elements from servers who will be gloved and masked. They will be directed to return to their seats for prayer instead of using the altar at this time.
- \* Everyone will be required to wear a mask during the service. We have purchased and made available masks for those who do not have them.
- \* We are going to be marking the sanctuary for social distancing helping to ensure seating at 6 feet apart.
- \* Offering plates will be placed at the exit of the sanctuary so people can drop their offerings on the way out of the service instead of passing the plates.
- \* We are removing pew registers
- \* Bulletins will be placed at entry for pick up.
- \* We will be putting up CDC guideline information to remind people of social distancing.
- \* We will block pews to help ensure social distancing.
- \* The Blessing and Dismissal will be done from the platform instead of the back door.
- \* After the service, you are encouraged to exit and avoid gathering.

Blessings,

John Baylor

Fort Branch/Blythe Chapel





