

The First United  
Methodist Church of  
Fort Branch



Blythe Chapel United  
Methodist Church

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Our Mission....  
To *make disciples of*  
Jesus Christ for the  
transformation of the  
world .

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Tuesday & Wednesday,  
9:00 am– 2:00 pm  
Closed Monday, Thursday  
and Friday

One Church  
Two Locations

March 29, 2026

## The King No One Expected

Sometimes we speak—or even shout—the truth without realizing just how right we are. That’s exactly what happened on the first Palm Sunday.

Jesus entered Jerusalem not on a prize-worthy stallion, but on a young, humble donkey. The crowd erupted in joy, shouting, *“Hosanna! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!”* They waved palm branches, symbols of peace, and hailed Jesus as their king.

Was He a king? Jesus didn’t deny it. When the Pharisees told him to silence the crowd, he replied, *“I tell you, if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”*

Later, Pilate—the Roman governor—mocked the religious leaders by saying, *“Here is your king.”* The chief priests bristled with anger, shouting, *“We have no king but Caesar!”*

When Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified, he made one last jab at the furious crowd. John 19:19 tells us he ordered a sign to be placed above the cross. Written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek, it declared:

**“Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.”**

The chief priests demanded the sign be changed, but Pilate refused. *“What I have written, I have written,”* he said.

Was Jesus a king? The witnesses of His resurrection knew the answer. In Acts 17:7, the early believers were accused of “saying there is another king, Jesus.” And the book of Revelation looks ahead to the day when all creation will know the truth:



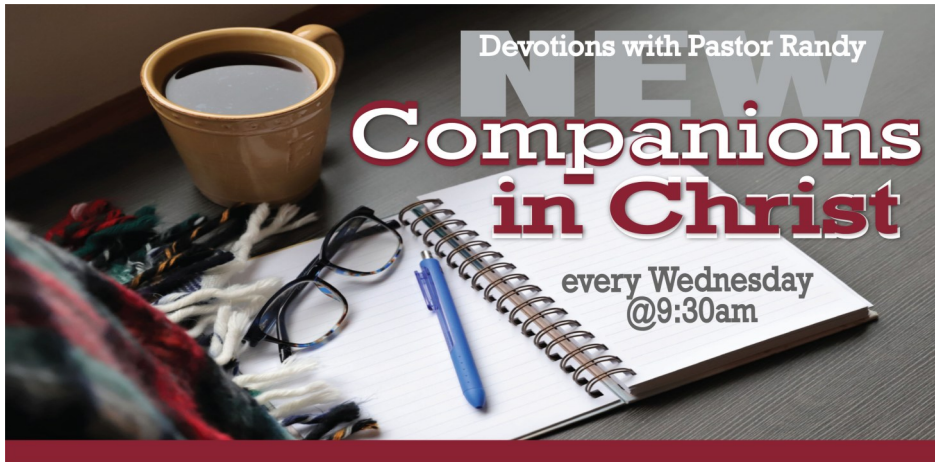
“The Lamb will triumph ... for He is Lord of lords and King of kings.” — *Revelation 7:14*

## Holy Week Services: A Journey of Faith and Renewal

Experience the depth of God's love through our Holy Week services:

- **Palm Sunday** – Celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem as we lift our voices in praise and prepare our hearts for the journey to the cross and the empty tomb.
- **Maundy Thursday** – Join us for a meaningful service of Communion and remembrance of the Last Supper.
- **Good Friday** – A solemn time of reflection and prayer as we remember Christ's sacrifice on the cross.
- **Easter Sunday** – Rejoice in the victory of the Resurrection! Worship with us as we celebrate the risen Lord.

Invite friends and family to join you for this sacred week of worship.



## Deaconess Gibson Hospital Auxiliary

will be having their annual geranium sale on April 13th and 14th at the Princeton Public

Library. Preorders are being accepted now at either the hospital gift shop (812-385-3401) or from Darla J Lewis (812-457-4683); price this year is \$6.50 each; colors available will be Red, White, Pink, Hot Pink, White Splash, salmon. Mode of payment will be cash or check only.

Scheduled pickup: A thru M on April 13; N thru Z on April 14th.

We appreciate your support.



Missions in Motion:

March

Small jars

Mayonnaise or  
Miracle Whip

## Yes, I can!

I cannot end poverty, but I can feed one hungry person. I cannot stop war, but I can offer peace to my neighbor. I cannot prevent death, but I can hold the hand of someone who is dying.

These may seem like small acts, yet they are far harder—and far more meaningful—than any grand plan for social change. Christ reminds us of their worth: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40, NIV).



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when found in the Order of Service invites  
you to stand - if able.

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#### CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Children are welcome in the worship  
service! We do provide a nursery, located in  
the education wing near the restrooms.



This Sunday: Palm Sunday  
10:30am ~Worship & Live  
Streaming Worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~  
6:30pm ~Bible Study

Tuesday:  
4:00pm ~ Yoga, for everyone

Wednesday:  
9:30am ~Companions in  
Christ Devotions

Thursday: Maundy Thursday  
8:30-3pm ~ Finish It  
Thursday

6:30pm ~"Living the Last  
Supper"

Friday: Good Friday  
6am-6pm ~12 Hour Prayer  
Vigil

Saturday:

Next Sunday: Easter Sunday  
7:00am ~Easter Sunrise

8:00am @Blythe Chapel  
~Breakfast @  
both churches

9:00am ~ Easter Worship &  
Live streaming Worship



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PRELUDE

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.*

#### WORSHIP THROUGH GATHERING

\*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

\*HYMN #158 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

**PALM SUNDAY RESPONSIVE READING: *The King Comes***

**Leader:** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O  
daughter of Jerusalem!

**People: Behold, your king is coming to you; triumphant  
and victorious is he.**

**Leader:** He is humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the  
foal of a donkey.

**People: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the  
name of the Lord.**

**Leader:** The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the  
festal procession with branches.

**People: Hosanna in the highest!**

**Leader:** You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you  
are my God, I will extol you.

**People: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his  
steadfast love endures forever!**

**Leader:** Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O  
ancient doors!

**People: That the King of glory may come in!**

**Leader:** Who is this King of glory?

**People: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in  
battle.**

**Leader:** Hosanna!

**People: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the  
Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!**

**All: Amen.**

**WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING**

PRAYER HYMN #278

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

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*

**WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING**

THE OFFERING: The Gathering of the Gifts

\*Presentation of Gifts with Offertory Response: **Hymn #70**

*Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE *insert*

**Matthew 21:1-11, NLT**

*RESPONSE: The Word of God, for the people of God.  
Thanks be to God!*

MESSAGE **"The Wise Scribe and the Kingdom's Treasure"**

**WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING**

\*HYMN #277

**Tell Me the Stories of Jesus**

\*BLESSING



*Prayer Requests*

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**Jane Marginet, Mark Fear, Terri & Steve Jarboe, Liz & Alan Creamer, Paul & Jeanie Cardinal, Zach Anderson, Morgan Whitehead, Roger & Nancy Jones, Jim Feutz, Kathy Trowbridge, Kelsey Holder, Sherry Holder, Mona Davis, Darla Lewis Alec Taylor, Shery Michel, Linda & Shane Springer, Larry Johnson, Mark Allen**



*Philip Beckett ~ 1st*

*Sarah Fuhs ~ 1st*



## Jesus' Triumphant Entry

## Matthew 21:1-11, NLT

<sup>1</sup> As Jesus and the disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the town of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them on ahead. <sup>2</sup> "Go into the village over there," he said. "As soon as you enter it, you will see a donkey tied there, with its colt beside it. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone asks what you are doing, just say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will immediately let you take them."

<sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill the prophecy that said,

<sup>5</sup> "Tell the people of Jerusalem,  
'Look, your King is coming to you.  
He is humble, riding on a donkey—  
riding on a donkey's colt.'"

<sup>6</sup> The two disciples did as Jesus commanded. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt to him and threw their garments over the colt, and he sat on it.

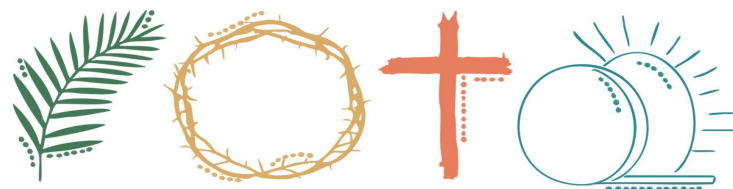
<sup>8</sup> Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting,

"Praise God for the Son of David!  
Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the LORD!  
Praise God in highest heaven!"

<sup>10</sup> The entire city of Jerusalem was in an uproar as he entered. "Who is this?" they asked.

<sup>11</sup> And the crowds replied, "It's Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

*RESPONSE: The Word of God, for the people of God.  
Thanks be to God!*



A lot can happen in  
*seven days.*

Worship ~ Drama ~ Communion

# "The Living Last Supper"



MAUNDY  
*Thursday*  
6:30pm

Fort Branch First UMC



## Good Friday

*12 Hour Prayer Vigil  
6am - 6pm*

You're invited to be an  
integral link in this  
unceasing prayer chain  
for our church,  
community and world.

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## Holy Week

**Palm Sunday ~ March 29<sup>th</sup>**

9:00<sub>am</sub> ~ Blythe Chapel

10:30<sub>am</sub> ~ Fort Branch First & Live Streaming

**Holy Thursday ~ April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

6:30<sub>pm</sub> ~ Communion & Drama

"Living the Last Supper"

@ Fort Branch First UMC

**Good Friday ~ April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

6<sub>am</sub>-6<sub>pm</sub> ~ 12 Hour Prayer Vigil

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**Easter Sunday ~ April 5<sup>th</sup>**

7:00<sub>am</sub> ~ Sunrise Service w/Communion

@ Blythe Chapel UMC

w/ Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast following

8:00<sub>am</sub> ~ Easter Morning Breakfast

9:00<sub>am</sub> ~ Easter Worship Service w/Communion

Live Stream

@ Fort Branch First UMC