

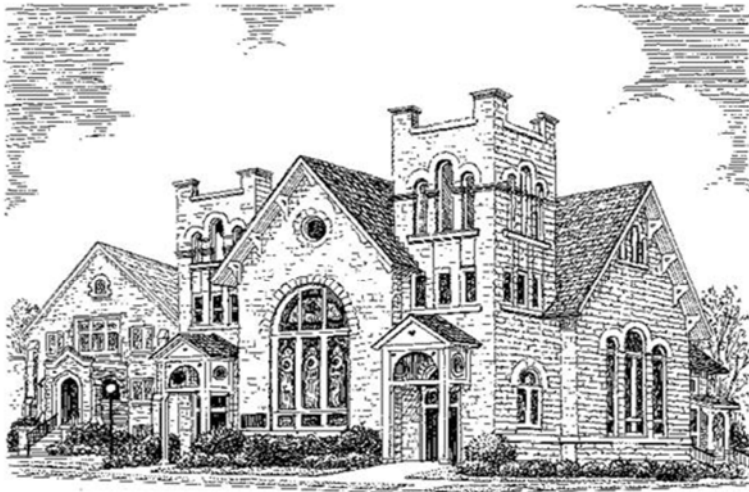
Welcome to



*First United Methodist Church*

West Point, Georgia

Palm Sunday  
April 13, 2025



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Rev. Ed Archer, Senior Pastor  
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*Invite. Grow. Serve.*

## The Worship of God

- Prelude "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Monk/Berry  
Gail Douglas
- Palm Processional
- Welcome and Announcements Rev. Mychal Ellis
- Choral Call to Worship "Lift Your Voice" Susan Boersman/David Lantz, III  
Chancel Choir  
Lift your voice! Lift it like a trumpet!  
Clap your hands, sing for joy,  
shout with the people of God!  
Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
- \*Call to Worship Rev. Ellis  
The end of our journey is near.  
**We see the towers of Jerusalem; we hear the shouts of the crowd.**  
We still have a distance to travel.  
**But the parade has begun. Let's rejoice and shout "Hosanna!"**  
Keep your eyes fixed on the road.  
**Be ready, for your king truly is coming! Hosanna in the highest! Amen.**
- \*Hymn "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" UMH #278
- Prayer Praises & Concerns Rev. Ellis
- Choral Call to Prayer "Jesus, Remember Me" Jacques Berthier  
Chancel Choir
- Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Rev. Ellis  
**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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**
- \*Hymn "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" UMH #277
- Offertory Prayer Rev. Ed Archer
- Offertory "Lift High the Cross" Nicholson/Berry  
Gail Douglas

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

\*Doxology        **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

\*Passing of the Peace

*As the children come forward, you are invited to take a few moments to greet those near you.*

Children's Moment

Rev. Ellis

Anthem

*"On the Road to Jerusalem"*

Joseph M. Martin

Chancel Choir

On the road to Jerusalem slowly rides King Jesus.  
People come to call His name, "Son of David, heal us."  
Down the ancient streets He rides, a donkey is his stallion.  
No golden coach, no chariot bright brings Him to His kingdom.

Where is His chariot? Where is His robe of silk?  
Where is His scepter? Where is His crown?  
Where are the trumpets? How will He rule the land  
if He comes as a Prince of Peace, and humble as a Lamb?

On the road to Jerusalem rides the Man of Sorrows.  
"Save us, King." the people cry.  
What will they cry tomorrow?

\*Scripture Reading

Luke 19:29-40

Rev. Archer

Sermon

*"The Way of Peace"*

Rev. Archer

\*Hymn

*"What Wondrous Love Is This"*

UMH #292

\*Benediction

Rev. Archer

\*Choral Benediction

*"O How He Loves You and Me"*

Kurt Kaiser

Chancel Choir

\*Postlude

*"Ride On, King Jesus"*

arr. Gina Sprunger

Gail Douglas

*\*Please stand as you are able.  
UMH-United Methodist Hymnal*

## Welcome to West Point First United Methodist Church

We greet you this day in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If you require assistance in some way, please see an usher. A nursery for children ages 3 and under is available on the lower level. Should you have questions concerning baptism, church membership, or your spiritual journey, please reach out to either Pastor Ed or Pastor Mychal. May you experience and know the peace and love of God always!

*The Follow Me Lenten Banner in the sanctuary this morning was given to the glory of God and in honor of the November 2006 wedding of Ellen and Marshall Sapp by their friends.*

*The banner celebrating the Hosannas of the Palms was given in loving memory of Louneal and Olin Pattillo.*

### Prayer Concerns:

*If you would like to add or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact the church office.*

Sarah Auler, Margaret Bartlett, Bentley Bryant, Sharon Cowart, Elmo Emily, Bill Evans, Janelle Gore, Joe Guntherberg, Robert Gordon, Ron Hamilton, Al and Jackie Hammer, George and Diane Hester, Cindy Smith Huff, Jacob Grubbs, Andy Mabrey, Barbara Payne, Laura Pratesi, Lakin Rayfield, Jim Rouquie, Barbara Ruddick, George Smith, Lisa Ann Soehnel, Elizabeth Stokes, Nelle Sturdivant, Tracy Vaughn, World Conflicts, Our Country, Unspoken Requests, Those impacted by natural disasters

*Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to...*

*Teresa Fannings on the loss of her brother, Hoston Almon, Jr., who passed away on March 29 and to Barbara Payne on the loss of her husband, Sam Payne, who passed away on April 5.*

### ***This Week at WPFUMC***

#### **Sunday, April 13**

12:15 pm: Handbells  
5:30 pm: Youth Group

#### **Monday, April 14**

12:45 pm: Handbells  
4:00 pm: Bible Study

#### **Tuesday, April 15**

9:45 am: Staff Meeting  
12:00 pm: Universal Christ Study  
1:00 pm: Food Closet  
6:00 pm: AA

#### **Wednesday, April 16**

5:15 pm: Kingdom Kids & JC Crew  
6:00 pm: Wednesday Night Supper

*Baked Chicken, Dressing,  
Manager's Choice Veggie, Salad Bar,  
Rolls, Dessert*

7:00 pm: Chancel Choir

#### **Thursday, April 17**

12:00 pm: Soup Kitchen  
6:30 pm: Gastro Church

#### **Friday, April 18**

6:45 am: Men's Prayer Breakfast  
6:30 pm: Tenebrae Service

#### **Saturday, April 19**

11:00 am: Easter Egg Hunt

### **Maundy Thursday: Gastrochurch April 17, 6:30 pm in the Zachry Center**

As we remember Jesus' last meal with his disciples, gather with us around the table for gastrochurch! We will enjoy a meal together, share in intentional conversation, and receive Holy Communion, all rooted in the idea that meaningful connections happen while breaking bread together.

### **Good Friday Tenebrae Service**

#### **April 18, 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary**

Join us on Good Friday for our Tenebrae Service, a powerful time of reflection on the suffering and sacrifice of Christ. Through Scripture, music, and the gradual extinguishing of light, we will journey through the shadows of the cross, remembering Jesus' final moments. We invite you to come, sit in the silence, and reflect on the weight of this holy night.

### **Easter Eggstravaganza**

#### **April 19, 11 am at the Glovers' House**

Hop on over for a fun-filled Easter Eggstravaganza! Bring your family and friends for an exciting morning of egg hunts, games, crafts, and more as we celebrate the joy of Easter together. There will be plenty of eggs, treats, and surprises for kids of all ages—so don't forget your basket! Chicken fingers and chips will be provided, and we ask that you all bring dessert to share!

### **Easter Sunday**

#### **April 20**

Sunrise Worship: 7:00 am, River Park  
Traditional Worship: 11:00 am, Sanctuary

## LENTEN DEVOTIONS - WEEK 6

April 13, 2025

### \_\_MONDAY – **Luke 19:28-40**

In this familiar passage known as Jesus' triumphal entry, we see Jesus arrive in Jerusalem riding on a donkey. In that day, only in war would kings ride upon a horse, especially in a victory procession. When coming in peace, they generally rode a donkey. What message was Jesus offering both the people and the Jewish leaders, and now to us?

### \_\_TUESDAY – **Zechariah 9:9**

The gospels tell us how Jesus fulfilled this prophecy in his triumphal entry but this promise also spoke to the prophet's own times as God's people waited for this great king from God to come to them as well. The humble peacefulness of Jesus showed as he came to fulfill his mission and reign over all the world. How does your life demonstrate this type of humility to others?

### \_\_WEDNESDAY – **Isaiah 50:4-9**

Isaiah's words remind us that we can only know hope through the various circumstances of our lives by the promised justice and compassion of God, "because he who vindicates me is near" (8). Is this the hope by which you face the difficulties and uncertainties of life?

### \_\_THURSDAY – **Psalms 31:9-16**

David recalls here the need to trust God and commit to prayer in times of struggle. In doing so, David heard from and grew more assured of God being active in his life. How are you demonstrating this living hope of faith and your commitment to God with others?

### \_\_FRIDAY – **Philippians 2:5-11**

Many believe that Paul is quoting here from an early hymn or creed of the Church affirming that Christ is Lord. What are you doing to adopt Christ's attitude of becoming an obedient servant in your everyday faith as you confess Jesus as Lord of your life?