



Ellijay First United Methodist Church

75 McCutchen Street, P.O. Box 472

Ellijay, GA 30540

Dr. John Brantley

April 2, 2023 Palm Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship - The Color is Purple

The Worship of God

Welcome and Announcements

The Chiming of the Hour

Focusing Words: On the back of a donkey, Jesus came to save us. On the road to Jerusalem, Jesus came to heal us. In the joy of laughing children and the shouts of loud hosannas, Jesus came to show us the way.

* **Prelude** "How Majestic Is Your Name" *arr. by Mark Hayes*

* **Call to Worship** "Hosanna! Hosanna!" *arr. by Mary Kay Beall*

† **The Greeting**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

People: This is the Lord's doing. It is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: Line the festival procession with branches. This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

† **The Invocation**

† **The Hymn of Praise** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

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† **The Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

† **The Gloria Patri**

**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.**

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**

† **The Hymn of Preparation**

“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”

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The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music

“There is a Fountain”

arr. by Mark Hayes

† **The Presentation and 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. Amen**

You Are Welcome Here

You enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. He is your Heavenly Father. Come then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips, into His presence, offering Him your love and service. Be grateful to the men and women who, in the name of Jesus Christ, built this historic place of worship and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with prayer and praise. Beseech His blessings on those who love this house of faith as the inspiration of their labor, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may that blessing rest upon your going out and your coming in.

Followers of the Lamb
A Cantata for Holy Week
by Lee Dengler and Susan Naus Dengler

Introduction	Logan Mashburn
Prelude	Gabrielle Cornett
<i>Behold the Lamb of God</i>	Chancel Choir
Tune: TURTLE DOVE, Traditional English Melody, arranged by Lee Dengler	
The Words of Jesus	Logan Mashburn
Follower 1 – A Disciple	Joel Taylor
<i>Followers of the Lamb</i>	Chancel Choir
The Words of Jesus	Logan Mashburn
Follower 2 – John	Tom Rippy
<i>At the Supper of the Lamb</i>	Chancel Choir
Tune: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Traditional Irish Melody, arranged by Lee Dengler	
JoAnn Davis, Soprano Solo	
The Words of Jesus	Logan Mashburn
Follower 3 – Peter	Rev. Allan Tarr
<i>There Is a Garden</i>	Chancel Choir
Words & Music by Lee Dengler and Susan Naus Dengler	
John Rathbone, Tenor Solo	
The Words of Jesus	Logan Mashburn
Follower 4 – Mary, Jesus' mother	Rachel Tarr
<i>It Is Finished</i>	Chancel Choir
Tune: OLIVE'S BROW (William B. Bradbury) and ABERYSTWYTH (Joseph Parry)	
Words by Charles Wesley and Philip P. Bliss, Original music and arrangement by Lee Dengler	
Follower 5 – Mary Magdalene	Marianne Evans

† The Closing Hymn	“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”	UMH 286
† The Benediction		
*† The Choral Benediction	“Ah, Holy Jesus”	UMH 289

The Postlude

*Our Service of Worship has ended
Our Worship through Service begins*

The EFUMC Chancel Choir

Susan Gooch, Director
Gabrielle Cornett, Piano
Claudia McKeon, Organ
Zack Kepley, Audio/Video Technician

Soprano

Alison Baker
JoAnn Davis
Melanie Johnson
Katherine Meyer
Karen Patton
Judith Rathbone
Jane Rippy
Jeanne Summers
Kimberly Weber

Alto

Joan Compton
Jan Day
Barbara Fogle
Karen Hecker
Peggy Richardson
Sarah Thorne

Tenor

Paul Compton
John Rathbone
Frank Richardson
Warren Williams

Bass

Warren Acree
Stan Cowan
David Patton
Terry Royslance
Joe Strickland
David Summers
Dan Worley



**Easter Egg Hunt
Eggs Needed!!**

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be after the 11:00 a.m. service on April 9th. We need your help by sending in a dozen or so filled eggs. You may fill them with candy or a special treat. There will be a box outside the office by the staff mail slots.

Thanks for your support as this is a special treat for our children!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your kind thoughts, your prayers, your cards, your attending the Celebration of Life Service for Jeff Petersohn. The Chapman and Petersohn families appreciate so much all your expressions of sympathy during this time of our loss. It means so much to know we have friends like you. Thank you again.

Mark Your Calendar

Good Friday Prayer Vigil

April 7, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Open for individual prayer time 9:00 – 3:00; the hours of Jesus' trials and crucifixion.

Narration and Scripture reading at beginning of each hour.

Please enter the church through the back doors (office) or through the side portico.

Showing: *The Passion of the Christ*

Saturday, April 8, 10:00 a.m.



**Stephen Ministry
Support**

**But I call to God, and
the Lord saves me.
Psalms 55:16**

- Betty Ann Archer
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- Debra McCoy
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- Bob Stephens
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- Allan Tarr
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- Rick Thaxton
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Grief Support Group

A new series of grief support groups will begin the week of April 10th.

Call Paula Acree at 770-570-9958 for more information or to register.

What's Happening This Week at Ellijay First United Methodist Church

Prayers For The Week

- Oral Adkins & Family
- Megan Atkinson
- Phil Bennett
- Diana Butram
- Raven Calhoun
- Rose Chastain
- Mary Thelma Cole
- Jo Jo Davis
- Todd De La Rosa
- Emma Ford
- Shelby Graham
- Caleb Grizzle
- Ron Hall
- Rosie Haney
- Gwendolynn Hanish
- Marie Holt

Hudson David Irvin - infant

- Barbara Johnson
- Shannon Leeper
- Jackie Leva
- Ethelyne Lingle
- Sandy Locklear
- Tom & Mary Jo Lowery
- Lynn McKibbin
- Jeanne Munson
- Andrea O'Connor
- Patrick O'Donnell
- Bill Patton
- George Paxson
- Phil Perry
- Josh Powell**
- Ansleigh Richardson
- Pat Roller
- Sam, Hannah, Alex & Jordyn Schaich
- Scott
- Kevin Seligmann
- Bob Steif
- Ryan Summers
- Jerry Tuso
- Bryan Urquhart
- Karen Vitelli
- Kay Willis

**Calendar for the Week
April 2, 2023**

Sunday, April 2nd

- 10:00 a.m. Cantata
- 2:00-4:00 Single Mingle
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, April 3rd

- 4:00 p.m. Zumba

Tuesday, April 4th

- 8:00 a.m. UMM -Smokehouse Grill
- 11:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 3:00 p.m. NOGS

Wednesday, April 5th

- 3:30 p.m. LIJ Kids

Thursday, April 6th

- 6:00 p.m. Seder Meal

Friday, April 7th

- 9:00 - 3:00
Prayer Vigil
- 6:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service

Saturday, April 8th

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. YOGA

**Sunday, April 9th -
Happy Easter**

- 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service
Logan Funeral Home Pavilion
- 9:00 a.m. Pot Luck Breakfast
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- Noon Easter Egg Hunt
- 2:00 - 4:00 Single Mingle



Firestarters' Prayer for the Week

O gracious Savior, we thank you that, in your divine mercy and grace, you have done for us what we were unable or unwilling to do for ourselves. You have called us to yourself. You have forgiven our sins, cleansed our hearts and lives, and healed us of our brokenness. Because of you, in all circumstances, we are able to sing, "It is well with my soul." Amen



Seder Meal

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On April 6, Maundy Thursday, at 5:00 p.m. we will celebrate the Last Supper Seder meal as did Jesus and his Disciples. After the meal there will be a foot washing service. Come share this sacred last meal, and the breaking of bread and the wine in remembrance of the last night of Jesus' life.

We will have a full meal this year, reservations are required.

You may make your reservation, on the attendance sheet. At 6:30 we will observe Maundy Thursday Communion in the sanctuary.

CLC Run for the Son

Our Church has a team for the 'CLC Run For the Son 5k' on May 6, 2023. The Entry Fee is \$25 until 4/28, after 4/28 the entry fee is \$30. To join the church team all forms and money need to be turned in by Sunday April 30.

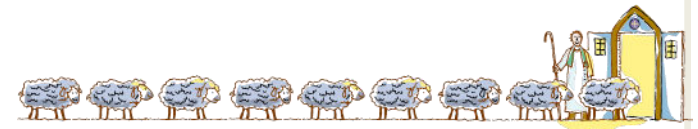
You can register online at www.gilmerclc.org/5k.

You can pick up a paper registration form in the church office.

For more information or questions please contact Logan Mashburn at 706-273-9664 or loganmashburn712@gmail.com.

IF YOU REGISTER ONLINE MAKE SURE YOU PUT ELLIJAY FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN THE TEAM BOX

LIJ Kids News



All children ages 4 years thru 5th grade are welcome to join us for LIJ Kids! You are invited! Bible Story, Crafts, Games, Music, Fun

"WHERE KIDS CAN HAVE A BLAST LEARNING GOD'S WORD"
A GREAT PLACE TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS, BRING FRIENDS, PLAY, PRAY,
LAUGH AND LEARN ABOUT GOD

Wednesdays 3:30-5:00

No LIJ Kids

Happy Spring Break

Save The Date

April 6: 5:00 Seder Meal

6:30 Maundy Thursday

Communion Service

April 7: 9:00 - 3:00

Prayer Vigil - Sanctuary

6:00 Tenebrae Service

April 9: Easter

7:00 Sunrise Service at Logan's
Funeral Home Pavilion

9:00 Pot Luck Breakfast

11:00 Worship -

followed by Easter Egg Hunt

April 22: High Tea

June 19 - 23: Vacation Bible School

Our Gifts of Time

Church Lock-up

3/27-4/2 James Grice
Barry Petenbrink
4/3-4/9 Katherine Meyer
Miriam Niemira

Greeters

4/2 8:45 Narthex Donna Carlsen
Portico Dean Carlsen
Office Rachel Tarr
11:00 Narthex Rick Thaxton
Portico Delores Thaxton
Office Lori McCurdy



Apr: 2: Lynn Doss
Apr: 2: Susan Gooch
Apr: 4: Missy Kepley
Apr: 7: Marie Holt
Happy 102 Birthday!!
Apr: 7: Joan Stanhope
Apr: 7: Bob Stephens