

Prayer Focus: Preparing Our Hearts for Our Risen Lord

Welcome to worship at Central!

In the name of Jesus Christ, welcome to worship at Central where it is our mission to follow Jesus by loving God and loving our neighbors. I, along with the rest of our clergy team, Rev. Ann Kovan and Rev. Meg Jiunnies, are grateful you've chosen to make Central a part of your day today. We have prayed for you and planned for you, and hope you have a meaningful worship experience. Whether it's your first time worshipping with us or you're a life-long member, we welcome any opportunity to speak with you about how to connect with God through Central. If it is your first time worshipping with us, please fill out a connect card and bring it to the Welcome Center where you will receive a gift from the church. Please do not hesitate to reach out to one of us this week if we can be of service. Once again, welcome!

Rev. Thomas W. Smith,
Senior Pastor

Easter Sunday

March 31

Easter Sunday Celebration

7:30 AM Sunrise Service

10:30 AM The Well

10:30 AM Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday

March 28

Service of Holy Communion
and Service of Tenebrae

7:00 PM

Good Friday

March 29

Good Friday Service

12:00 NOON

IN MEMORY OF

CAPITAL BUILDING BUDGET

Mike Ballengerby Margaret & Brent Cates
Betty Searcy..... by Frances & Laurence McIntosh

DISCRETIONARY FUND

Fred Seale..... by United Methodist Women

GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

Betty Searcy.....by Charles Bethea, Dorothy Cumbe, Fred Jones Company, J. Randolph Potter,
Wade Richardson, Genia & Duncan Tyson, Laura & Jamie Smith

MUSIC MINISTRY

George Alley, Hannah Carpenter, Frank & Julie Richardson..... by Judy Price
Nell Starks by Penny Merriman
Hanyoung Park..... by Frances & Laurence McIntosh

IN HONOR OF

MUSIC MINISTRY

Betty Hester by Jan Hursey

YOUTH MINISTRY

Julie Knight..... by Jennifer Webb

SPECIAL GIFTS

DISCRETIONARY FUND & YOUTH MINISTRY by Kriste & Chuck Lindler
UMCOR by Sissie Stokes

2024 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2024 General Operating Budget	
Approved Budget for 2024	\$2,318,729.52
Received Week of 03-17-2024	\$56,138.61
Received YTD	\$439,065.74
2024 Capital Building Fund	
Received Week of 03-17-2024	\$530.00
Received YTD	\$7,103.50
2024 Special Gifts	
Received Week of 03-17-2024	\$1,199.55
Received YTD.....	\$21,047.84
2024 Endowment Gifts	
Received YTD	\$565.00

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR MARCH 17, 2024

Sanctuary Service	225
The Well Service	83
Service of Prayer & Holy Communion	14
Lenten Service	64
Children's Sunday School	33
Youth Sunday School Totals	15
Adult Sunday School	97
UMYF	50



CENTRAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Palms
Sunday

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March 24, 2024 • Florence, SC

PALM SUNDAY

March 24, 2024 | 10:30 AM

GATHERING The people come together in the Lord's Name.

- PARISH CONCERNS
(The service of worship begins. The prelude is offered on behalf of the entire congregation. Quiet meditation and private prayer are encouraged.)
- OPENING VOLUNTARY Michael Burkhardt
Toccata on "ST. THEODULPH"
- *CHIMING OF THE HOUR (*All who are able are asked to stand.)
- *GREETING
Leader: Hosanna to the Son of David!
People: Hosanna in the highest!
Leader: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
People: Hosanna in the highest!
- *HYMN IN PROCESSION 280..... ST. THEODULPH
All Glory, Laud, and Honor
- *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 880 The Nicene Creed
- *GLORIA PATRI 71 GREATOR EX
- PRAYER OF CONFESSION
We sing boldly your hosannas, recognizing that, like cowards, we will deny you. Our joy at your triumph often gives way to self-preservation, selfish ambition, and self-centered gain. We confess our struggle to live lives that praise you, honor you, and worship you alone. Forgive us, dear Lord, we pray.
(All offer prayers of confession in silence.)
- KYRIE ELEISON (Lord, Have Mercy) (sung three times) TAIZÉ KYRIE



- DECLARATION OF PARDON
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**
- RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PROCLAMATION God's word is shared.

- ANTHEM Ruth Elaine Schram
Blessed is He. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, blessed is He who comes in the name.
- CHILDREN'S TIME
(Children are invited to the chancel. An offering will be received from the children during Children's Time. After Children's Time, children ages 2nd grade and older will return to their seats and children ages 3K to 1st grade will go with a leader and may be picked up in room #145 or #147 after the service.)
- OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 50:4-9
Leader: The Word of the Lord!
People: Thanks be to God!
- ANTHEM Robert A. Hobby

Hosannas Everywhere

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosannas everywhere; a king comes riding into town, excitement fills the air. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosannas, voices raise; the prince of peace has come today, we lift our voice in praise. Who is this king who comes to us? Is he the chosen one? Will he deliver us from pain? Is he the promised son? We have these questions in our mind, are we to be set free? Our spirits soar with hopeful thought; we'll watch and look and see. His face reflects the pain he feels; concern is in his eyes. He sees the fate of all the world; he hears their bitter cries. A cross looms further down the road; our king has come to save. Our savior plods on toward a hill; dark night, sharp thorns, a grave.

- EPISTLE LESSON Philippians 2:5-11
Leader: The Word of the Lord!
People: Thanks be to God!
- *ACT OF PRAISE 839 (R1) Psalm 118:14-29
- *HYMN 277 STORIES OF JESUS
Tell Me the Stories of Jesus
- *GOSPEL LESSON Mark 11:1-11
Leader: The Word of the Lord!
People: Thanks be to God!
- SERMON Rev. Thomas Smith
An Unexpected Entrance

RESPONDING IN FAITH We respond to God's word in worship.

- PRAYER IN RESPONSE
- OFFERTORY ANTHEM Tomas Luis de Victoria
Hosanna to the Son of David
Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!
- *DOXOLOGY 95 OLD 100TH
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
- *PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING FORTH We respond to God's grace with our lives.

- *BENEDICTION
- *HYMN IN PROCESSION 278 ELLACOMBE
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Assisting in Worship

- Clergy Rev. Thomas Smith
- Liturgists Rev. Meg Bryce Jiunnies
- Lay Readers Rennie White, Martha Ann Johnson, Porter Love
- Children's Time Brandie Love
- Organist/Choir Director Dr. Don J. Grice
- Organist/Choir Accompanist Beverly S. Hazelwood
- Preschool Choir Director Kristen Hardaway
- Elementary and Junior Choir Director Dr. Jaime Martinez
- Acolytes Brett Granger
- Banner Bearers Grace Timms
- Crucifers Carson Timms

- Preschool Choir
Elementary and Junior Choirs
Chancel Choir

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Music Note

Copies of the anthem *Hosannas Everywhere* by Robert A. Hobby have been given by Wonkeun John Park in loving memory of his father, Hanyoung Park.

Greenery & Palms

The greenery in the sanctuary during Lent was given to the glory of God in memory of Dr. Tommy Lanier by Nancy and Carroll Player.

The palms in the chancel are given to the glory of God in memory of Helen and Gene Benton by Lane, Corey, Lizzie, and Ben Davis, and in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Searcy by Rita Phillips.

The palms for the children to wave are given by Katri and Gilliam Skinner. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! We give thanks to you, Father, for Mason, Lucas, Evans, and Brooks!