



The Builder



2023

The newsletter serving the families & friends of:

**First Presbyterian Church
1005 1st Corso - Nebraska City NE 68410**

Celebrate Holy Week with us!

**Palm Sunday - Maundy Thursday - Good Friday – Easter Sunday
(details on page 6)**

Sunday School for all Ages – 9:15am

Worship on Sunday mornings - 10:30am

The Sacrament of Holy Communion - the 1st Sunday of each month

**Sunday Worship services are posted on our Facebook page:
First Presbyterian Church – Nebraska City Facebook**

Keep in touch.....

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I want you to think about one moment in history. It was the moment that Pontius Pilate first encountered Jesus Christ!

The Gospel writers indicate that Pilate had no real power over Jesus. Pilate actually did not want any part of this scheme that the Sanhedrin had put together to have Jesus killed.

Pilate's encounter with Christ is universal. It's not just one man's experience. It's every person's encounter. We all have to decide: what are we going to do with this one called Christ? What will our verdict be about Jesus?

Now let me say, it is not solely a matter of what we do with Christ. It is what Christ is doing with us! Christ is not a passive victim waiting for us to say who he is before he can be who he is. He is who he is! The very Son of God!

Pilate didn't get to determine Christ's fate and neither do you and I. The truth is that He determined ours!

The defeat in this encounter is not the defeat of Christ, nor is it the defeat of Pilate. The defeat is that of sin and death when confronted by the grace of God. You will not find a more powerful encounter in all of history such as this.

EASTER is a time to celebrate this victory of God! It is when we pause to recall again how wonderful it is that God loved us so much that He would send His only Son, to die for us and then be raised again to newness of life.

You and I really need to give God thanks for this wonderful gift. I hope you will join with us as we rejoice and give praise to God for loving us and saving us. Come join us this EASTER!! You really need to give God thanks!

Pastor Tom

Celebrating in April ...

- 5 Happy Birthday, Jane Zimmerman
- 8 Happy Anniversary, Tom & RuthAnn Weddle
- 10 Happy Birthday, Jennie Mercer
- 12 Happy Birthday, Kaycee Driever
- 13 Happy Birthday, Cassel Frerichs
- 15 Happy Anniversary, Tony & Kim Reese
- 16 Happy Birthday, Summer Godsey
- 23 Happy Birthday, Curley Temple
- 24 Happy Birthday, Carissa Curtis
- 25 Happy Birthday, Sedona Zaroban
- 26 Happy Birthday, Kristie Dierking

Many happy returns to the day of thy birth, may sunshine and gladness be given, and may our dear Father prepare us on earth for the beautiful birthday in heaven!

If you have additions or corrections to the Birthday and Anniversaries calendar, please don't hesitate to let Jane know! Please call the office or email your information to secretary@firstpresnc.org

Please continue prayers for the following church family and friends: Carissa Curtis, Ed Reed, Lee Crumley, Larry & Marilyn Brammier, Jan Bolejack, Edith Simmerman, Howard & Dee Antes, Rosanna McSwane, Tom & Janet Hemphill, RuthAnn Weddle's friend Laurette, Laura Osborne's friend, Suzanne, Abbee James' aunt Tami, and for our folks in the Ambassador: Adelene Vock, Kathy Nelson, Foy Thayer, Connie Driever, Loran & Mary Donna Patton

PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR REGULAR GIVING!



We are asking for donations of pasta & pasta sauce for the local **FOOD PANTRY. Bring your contributions to the church during the week or on Sunday morning from now through the end of April. They will be delivered to the local Food Pantry at First United Methodist Church.**

**We donated a total \$730.10 in 2022 through our Hunger Offering!
Thank you! Nurture & Mission Committee**



Calendar Of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Sunday School 9:15am Worship/Holy Communion 10:30 Coffee Fellowship Palm Sunday	3 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	4	5 Lunch Bunch at Downtown 11:30 Quilters 1pm	6 Maundy Thursday Worship 7pm	7 Good Friday Worship at United Methodist Church 12 noon	8
9 Breakfast 8-9:30 Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:30am Happy EASTER!	10	11 Deacons - 5:15pm Session - 6:30pm	12 Lunch Bunch at Little Ted's 11:30am Quilters 1pm Choir Practice 7pm	13	14	15
16 Sunday School 9:15 Worship 10:30am 2 nd Sunday of Easter	17 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	18	19 Lunch Bunch at The Keeping Room 11:30am Quilters 1pm	20	21	22
23 Sunday School 9:15 Worship 10:30am 3 rd Sunday of Easter	24	25	26 Lunch Bunch at Subway 11:30am Quilters 1pm	27	28	29
30 Sunday School 9:15 Worship 10:30am Hunger Offering 4 th Sunday of Easter						

Serving this month:

Organist: Abby Reese Scripture: Jeff Maddox Greeters: Jeff & Carol Maddox
 Camera: Marv Zimmerman Acolytes: Youth Communion prepared by Jeff Maddox
 Sound/Power Point: Jane Zimmerman/Julie Hopp/Kurt Curtis Facebook/Photographer: Teresa Frields
 Nursery: Jayne James, Susie Frerichs, Bunny Shanholtz, Julie Hopp, Kristie Dierking

**Gifts
Of
Women
Sunday**



Gifts of Women Sunday started off by honoring all of the women in attendance with a carnation. Abby gave us the announcements, Carla and Kristie presented one of the Symbols of Lent, Jan & Kim read scripture, and Jayne had the attention of the 'kids' with her Children's Time message. Abby played for the choir (including 7 women!), Abby prepared Communion and JoAnn, Kim, Jan and Kristie served Communion. Laura led our worship service and shared her message "The Legacy of an Old Testament Woman". Udine was a greeter, Carla was in the nursery, Jane was on sound/video and Teresa was our photographer! We thank all of the women in our church and honor them on this special day.

Join us this Holy Season for our following Worship services:

Palm Sunday – April 2

10:30am



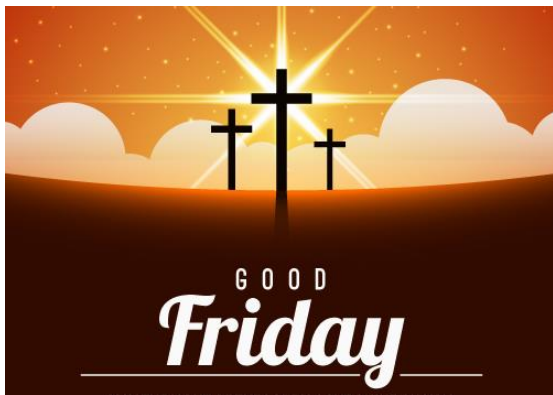
Maundy Thursday

Worship - April 6, 7pm



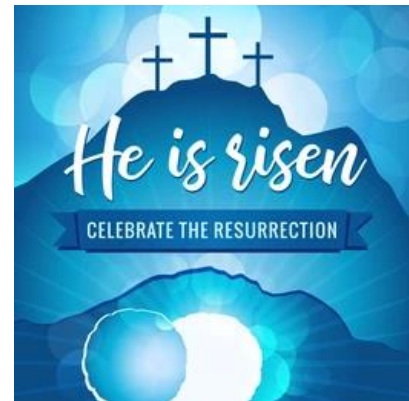
Good Friday Community Worship

First United Methodist Church – April 7, noon



Easter Sunday – April 9

10:30am



The Worship Committee will be serving **Breakfast on Easter Sunday**. Please join them anytime between 8am and 9:30am for food & fellowship! All are welcome!



Unable to join us in person? Turn in for our services on our Facebook page:

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