



# PALM SUNDAY

*Rejoice greatly...thy King cometh unto thee.*

ZECHARIAH 9:9 (KJV)



# *First Church*

OF NEW KNOXVILLE

**Rooted in Christ, Growing in Christ, Serving Christ.**

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**First Church recognizes Jesus Christ  
as the head of the Church and as Savior and Lord.**

**We are a community of faith who engage Biblical truth  
to provide an environment where people mature  
as disciples of Christ.**

**March 29, 2026  
Palm Sunday & Confirmation Sunday**

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## ***If you are a Guest or Visitor today, we are glad you're here!***

- **The Restrooms** are in the basement at the East end of the church and inside the main glass doors of the Ministry Center next door.
- **The Nursery** is located in the basement. Available for infant to 4 yr old.
- **Large Print bulletins** are available at the info center near the back of the sanctuary.
- **Children's Activity Items** are available at the info center near the back of the sanctuary.
- **WiFi Connection is available** for those who wish to use their device to connect to the Bible app. Connect via "FirstChurchWifi Guest"
- **Our Worship Service** is broadcast Sundays on T-102 FM at 10:15am
- **YouTube Livestream** - We stream our service live via our YouTube page @firstchurchofnewknoxville1014 at 9:00 am on Sundays.
- **Music** used with permission. CCLI License# 2403283
- **The \* invites** those who are able to please rise.

## ***Welcome to Worship at First Church***

### **Announcements & Greeting Time**

**Palm Parade** – The Palms

Grace Roediger

### **Children's Chat**

**\*Call to Worship** from Psalm 118:1-7, 15-29

Caleb Hoge

One: <sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel say:

"His love endures forever."

<sup>3</sup> Let the house of Aaron say:

"His love endures forever."

<sup>4</sup> Let those who fear the Lord say:

"His love endures forever."

<sup>5</sup> When hard pressed, I cried to the Lord;

he brought me into a spacious place.

<sup>6</sup> The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid.

What can mere mortals do to me?

<sup>7</sup>The Lord is with me; he is my helper.

I look in triumph on my enemies.

<sup>15</sup>Shouts of joy and victory  
resound in the tents of the righteous:

“The Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!

<sup>16</sup> The Lord’s right hand is lifted high;  
the Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!”

<sup>17</sup> I will not die but live,  
and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

**All: <sup>18</sup>The Lord has chastened me severely,  
but he has not given me over to death.**

<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the gates of the righteous;  
I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

<sup>20</sup>**This is the gate of the Lord  
through which the righteous may enter.**

<sup>21</sup>**I will give you thanks, for you answered me;  
you have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>**The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;**

<sup>23</sup>**the Lord has done this,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

**One: <sup>24</sup>The Lord has done it this very day;  
let us rejoice today and be glad.**

<sup>25</sup>Lord, save us!

Lord, grant us success!

<sup>26</sup>Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
From the house of the Lord we bless you.

<sup>27</sup>The Lord is God,  
and he has made his light shine on us.

With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession  
up to the horns of the altar.

**All: <sup>28</sup>You are my God, and I will praise you;  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.**

<sup>29</sup>**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.**

**Hymn No. 173** – All Glory, Laud and Honor

**The Lord's Prayer** (using debts and debtors)

**Worship / Giving Back to God**

Offering: Jr & Sr High Youth Group Fund

Offertory: There Is A Redeemer

Offertory Hymn: No. 625 Doxology

**Confirmation**

Class of 2026

*Caleb D. Hoge*

*Caleb A. Millhouse*

*Henry S. Hoge*

Class Questions

The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy universal Christian church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Congregational Promise

Pastor (to the congregation): Do you promise to love, encourage, and support these brothers and sisters by teaching the gospel of God's love, by being an example of Christian faith and character, and by giving the strong support of God's family in fellowship, prayer, and service?

**All: We do.**

Faith Statements, Personal Vows & Prayer  
Final Class Questions

Trust in God

**Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine  
He's been my fourth man in the fire time after time  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood  
And what He did for me on Calvary is more than enough**

**I trust in God, my Savior  
The one who will never fail  
He will never fail  
I trust in God, my Savior  
The one who will never fail  
He will never fail**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest  
I know the author of tomorrow has ordered my steps  
So this is my story and this is my song  
Praising my risen King and Savior all the day long**

**I trust in God, my Savior  
The one who will never fail  
He will never fail  
I trust in God, my Savior  
The one who will never fail  
He will never fail**

**I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered  
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered  
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered  
That's why I trust Him, that's why I trust Him  
(4X)**

**That's why I trust in God, my Savior  
The one who will never fail  
He will never fail  
Oh, I trust in God, my Savior**

**The one who will never fail  
He will never fail**

CCLI Song #7206001

**\*Scripture Reading** – Mark 15:1-20  
(Page 1021 in the pew Bible)

Caleb Millhouse

**Message** – Don't Go Along with the Crowd

Son of Heaven

**This is the word here in the flesh,  
Living among the meek and lowly.  
The voice of God, His every breath,  
Salvation of the world unfolding.**

**Behold Him, behold Him.  
Lift up your eyes, see the Son of Heaven.  
Hosanna, Hosanna.  
Pour out your praise, sing the name of Jesus.**

**This is His heart upon the cross,  
And from His wounds His mercies flowing.  
And now the dawn put death to death,  
And ever since that grave's been empty.**

**Behold Him, behold Him.  
Lift up your eyes, see the Son of Heaven.  
Hosanna, Hosanna.  
Pour out your praise, sing the name of Jesus.  
(repeat)**

**This is His home, here in our chest,  
At every door our Savior's knocking.  
Oh let Him in; oh let Him out.  
With every yes His kingdom's coming.  
The sound of every saint rejoicing,  
Oh Jesus Christ, the hope of Glory.**

**Behold Him, behold Him.  
Lift up your eyes, see the Son of Heaven.  
Hosanna, Hosanna.  
Pour out your praise, sing the name of Jesus.  
(repeat)**

**Pour out your praise, sing the name of Jesus.**

CCLI Song # 7158420

**Benediction & Dismissal**

Henry Hoge

### **Announcements**

**The Rose on the Altar** is in honor of Bruce & Donna Hoge who will celebrate 50 years of marriage on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. *Happy Anniversary!*

**Congratulations to our Confirmands.** There are three students confirming their faith this morning. You can find their statements of faith in the confirmation booklets that are available at the doors and the Info Center in the Sanctuary.

**Prayer List** – Jane Novean, Shirley Maurer, Joann Kuck, Jason Kuck, Mary Kuck, Dick Elsass, Ted Lammers, Noah Hoelscher, Ken Cline, Bob Snyder, Serra Pax, Robert Engel, Matthew Anspach, Diane Fledderjohann, Greg Metzger, Holly Brown, Sandy Hoelscher, Linda Kuck, Joann Feldwisch, Betty Kiefer, and Crystal Miller.

**Lenten Prayer Services:** Join us this evening at 6:00pm as Pastor Joel leads us in a prayer service. Each service will include a scripture lesson, guided scripture-based prayer, and time to pray for needs within the church and community.

The scripture lessons will focus on how the tabernacle points us to Jesus. Each part of the tabernacle represents something important about his life and ministry. This will be a great way to prepare your heart and mind for Easter!



# Holy Week **SCHEDULE**

March 29	Palm Sunday - 9:00am
April 2	Maundy Thursday - 7:00pm
April 3	Good Friday - 7:00pm Joint Service at NK Methodist Church
April 5	Sonrise Service - 7:00am Easter Breakfast - 8:00am Easter Service - 9:00 am

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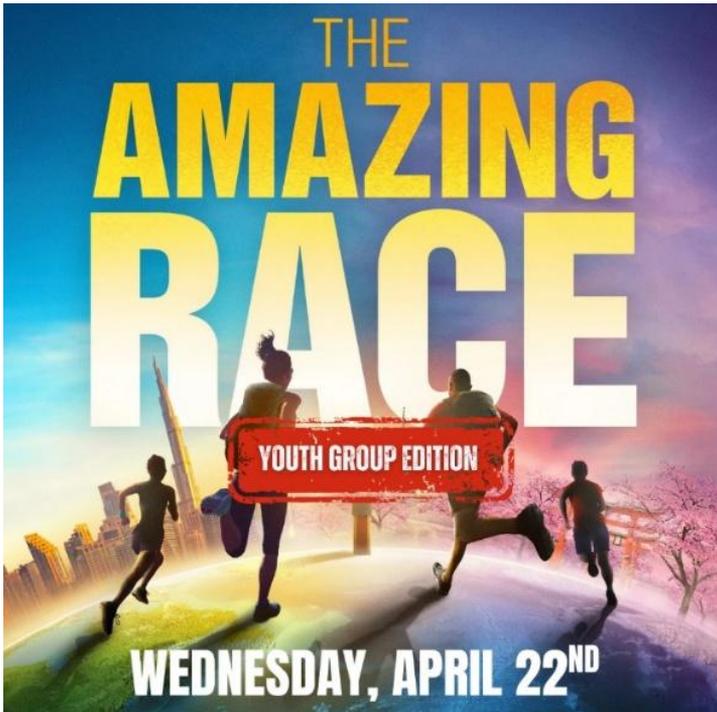


**Maundy Thursday Worship** with the Lord’s Supper will begin at 7:00 pm here at First Church in the Sanctuary.

**Joint Good Friday Worship** is at the New Knoxville Methodist Church and will begin at 7:00 pm.

**Easter Sunday – April 5, 2026**

- **SonRise Worship** – with the Lord’s Supper will begin at 7:00 am in the Ministry Center. The youth at First Church will lead this service.
- **Easter Breakfast** – Please join us at 8:00 am in the Social Room to enjoy breakfast. Sausage/Hashbrown/Egg Casserole, Sausage Patties, homemade Cinnamon Rolls or Coffee Cake & Yogurt Parfait Station will be served. Breakfast is free, but if you feel led, donations will benefit the Youth of First Church.
- **Easter Worship** with the Lord’s Supper will begin at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary. Join us as we celebrate Christ’s Resurrection as a church family. All are welcome and feel welcome to invite a friend.
- **There is NO Sunday school on Easter Sunday.** Enjoy celebrating our Risen Lord with your family after church.



**Good Friday Food Drive Reminder** – As the food drive comes to an end, Monday is the final day to bring in donations to support Agape Ministries. Donations can be dropped off at the church office, which is open Monday 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

We want to sincerely thank everyone who has already given. Your generosity is going to impact and bless so many local families.

For more details and a list of needed items, please check our Facebook page or the flyer on the main entrance door (by parking lot).

## **This Week at First Church - March 29 to April 5**

### **THIS SUNDAY Palm Sunday**

- 8:00 am Men's Prayer Group - Youth Room
- 8:00 am Sunday Morning Prayer – Conference Room
- 9:00 am Morning Worship & Confirmation Sunday
- 10:15 am Children's Sunday School – Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 10:15 am Adult Sunday School – in Social Room with Pastor Joel
- 10:15 am Adult Sunday School – in Youth Room with Stan Reineke
- 6:00 pm Lenten Prayer Service - Sanctuary
- 6:00-8:00pm SonRise Practice – Ministry Center

### **TUESDAY**

- 9:00 am Bible Study (The Bible Recap)– Youth Room

### **WEDNESDAY**

- 7:00-8:30 pm Jr/Sr High Youth Group
- 6:30 pm Bells practice – Sanctuary
- 7:30 pm Choir practice – Methodist Church

### **NEXT SUNDAY Easter Sunday**

- 7:00 am SonRise Service – Ministry Center
- 8:00 am Easter Breakfast – Social Room
- 9:00 am Easter Morning Worship

**Offering collected on March 22<sup>nd</sup> - \$2,275.00**

Offering for Carl Whitlatch,  
Fellowship of Christian Athletes - \$1,920.00  
General Operating Fund Pledges - \$335.00  
Youth Ministry Gifts – \$20.00

**Attendance: 220**

**Sunday School Offering on March 22<sup>nd</sup> - \$24.85**

