



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PENSACOLA

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 7, 2019 | 9:30 A.M.



The Women Anointing Jesus' Feet (from a 6th century Byzantine mosaic)



WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us this Lenten season. Founded in 1821, First Church is the oldest Protestant church in the area and the oldest Methodist church in Florida. This historic church, with four regular Sunday services, has a membership of 3200 and is overflowing with life. If you are visiting, we hope that you will consider becoming a member of our church family. You may join any Sunday by profession of faith or transfer of membership. Come and be a part of what God is doing here this Lent.

LENT

Today is the Fifth Sunday in Lent. Lent is a solemn religious observance that began on Ash Wednesday and covers the 40 days (and 6 Sundays) leading up to Easter. Lent is a time for reality, for genuine humility, for repentance and forgiveness and renewed commitment to following the ways of Jesus. It is a season of preparation, and we are looking ahead to Jesus' passion and death for us and then to Easter. Lent can be a transformative time when kept well and the church is providing a number of things to help us experience the season more fully. There is a devotional to guide your reading throughout the remainder of the season, a Prayer Room is set up in the chapel, there is a one last mid-week worship service this week, and there are a number of studies you can be a part of. See the announcements for more on what's happening the rest of the Lenten season. Keep a holy Lent with us; it can change your life.

NURSERY & CHILDREN'S BULLETINS

Nursery is available this morning for children up to five years old. If you need help locating the nursery, please see an usher or greeter for assistance. Also, children's worship bulletins and crayons are available in the narthex.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Main Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in celebration of John and Betty Bracken's 60th wedding anniversary on March 28th.

THOSE SERVING

9:30: GREETERS – Karen S. Thompson and Susan Cole. USHERS – Whitney Voeltz, Garrett Henderson and Carter Haynes. COMMUNION STEWARD – Diane Turner. COMMUNION SERVERS – Gena Buchanan and Linda McDade, Lay Persons.

OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

9:30am
the Fifth Sunday in Lent

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Adore Te” *arr. Charles Callahan*

Libby K. Hargrave, *organ*

***CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Praise the Lord who has done great things for us.

Let our tongues shout for joy.

God will turn our tears into shouts of joy.

We rejoice in the Lord’s abundance!

[Psalm 126]

***HYMN**

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

No. 57

***COLLECT**

Rev. Ken Autrey

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

PSALTER

Psalm 126 **No. 847**

***GLORIA PATRI**

No. 70

**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.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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***GOSPEL LESSON**

John 12:1-8

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 3:4b-14

SERMON

Rev. Brandon Bures

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were still sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Response:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All:

Glory to God. *Amen.*

***THE PEACE**

All exchange signs and words of God's peace.

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

Please register your attendance on the registration pad. If you are visiting with us, include your address, phone number, and email so that we may welcome you in a more personal way.

OFFERTORY

Libby K. Hargrave, *solo*

“Humbly We Adore Thee” *arr. L. K. Hargrave*

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

No. 13

You are invited to come forward to the altar to receive the elements of Holy Communion.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Alison Irby, *piano*

“We Were Like Them That Dream” *composed by Alison Irby*

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Anyone who wishes to join the church today, please come forward during the last stanza of the closing hymn.

*CLOSING HYMN

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

No. 298

*BENEDICTION

*GOING FORTH

POSTLUDE

“We Come to You” *L. K. Hargrave*

TODAY'S LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES

The Old Testament—Isaiah 43:16-21—the same Lord who brought the people through the Red Sea waters and crushed the army of the Egyptians will do a new thing in this day when God will bring the people home through the wilderness.

The Psalter—Psalm 126—A song of hope and joy sung to the Lord, who restores the fortunes of God's people.

The Epistle—Philippians 3:4b-14—the apostle Paul can boast of his religious background, yet nothing matters in comparison with knowing Christ as his Lord.

The Gospel—John 12:1-8—Jesus, but a few days before his passion, is at supper with Lazarus, Martha, and Mary when Mary anoints his feet with costly ointment.

DAILY READINGS - WEEK OF 5 LENT

Each of us is encouraged to read scripture during the week. If you don't already have a daily devotion the scriptures below are designed to expand the range of biblical reading in worship and personal devotion. You can find them in the bulletin each week. The Daily Readings are taken from "The Daily Office Lectionary" in The Book of Common Prayer. Make a commitment this Lenten season to read scripture each day. It will be a blessing. It will change your life. The scriptures below are the same as the ones found in the "Meditations for Lent" devotional.

	<u>Psalms</u>	<u>Old Test.</u>	<u>New Test.</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
MONDAY	31	Jer. 24:1-10	Rom. 9:19-33	John 9:1-17
TUESDAY	121, 122, 123	Jer. 25:8-17	Rom. 10:1-13	John 9:18-41
WEDNESDAY	119:145-176	Jer. 25:30-38	Rom. 10:14-21	John 10:1-18
THURSDAY	131, 132, 133	Jer. 26:1-16	Rom. 11:1-12	John 10:19-42
FRIDAY	95, 22	Jer. 29:1, 4-13	Rom. 11:13-24	John 11:1-27
SATURDAY	137:1-6, 144	Jer. 31:27-34	Rom. 11:25-36	John 11:28-44

NEXT WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Join us next week here at First Church as we come together to worship God on Palm/Passion Sunday. Dr. Wesley Wachob will be back preaching and the Rev. Brandon Bures will also be preaching. The Sanctuary Choir will sing at 8:00am. There will also be a Palm Sunday Parade through the neighborhood following the 11:00am services. A free lunch will follow. Next Sunday's Liturgy of the Palms: *Luke 19:28-40* • *Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839)*. Liturgy of the Passion: *Isaiah 50:4-9a* • *Psalm 31:9-16 (UMH 839)* • *Philippians 2:5-11* • *Luke 22:14-23:56, or Luke 23:1-49*.

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