

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

EASTER EGG HUNT | TODAY

All children of elementary age or younger are invited to our annual Easter Egg Hunt today at Alabama Square. Alabama Square is in the North Hill neighborhood on the corner N. Reus and W. Gonzalez Streets. The festivities will begin at 12:30pm. We will enjoy a picnic lunch, story time, egg hunt, and fellowship. In the event of rain, we will have the egg hunt and picnic on campus and will gather in The Wright Place at 12:15pm. Please watch the church Facebook page for more information. An update should be posted by 9:00am this morning if there are any changes.

YOUTH SUNDAY AT ICON | TODAY

This morning the youth are taking over the ICON worship service. At 11:00am in Wesley Abbey, our youth will be leading each part of the service. They will be preaching, leading music, liturgizing, and doing everything in between. Grace Beall and Ben Spears will each bring us a sermon and the Youth Praise Band will lead us in song. Everyone is invited to be a part of this unique worship experience.

VISITOR / NEW MEMBER CLASS

Each Sunday morning we welcome all visitors and new members that are interested in learning more about First Church to an introductory class that consists of four parts. Today's class, Introduction to First Church, gives you an opportunity to ask questions and learn about the history, theology, worship, and membership of this great church. Next week, Ministries of First Church is about all the programs and ministries of the church. Join us each week. The class assembles at 9:30am in room PH101 next door in the Perry Home.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Join us this Wednesday between 5:00 and 6:00pm in The Wright Place for a delicious meal and good fellowship. This week's menu will be Spaghetti, Garlic bread, & Salad. Please make your reservations in the registration pads, by calling the church office (432-1434), or online. After dinner, join us for our last Wednesday Night Lenten Service in the Main Sanctuary.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERVICE | APRIL 10

Everyone is invited to join us one last time for a special worship service at 6:00pm in the Main Sanctuary this Wednesday, April 10. Our final guest will be the Rev. Stuart Worth, Director of the University of West Florida and Pensacola State College Wesley Foundations. While the Lenten service is happening in the Main Sanctuary, our children (K-4th) will participate in a worship time geared just for them in the chapel next to the Main Sanctuary.

FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE WRIGHT PLACE | APRIL 12

The Fifty Forward Ministry invites everyone to its monthly dinner and a show this Friday, April 12 from 6:00-8:00pm in The Wright Place. Join us for a fun filled evening with friends, dinner and a music performance by "The Wright Notes", Dan Rowe, Floyd Replogle, and Tura Schmitz. Please make your reservation by calling the Church Office (432.1434). Tickets are \$7 per person.

NEXT WEEK IS HOLY WEEK

PALM / PASSION SUNDAY SERVICES | APRIL 14

Palm / Passion Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, a time where we remember the sacrifice God made for us. As Palm Sunday begins, the crowd waves palm branches, wanting to crown Jesus as king. But as the story of the passion unfolds, their shouts of praise turn to demands for his crucifixion; he receives a crown of thorns as he is handed over to be mocked and killed.

PALM SUNDAY PARADE | APRIL 14

Join us for a special Palm Sunday Parade following the 11:00am services. Participants will parade together through the neighborhood waving palm branches as we celebrate Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. We'll meet in front of the Main Sanctuary. A special stop will be made at Wesley Haven Villa Assisted Living Facility. Lunch will be provided following the parade.

"JOURNEY TO THE CROSS" CONCERT | APRIL 16

On Tuesday of Holy Week there will be a Lenten concert at 7:00pm in the Main Sanctuary. Come enjoy this concert featuring music from Libby Kephart Hargrave, Mitzi Holt, Jennifer Taylor, Sam Waite, Ty LoVette, Heidi Branch, Rick Branch, Laura Young, and special guest Alex Beyer.

HOLY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE | APRIL 18

Holy (Maundy) Thursday commemorates the last supper of Jesus with his disciples and his later betrayal. After a sermon we will celebrate Holy Communion and conclude the service with the stripping of the chancel and altar. Join us at 7:00pm in the Main Sanctuary.

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE | APRIL 19

Tenebrae is a service of darkness commemorating the crucifixion. This service includes readings from the passion narrative while candles are extinguished. The service concludes with the sanctuary in complete darkness. Join us at 7:00pm in the Main Sanctuary.

For information on other activities happening during Holy Week (i.e. Stations of the Cross, Prayer Labyrinth, and Seder Meal) see the church's newsletter and website.

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Each year on Easter Sunday we place lilies around the campus to honor, celebrate, and memorialize individuals and events. If you would like to place one this year, please fill out this form, remove it, and place it in the offering plate or return it to the Church Office by Palm Sunday.

Lilies are \$12 each. Please select one and print clearly:

IN HONOR OF IN CELEBRATION OF IN MEMORY OF

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