

## WORSHIP

**Sunday,  
April 14, 2019**

10:30am in the Sanctuary  
Palm Sunday

**Proclaimer:** Jim Dant

**Scripture:** Mark 11:1-11

**Sermon:** When Jesus Skips Church

**Service Choir:** Melody/Harmony,  
Junior and Sanctuary Choirs

**Anthems:** "Hallelujah! Sing Hosanna!"  
– *EERNISSE*; "Ride On, King Jesus"  
– *arr. HOGAN*; "When I Survey the  
Wondrous Cross" – *MARTIN*

### Sanctuary Flowers

If you would like to enhance our worship space by placing flowers for one of our services, please contact Kimberly Coates at [kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com](mailto:kimberly.coates@firstbaptistgreenville.com) or 233-2527 ext. 128.

### MidWeek Fellowship

Bell Tower Ringers

April 10, 6:15pm | Fellowship Hall

### MidWeek Fellowship

Children's Choirs and  
Missions Showcase

May 1, 6:15pm | Fellowship Hall

### Make Reservations for Wednesday Night Supper

Enjoy Family Time

<https://firstbaptistgreenville.com/wednesday-night-supper/>



## Rustlings

BY JIM DANT

Holy Week... Historically and traditionally, it is a mystical mix of public and private moments of faith. It's as public as a Palm Sunday processional into Jerusalem and a crucifixion at the crowded crossroad of town. It's as private as a last supper with friends, nighttime prayers in a garden and a resurrection in the still of the morning. Thus, our celebrations of Holy Week reflect both a private and public nature.

We invite you to some private moments of prayer as we walk the Stations of the Cross during Holy Week. The Stations of the Cross – artistically hand-carved in the Holy Land – now hang in Carpenter Chapel of First Baptist. During Holy Week, members of our church staff will guide you through prayerful meditations of the Stations. Meditations are scheduled three times a day during most days of Holy Week – morning, midday and afternoons. You may sign up for these guided meditations online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4daaad2da2f58-stations> You may also prefer to walk the Stations alone. Prayer guides are provided at

the entrance to Carpenter Chapel, and the Chapel is open during office hours.

We also invite you attend two shared, public celebrations of Holy Week: Maundy Thursday Service at First Baptist Greenville and Good Friday Service at Fernwood Baptist in Spartanburg. As has become our tradition, we will celebrate Maundy Thursday at 7:00pm in our church parlor – a sort of 'upper room.' If you have not attended this service with our Sanctuary Choir circling the room and the elements of communion in the center of the room, you've missed a holy and inspirational hour. Join us this year as we remember the evening before Jesus' crucifixion. Then, at 7:30pm on Friday of Holy Week, we will gather at Fernwood Baptist Church in Spartanburg, SC, to remember and reverence the day of Jesus' crucifixion – Good Friday. Members of our Sanctuary Choir will join with the choir of Fernwood to provide us with a meaningful and memorable worship experience.

Holy Week is a mix of public and private expressions of faith. Live fully into this sacred time...and then let us celebrate the resurrection on Easter Morning!

— Jim

## Reminders

**April 18, 7:00pm**  
Maundy Thursday  
Service of Communion  
Parlor

**April 19, 7:30pm**  
Good Friday  
Joint Sanctuary/Fernwood Choirs  
Fernwood Baptist – Spartanburg

**April 21**  
Easter  
8:30am Remembrance Garden  
10:30am Sanctuary  
Sanctuary Choir and Brass

# Calling ALL Graduates!!!



On Sunday, May 19, First Baptist Greenville will celebrate and honor the graduating classes of 2019 – high school, college and graduate school. The day will begin in the AYMC, when graduates and their families are invited to share in a time of breakfast and fellowship with our Youth Family. During worship at 10:30am, graduates will wear their graduation caps and gowns and will be individually recognized and given a special gift from the church. A luncheon for our high school graduates will follow worship.

We understand that some graduates may not be present for our 10:30am worship on Sunday, May 19.

However, we ask that every graduate submit a recent photo of themselves (by Sunday, April 21) so we can recognize them in our church newsletter, *The Branch*, and display pictures of all of our graduates on the bulletin board outside Jim Dant's office.

**All graduates who are connected to FBG and are graduating this May, please help us by completing a Graduate Info Form no later than Sunday, April 21! You can find the form by using the link listed below: <https://goo.gl/forms/AGFq9ZzCifNXAKyq1>**

— Mary Carol, Will and Sarah

## What Do Stephen Ministers Do?

IT'S A MATCH – IT'S CONFIDENTIAL



Matching is an important part of Stephen Ministry. Those who are interested in serving are matched with the best job for them. Those who need care are matched with the best caregiver for them. Find out whether Stephen Ministry is a match for you by contacting one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Robin Barton, Wofford Green, Duke McCall or Ann Quattlebaum.

### HOW TO REQUEST A STEPHEN MINISTER:

If either you or someone you know is having a difficult time dealing with a life crisis and need the caring friendship and support of a Stephen Minister, please contact one of FBG's Stephen Leaders/Ministers to ask for a referral card or get one at the church Reception Desk.

# Holy Week at First Baptist Greenville

Since Ash Wednesday, our Lenten journey has been taking us closer and closer to the cross. We are about to enter Holy Week, the last leg of this journey towards Easter. Starting next Sunday, Palm Sunday, the church will commemorate Jesus' final week. Here are the ways our church family will gather and remember:

## PALM SUNDAY | APRIL 14

10:30AM IN THE SANCTUARY

During worship on Palm Sunday, the church will celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Children will process with palm leaves that will later be burned to create the ashes for next year's Ash Wednesday service.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY | APRIL 18

7:00PM IN THE PARLOR

A service of remembrance of Jesus' last supper with his disciples and his commandment to love one another. The Sanctuary Choir will sing, and communion will be served.

## EARLY EASTER SERVICE | APRIL 21

8:00AM BREAKFAST IN THE PARLOR

8:30AM SERVICE IN THE REMEMBRANCE GARDEN

Celebrate Christ's resurrection on Easter morning at the Labyrinth in the Remembrance Garden. Bert Strange will lead the meditation, and the Bell Tower Ringers will provide music.

We hope to see you at these services!

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS | APRIL 14-18

The Stations of the Cross, located in the Chapel, depict Jesus' last day of life from his trial to the tomb. During Holy Week, you are invited to prayerfully 'walk the stations' in small groups led by a member of the church staff. You may sign up for these prayerful walks online at [signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4DAAAD2DA2F58-stations](http://signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4DAAAD2DA2F58-stations).

## GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 19

7:30PM AT FERNWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

200 FERNWOOD DRIVE, SPARTANBURG, SC 29307

This year we will observe Good Friday at Fernwood in Spartanburg. In this tenebrae service, the choirs from Fernwood and First Baptist will combine, and Eric Coleman will be the proclaimer.

## EASTER SERVICE | APRIL 21

10:30AM IN THE SANCTUARY

Celebrate Christ's resurrection, this time with the whole church family. The service will include a brass quintet with timpani and the Sanctuary Choir. Jim Dant will be the proclaimer.

— Jennifer and Matt

## Easter Lily Gifts

Members of the congregation have offered donations to provide the beautiful lilies to decorate our worship space this Easter morning. Below, we will begin to share those dedications. More will appear in the next issue of *The Branch*.

Tom and Sherry Atkinson place a lily in honor of their Seminar/Corder Class teachers: Roland Freeman, Don Carson, Tony McDade and Bill Lacy.

A lily in memory of McAdams Christopher is gifted by his family.

Jo Ann and Joe Leaphart donate two lilies in memory of Mr. and Mrs.

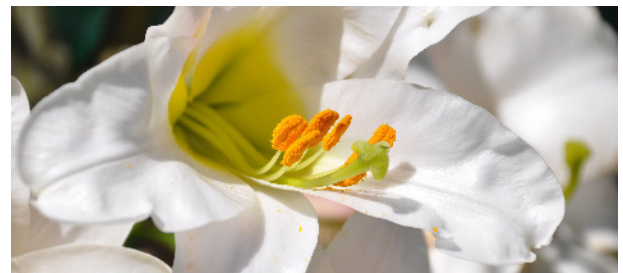
Carson Perkins and Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Leaphart.

A lily in memory of Miriam and Gene Lollis is given by Russ and Nancy Davis.

Linda Alpert gifts a lily in memory of James William Sparks.

Two lilies in honor of Carson Class members are placed by Jane and Henry Watkins.

Becky and Ralph Bouton give two lilies in memory of their parents, Frances and Bill Bouton and Blanche and Bill Carpenter.



## For Your Calendar!

- 4/8 3:00-9:00pm Fundraising Event for Puerto Rico at TCBY (7 Brendan Way)
- 4/9 9:45am-3:00pm Holy Rollers to Chimney Rock State Park and Lunch at Larkin's on the Lake
- 4/10 *Wednesdays at First Activities*  
6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship: Bell Tower Ringers (Fellowship Hall)
- 4/12 8:00pm Greenville Chorale Concert – ticketed event (Sanctuary)
- 4/13 11:00am Preschool Ministry Easter Egg Hunt
- 4/14 9:30am Protecting Our Children (A302)  
10:30am Palm/Passion Sunday  
Jim Dant, Proclaimer  
Children's and Sanctuary Choirs
- 4/14-18 Stations of the Cross Meditation (Carpenter Chapel) - Sign up on church website
- 4/18 7:00pm Maundy Thursday  
Communion  
Jim Dant, Proclaimer  
Sanctuary Choir (Parlor)
- 4/19-21 AYMC and Church Offices Closed for Easter Holiday

### LIVING GENEROUSLY

Financial Needs as of 4/6  
\$726,922  
Receipts of 4/3  
\$565,571

## Pastoral Care

### On Call Nights and Weekends

April 8-14  
Dylan Rigg  
205-500-2370 (m)

April 15-21  
Matt Rollins  
346-0971 (m)

If you are unable to reach this minister at the above number, please call the Church Office, 864-233-2527, and leave a message by pressing the number "199" for "Pastoral Care Emergencies."

## Wednesday Supper

Required reservations for the meal must be made by noon on Monday by visiting the church website or calling the church office. Permanent reservations are available. Serving lines are open 4:45-6:00pm.

### Menu April 10

**Adults:** Chicken Pot Pie, Rice, Fried Apples, Salad, Dessert  
**Kids:** Mac and Cheese, Veggies and Dip, Fresh Fruit, Cookies

### April 17

There are no *Wednesdays at First Activities* this week.

### Wednesdays at First Schedule

Exceptions and details noted in calendar.

3:00pm Youth Hang Time and Supper  
4:45-6:00pm Serving Lines Open  
5:30-7:00pm Children's Missions and Choirs  
6:00pm Youth Bible Study  
6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship  
7:00-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

## Care List as of 4/8/19

### Hospitals

Prisma Health (Greenville Memorial):  
Naomi Mobley

### Rehab

NHC-Greenville: Joan Garrett

The Cascades: Bill Jett

### Returned Home

Darrell Corder, Nancy Kirby, Marian Pouch  
Van Horn and newborn

### Congratulations to...

...James and Marian Van Horn on the birth of a son, Whaley Pouch Van Horn, on March 30, 2019. Whaley's older brother is Finn. His grandparents in our church are Melanie and Will Pouch and his great grandmother in our church is Marietta Bolt.

## Facilities Personnel Opening

First Baptist Greenville is adding a full-time facilities person to its staff. If you, or someone you know, have interest in giving attention to building maintenance, mechanical systems and the cleaning of our facilities, please contact Jimmy Paul ([jimmy.paul@firstbaptistgreenville.com](mailto:jimmy.paul@firstbaptistgreenville.com)).

## Need a Ride to the Doctor's Office?

The Medical Appointment Transportation Committee, a part of Ministry to Families, offers rides for members to and from medical appointments. Requests made a week in advance will be appreciated. Those in need of this service may contact Committee Chair Mary Rankin at [rankinma@yahoo.com](mailto:rankinma@yahoo.com) or 630-2894.

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