

First United Methodist Church Fox Hill

Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026



A vibrant church, making Christian disciples & enriching lives through outreach.

“After God’s Own Heart” Matthew 21:1-11, Philippians 2:4-11

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

March 29, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

Gathering (those who can, please join us in the narthex for the reading)

Scripture Matthew 21:1-11

*Procession

(Following the procession, please place your palm branch on the altar railing. Please take a branch home following the service)

*Processional Hymn UMH 278 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Time

Offering Prayer and Offertory "The Day He Wore My Crown" Pam Roberts, Soloist
Johnson

*Doxology UMH 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Hymn UMH 277 "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, we want to be your followers, and yet we hesitate to take up the cross. We want to be glorified with you, and yet we recoil from the shame that you endure. We want to enjoy the abundant life that you offer, and yet we fear the loss of power and prestige that you require. Look upon us with compassion in the days ahead, and unite us, not only in the fellowship of your suffering, but also in the power of your resurrection, for we ask in the power of Christ's name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The kingdom of God has come near. Repent, and believe the gospel. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Becky Holland

Lord's Prayer

Anthem "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" First Fox Hill Family Choir
Martin

Scripture Philippians 2:4-11

Sermon "After God's Own Heart" Rev. Dr. Brian Sixbey

*Hymn UMH 297 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" (vss. 1, 2)

*Benediction

Grant, O Lord, that what has been said with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Benediction Response UMH 297 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" (vs. 3)

Postlude

MODERN WORSHIP SERVICE

March 29, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

Gathering (those who can, please join us in the narthex for the reading)

Scripture Matthew 21:1-11

*Procession
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Welcome and Announcements

*Worship Songs
"This is Amazing Grace"
Jeremy Riddle | Josh Farro | Phil Wickham

"Battle Belongs"
Brian Johnson | Phil Wickham

"What a Beautiful Name"
Ben Fielding | Brooke Ligertwood

Offering Prayer and Offertory

Scripture Philippians 2:4-11 Rev. Dr. Brian Sixbey

Sermon "After God's Own Heart" Worship Team

Reflection "Holy Forever"
Brian Johnson | Chris Tomlin | Jason Ingram | Jenn Johnson | Phil Wickham Rev. Becky Holland

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

*Benediction
Grant, O Lord, that what has been said with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Postlude



Jimmy Roberson
The Holmes family
Bruce Fleenor
Wendy: Nanci Browning's daughter

The Englehart family
Michael Adams
Brian Eubank, Sr.

We continue to pray for our homebound, those with chronic conditions, and for those unspoken prayers.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 29 Palm Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service: Livestream
- 10:30 a.m. Searchers Class: FH Stage Zoom Passcode:000846
- 10:30 a.m. Faithlink Class: Classroom
- 10:30 a.m. Rise Children's Ministry: Ed Wing
- 10:30 a.m. Modern Worship Service Livestream
- 4:00 p.m. Women in the Word: ESR
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

Monday, March 30

- 10:00 a.m. Yoga: FH Stage
- 1:00 p.m. "The Book" Club: Tri-X Room

Tuesday, March 31

- 10:00 a.m. Shawl Makers: ESR
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 151 Meeting: FH
- 7:00 p.m. BSA Troop 151 Meeting: FH

Wednesday, April 1

- 9:30 a.m. Soul Sisters: Faithlink Room
- 12:00 p.m. Light and Prayer: Sanctuary
- 3:00 p.m. Love Unites: ESR
- 5:45 p.m. Wesley Bells Rehearsal: Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Buckroe New Hope AA Group: FH Kitchen
- 7:00 p.m. 1st Fox Hill Family Choir Practice: Sanctuary

Thursday, April 2 Maundy Thursday

- 10:00 a.m. UMW Thursday Morning Circle
- 11:00 a.m. Hour of Prayer: Tri-X Room
- 5:00 p.m. TABS: Tri-X Room
- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 3 Good Friday

- 6:00 p.m. Buckroe New Hope AA Group: FH Kitchen
- 6:00 p.m. BSA Crew 1151 Meeting: Tri-X Room
- 7:00 p.m. Service of Light and Darkness (Tenebrae)

Saturday, April 4

- 9:00 a.m. Buckroe Men's AA Group: FH Kitchen
- 9:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Sisters in Christ: Faithlink Room
- 3:00 p.m. Community Easter Egg Hunt
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

Holy Week

April 2: 7pm - Maundy Thursday

April 3: 7pm - Good Friday Tenebrae (Light and Darkness)

April 5: Colossians 3:1-4, Matthew 28:1-10,
"Faith Coming Alive!"

Attendance

In person:	116
9:00 a.m. Service	87
10:30 a.m. Service	29
 Internet Live Streaming	 39
9:00 a.m. Service	29
10:30 a.m. Service	10
 Tithes & Offerings	
Total One Fund:	\$ 7,592.80
Year to Date:	\$ 101,157.17
 Pastor's Discretionary Fund	
Last Week:	\$ 0.00
Year to Date:	\$ 577.00
 Roof Fund	
Last Week:	\$ 0.00
Year to Date:	\$ 1,924.00

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Worship Assistants for March 29, 2026

March Ushers	9:00 a.m.: Jesse Barbour (Capt.), Steve Phillips, Bob Casey, John Pickin, Madison Felix 10:30 a.m.: Dave Sharp (Capt.), Daniel Clark, Elevate Youth
Liturgist	9:00 a.m.: Patty Biondolillo 10:30 a.m.: Ron Mayo
Ambassadors	9:00 a.m.: 3/29* , 4/5: Fred & Kay Foster 10:30 a.m.: 3/29*, 4/5 Mike & Judy Adams
Night Watchmen	3/29 Ryan Tuttle, 4/5 Mark Robinson, 4/12 Marc Nadeau

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH
3:00 P.M.

1 SALT POND ROAD HAMPTON, VA
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Week at First UMC Fox Hill and Area Churches

Holy Week begins today, **Sunday, March 29**. We will celebrate **Palm Sunday** with an optional parade around the church building, waving our palm branches.

On **Thursday, April 2**, we celebrate Jesus' Last Supper in our sanctuary at **7:00 pm**, along with the pastors and people of **Phoebus UMC** and **Wesley UMC**.

On **Friday, April 3 at 7:00 pm**, we will have a **Service of Light and Darkness (Tenebrae)** as we remember Jesus' **Seven Last Words**.

On **Saturday**, we will gather for our **Easter Egg Hunt at 3:00 pm**.

Before our regularly scheduled **9:00 and 10:30 am services on Easter Sunday**, anyone who wishes is encouraged to visit **Wesley UMC on Armistead Avenue** for a **Community Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 am**.

In addition, each weekday of Holy Week (**Monday–Friday**), **St. James UMC** will host **“Lunch with Love” at noon in their fellowship hall**. They will provide a light **soup and salad lunch**, along with guest speakers each day.

On **Friday**, St. James will also host a **Fish Fry**. You do not need to pre-plan to attend the “Lunch with Love” gatherings, but you **will need to register for the Fish Fry**. Please contact **Pastor Brian** for more information.



Spring Break Food Collection

The Mission Team is collecting non-perishable breakfast, lunch, and snack foods for three Jones Magnet Middle School families over Spring Break (April 6–10).

Donations may be placed in the blue box in the narthex on Palm Sunday, March 29.

Suggested items: cereal, crackers, Pop-Tarts, juice boxes, oatmeal, shelf-stable milk, pancake mix, syrup, canned chicken, popcorn, dried fruit, peanut butter, and more.

Extra donations will support our Food Pantry.

Thank you for your helping hands!

Kathy Fisher and Pat Leary



Women's Get Together

1. **Our next “Fun, Fellowship, and Friends for Females” gathering is planned for Saturday, April 11, from 4–6pm.** A relaxed and joy-filled time set aside just for the ladies to connect, recharge, and enjoy one another.
 2. **Looking ahead to the fall, we're planning a Day Apart — a mini-retreat designed to give us extended time together.** Expect a blend of spiritual refreshment, gentle pampering, meaningful conversation, and space to let God speak into our lives.
 3. **We are also prayerfully exploring a potential trip to spend time with our Navajo sisters in Christ.** This would be a weeklong “Unraveled” journey focused on creating space for God, deepening spiritual practices, and culminating in a weekend retreat alongside our Navajo sisters.
- **Estimated cost:** \$1,200 per person
 - **Possible dates:** Monday, August 30 – Tuesday, September 7
 - **Who we hope this will serve:** We feel especially called to encourage and support our working women, who carry full schedules and many responsibilities. Our prayer is that this trip could be a life-giving opportunity for them to step away and reconnect with God.
 - **How the church family may come alongside:** To help make this possible, we are exploring ways the wider church community can support families while the women are away — such as preparing meals, assisting fathers with children's routines and activities, and offering help during the after-school window until parents get home from work.

Fifty Plus

Join us on **Sunday afternoon, June 14**, as we travel to the **Williamsburg Players** in celebration of our nation's 250th birthday! Witness the birth of a nation as our forefathers struggle to craft the Declaration of Independence. It was a "**Mystery Patriotic Musical**", but now it is **1776**. It's the summer of **1776**, and the nation is ready to declare independence...if only our founding fathers can agree to do it! **1776** follows John Adams of Massachusetts, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania and Thomas Jefferson of Virginia as they attempt to convince the members of the Second Continental Congress to vote for independence from the shackles of the British monarchy by signing the Declaration of Independence. Afterward we will stop for a meal. **Cost is \$19 plus your meal.**

More to come. Watch First Fox Hill publications for more details. For questions or to sign up, contact **Anne or Bill Bryan** (abandbb1@cox.net or 757-851-0748).

Light & Prayer



Lenten Prayer Time
Wednesdays, 12-1 p.m.

Invitation to Light and Prayer

During the season of Lent, the sanctuary will be open each Wednesday from 12:00–1:00 p.m. All are invited to come, light a candle, and spend time in quiet prayer and reflection. Please enter through the narthex doors, which will be unlocked.

Please note: On Wednesday, March 25, our Food Pantry will also be hosting distribution. If you are able, we kindly ask that you park in the lot near the church office to help with traffic flow and ensure a smooth experience for everyone.

We look forward to sharing this sacred time together.

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FOOD-GAMES-FUN

7:00 P.M.-7:00 A.M. FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH-11TH

REGISTER HERE:

1 SALT POND ROAD
FOR MORE INFO: LARISSA LUMA (757) 646-5838

Mini Photo Shoots

Sunday
12
April

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
\$30 for 3 digital images

For more information or to register, scan the QR code or call Larissa Luma at (757) 646-5838