

AUXANO 26.3
 April 8 - May 27 (8 Week Session)

- Practicing the Way (led by Jenny Bright) - South Suite 167
- Practicing the Way (led by Jeff Fuqua) - South Suite 169
- Body of Proof - 7 Reasons to Believe the Resurrection (Led by Dr. Kirk Lewis) - North Suite 107
- The Beatitudes (led by Dr. Daniel Crowther) - Great Hall
- Prayer Group - Prays each week for our leaders, immediate needs, unchurched and more. Downstairs Prayer Room
- LIFE Fit class is in FLC F201 upstairs

PARENTS NIGHT OUT
 FRIDAY, APRIL 10 * 6:00-9:00 PM

\$15/CHILD
\$30 MAX PER FAMILY

KIDS
 BIRTH-5TH GRADE



GIRLS NIGHT OUT! **SINGO BINGO**
 Praise Edition
 Praise and Worship Music, Laughter, Food and Prizes.
 Thursday, April 23 - 6-9PM

Registration Fee: \$5
 Childcare available upon reservation

Wear neon and glow for a chance to win prizes!



BLOOD DRIVE
 SUNDAY, APRIL 26
 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM in the FLC

Group Code: 2237
 Appointments Preferred
 Walk-ins Welcome




Michelle, blood recipient

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Easter Week Services

Māundy Thursday
 April 2 @ 7:00 PM

Easter Baptism
 Day

Resurrection Sunday
 April 5
 8:15 AM & 10:45 AM

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MAIN EVENTS

WALKING TOGETHER THROUGH HOLY WEEK

Holy Week invites the church to slow down and consider the final days of Jesus' earthly ministry. These days lead us from Palm Sunday to the cross and, finally, to the celebration of the resurrection on Easter morning.

As we move toward Easter, this month's newsletter is designed a little differently. Rather than simply sharing announcements and updates, this April issue invites us as a congregation to reflect together during this sacred week. We will begin in worship on Palm Sunday and gather again the following Sunday to celebrate Easter.

From Monday, March 30 through Saturday, April 4, you will find a short daily Scripture reading along with a brief reflection written by members of our Ministry Leadership Team. These reflections are not meant to be sermons or explanations, but personal meditations on the path Christ walked toward the cross.

Holy Week encourages us to consider Jesus' humility, His sacrifice, and His love. Our hope is that these readings will create small opportunities throughout the week for prayer, reflection, and renewed focus on Christ.

You might read the Scripture in the morning, reflect on it later in the day, or return to the passage in the evening. The goal is simply to allow the story of Jesus' final days to shape our hearts as we approach Easter.

As you read, remember that the voices in these reflections belong to fellow members of our church family and leaders who are living out this same journey of faith alongside you. May this week prepare us not only to celebrate the resurrection, but also to encounter again the love of Christ revealed through the cross.

We look forward to sharing this Holy Week together.

Pastor Daniel



ENGAGING and EQUIPPING others to EXPERIENCE and SHARE
God's Transforming Love

April 2026

Holy Monday

John 12:1-8
Trish Gibb

What am I holding back from Jesus?

The perfume Mary poured on Jesus' feet was "worth a year's wages." That statement alone tells us she probably sacrificed a great deal to save enough money to buy this fragrant oil, which she then freely poured out to Jesus.

In the late 1800's, Judson W. Van DeVenter wrote the lyrics to the well-known hymn "I Surrender All." In the chorus, he writes, "I surrender all, I surrender all; all to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all." Mary's sacrificial act symbolized total surrender. She wasn't holding anything back from Jesus; in total humility and trust, she poured out what cost her the most.

Handing things or people over that are nearest and dearest to our hearts is hard! With tight fists we hold ... career goals, financial priorities, entertainment choices, personal agendas, unforgiveness, and toxic relationships (to name a few) ... when Scripture urges us to trust Jesus with everything and surrender our control.

Holy Monday invites us to examine what we are holding back from Jesus. All is what He requires, and all is what He deserves.

Holy Tuesday

Matthew 22:34-40
Erin Ripley

Sometimes we avoid the things we don't want to do by asking questions, stalling, or creating reasons why we can't possibly follow through. Maybe we want to convince others—or maybe we're really trying to convince ourselves. The Pharisees might have been doing something similar when they asked Jesus which commandment mattered most. Almost as if to say, "There are so many rules... just tell us the one that really counts. We're definitely doing that one."

Jesus' answer couldn't be clearer:

1. Love God.
2. Love others.

The harder question is: how are *you* doing with that?

Are you willing to let go of something you've placed above God? Are you willing to sacrifice something valuable for the sake of someone else? And even beyond that, *why* are you doing it?

If the only reason you act is because you feel obligated, is it truly love?

I've experienced the kind of love that costs someone something, and you can feel the difference. And when I've chosen to give or invest in someone out of love, I've discovered that I'm often the one who ends up blessed.

So what needs to be released, rearranged, or surrendered in your life so that your actions flow from love rather than duty?

Holy Wednesday

Matthew 26:14-16
Daniel Crowther

"What will you give me?"

With that question Judas went to the chief priests and agreed to betray Jesus for thirty pieces of silver. Matthew tells us that from that moment he began looking for an opportunity to deliver Him over.

That question reveals more than the price of the betrayal. It reveals the condition of Judas' heart. Though he had followed Jesus and witnessed His ministry, something else still held his loyalty. The love of money had not been surrendered.

Scripture often warns about this danger. The apostle Paul reminds us that the love of money is a root from which many kinds of evil grow. Judas had given up much to follow Christ, but he had not given up everything.

Sometimes this kind of divided loyalty begins with disappointment. We expect Jesus to bless our plans, secure our future, or lead our lives in certain ways. When those expectations are not met, trust can slowly give way to frustration, and devotion can give way to other desires. Holy Wednesday invites us to examine what our hearts love most. What do we subtly ask of life, success, or security that competes with our trust in Christ?

Even in this moment of betrayal, Jesus willingly walked the path the Scriptures had long foretold, moving toward the cross in love for us whose hearts so often love other things more than Him.

Maundy Thursday

John 13:1-17
Bobbie Miller

Today having lunch with a friend, I made the statement that he should be proud of his son because I had never encountered this young man that he did not encourage and affirm me, assuring me without a doubt that I was loved and appreciated by him. I believe the son first witnessed this trait in his father, and it brought him such joy that he realized that was something he wanted to do for others.

Perhaps that is what Jesus had in mind as he washed the feet of the disciples, hoping that they would feel the joy and peace of being served and in turn decide to do the same for others.

In Philippians 2:3-11 we are reminded to value others above ourselves and to look to the interests of others before our own. Paul reminds us that Jesus made himself nothing taking on the very nature of a servant. As C.S. Lewis put it, a really humble man "will not be thinking of humility: he will not be thinking of himself at all."

I believe God chooses to favor the person who approaches life the way we see it in scripture.

Proverbs 3:34 says God shows favor to the humble and Proverbs 18:12 reminds us that God gives honor and a satisfying life to the humble.

May we follow this example of humble servants today.

Good Friday

Isaiah 53:1-6
Jeff Fuqua

The Prophet Isaiah, roughly 750 years before the death of Christ on the cross, describes the servant (Jesus the Messiah) growing up in a hostile environment, unattractive, exposed to rejection, sorrow, grief, loneliness, and bitterness. He was seen by those around Him during his brutal week of torture as being punished for his sin.

Yet Isaiah confirms that it was our sin that he carried to the cross. Jesus was blameless and became the payment for our sin on the cross.

Verse 6 begins and ends with the same Hebrew word, *kullanu*, meaning all of us. He came and died for every sinner.

Luther wrote to a friend: "Learn to know Christ and him crucified. Learn to sing to him, and say, 'Lord Jesus, you are my righteousness, I am your sin. You have taken upon yourself what is mine and given me what is yours. You became what you were not, so that I might become what I was not.'"

The mercy of the cross! What do you need to give to Christ?

Holy Saturday

Matthew 27:57-66
Kevin Richard

Today we see Jesus' burial. Joseph takes Jesus' body and lays it "in his own new tomb." The disciples must be in disarray; they are shaken to their very core and yet they are still entrusted with the task of spreading the good news.

We may not have had anything quite so life altering happen in our own lives, but we have all had circumstances where we felt lost, we felt alone, and it felt like all we could hear was silence! The disciples lost their guiding voice, they lost their Rabbi, teacher and friend and all seemed quiet.

What do we do when the silence is deafening? What do we do when we feel like we cannot hear anyone around us or even hear God? We go to the source! In the silence of tough situations, we turn to scripture and prayer. We hear God in what he said thousands of years ago in scripture, and we ask God to reveal himself to us through prayer!

We all battle tough circumstances that feel like silence just as the disciples must have felt once Jesus was gone! The only way to get through those times is to break the silence with conversation with God. That could be reading scripture, prayer, or even worshipping through song! Whatever your choice, we all need to know God is always ready and willing to talk with us! Use the silence as an opportunity to hear from God and grow closer to him!