

**Guest/Member**  
**Welcome – We are glad you are here!**

Check in and Connect with us here



Or fill out this form and place in the offering plate.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Check the box:

☐ I would like to be contacted to learn more about the church, ministries, and missions.

Circle one: Member      Regular Attendee

First-Time Visitor

Returning Visitor

Service attended: \_\_ 8:15 \_\_ 9:45 \_\_ 11:15

**If you would like a welcome gift bag,  
please bring this completed form to a greeter.**

(Turn over to list any prayer requests  
and contact information for our  
Congregational Care Pastors)

3/24/2024

**GREAT THANKSGIVING AND HOLY COMMUNION**

*Rev. Chelsea Morse and Rev. Tim Tate*

[Please use hand sanitizer. The bread is dipped into the cup (please do not drink from the cup). The center station is gluten-free.] You are welcome to remember your baptism at the baptismal font.

**COMMUNION MUSIC** “What a Beautiful Name It Is”

*Abby Seymour and Praise Band*

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Rev. Jerry Mills*

**PALM PASSION READING** Mark 15-22-32

*Rev. Jerry Mills*

*Bell tolls 12 times*

**PASSION READING PART TWO** Mark 15:34-41

*Rev. Tim Tate*

**\*CLOSING MUSIC**

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

*Abby Seymour and Praise Band*

**\*BENEDICTION**

*Rev. Chelsea Morse*

**MUSICAL REPRISE**

*Abby Seymour and Praise Band*

**\*Please stand as you are able.**



**Welcome to Worship**  
**Palm Sunday**

**March 24, 2024**

**9:45 a.m.**

**Welcome to Fredericksburg United Methodist Church!**

We hope that you will find a welcoming community of faith where we strive to **SEEK** others in our community, **SERVE** their needs, **GROW** in the love of Christ, and **CONNECT** with each other. If you are visiting for the first time with us, we encourage you to fill out the tear-off section, and see an usher for a special welcome gift!

**Meet our Lead Pastors**

Tim Tate, Lead Pastor – [pastortim@fumcva.org](mailto:pastortim@fumcva.org)

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**Order of Worship**

WELCOME with ANNOUNCEMENTS *Lay Leader*

OPENING SONG *“You’ll Come”*  
*Abby Seymour & Praise Band*

CALL TO WORSHIP *Lay Leader*

Leader: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**People:** *We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.*

Leader: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

**People:** *We wave palm branches in anticipation; we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.*

Leader: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

**People:** *Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.*

Written by Thom Shuman and posted on his Lectionary Liturgies blog. Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/02/contemporary-call-to-worship-palm.html>

\*PALM PROCESSIONAL “Hosanna” by Hillsong  
*Abby Seymour and Praise Band*

\*PASTORAL PRAYER *Rev. Jerry Mills*

\*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 21:1-11 *Rev. Jerry Mills*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 2:5-11 *Rev. Chelsea Morse*

*This is the Word of God for us the people of God. Thanks be to God. Amen.*

SERMON *Rev. Chelsea Morse*  
“We Admit That We Are Broken . . . So That CHRIST, ALONE, can Restore”

OFFERING INTRODUCTION AND OFFERING *Rev. Tim Tate*

OFFERTORY MUSIC “Hosanna to the Lord” by Becky S. Mayo  
*Children’s Choir*

\*SCRIPTURE READING Mark 14:1-15

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Rev. Tim Tate*

Pastoral Call to Confession:

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to the home of Lazarus and received hospitality like no one had seen before – generous, loving, whole-hearted, and even a little bit undignified. His disciple, Judas, could only see the inefficiency of the gift, not the spirit of loving-kindness with which it was offered.

We, like Judas, often want to expedite our giving without really engaging with those we are called to serve.

Let us consider the depth of our relationships with those we encounter and with the One who calls us to faith, as we confess our sin in silence.

*[pause for silence]*

Prayer of Confession

**All:** *We confess, Anointed one, that we excuse ourselves from reaching out to those who need your care. We take your words – that there will always be unmet needs – as a reason not to try to meet the needs we can. Forgive us and help us to change. Renew our determination to live as faithful followers, faithful disciples, faithful Christians. Help us to work with you for the well-being of your creation, that the fortunes of all your peoples may be restored. Amen.*

Words of Assurance & \*Passing of the Peace *Rev. Tim Tate*

*Fredericksburg UMC is a caring community of people who love God and all those made in God’s image. We seek to share the love of Jesus Christ through spiritual, emotional, and physical support. Please fill out the form if you would like prayer for yourself or another.*

**Prayer/Praise Request**

Please pray for:

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Our staff and teams pray over your requests weekly.  
May we publish this in the weekly Prayer List? (circle) YES NO

I would like to be contacted by the Pastor(s)/Congregational Care Team (circle) YES NO

**Connection & Prayer**

Our Congregational care Pastors, Mary and Jerry would love to connect with you; you can contact them at [PastorMary@fumcva.org](mailto:PastorMary@fumcva.org) [PastorJerry@fumcva.org](mailto:PastorJerry@fumcva.org)

In addition, our Pastoral Care Line is available 24/7 at 540-388-0012.

To see the Prayer List, go to [www.fumcva.org](http://www.fumcva.org), click on “Prayer”, then scroll down to “Current Prayer List.”

## NEWS AND NOTES

**3/31 EASTER WORSHIP TIMES**

6:30 am - Sunrise service with Micah churches on the Green

8:15 am - Traditional

9:45 am - Contemporary

11:15 am - Traditional

**POSTPONED**

**Yard Day Spring 2024**

HELP SPRUCE UP BEFORE EASTER!  
CAN YOU: MOW? WEED? PLANT?  
LAY MULCH?  
BRING YOUR TOOLS!!

SATURDAY - MARCH 30th 8:00 AM

RSVP HELPFUL BUT NOT REQUIRED  
COMMUNICATIONS@FUMCVA.ORG



(3/24) PALM SUNDAY 8:15, 9:45, & 11:15 A.M.  
CHILDREN'S CHOIR AT 9:45 AM SERVICE!

(3/28) MAUNDY THURSDAY  
SOUP & BREAD LIGHT MEAL IN THE GATHERING SPACE 5:30 PM  
CHILDREN/FAMILY FRIENDLY SERVICE AT 6:00 P.M.  
TRADITIONAL SERVICE AT 7:30 P.M.

(3/29) GOOD FRIDAY - NOON AND 7:30 PM SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY

**Children's nursery**, for babies through preschool, is available during the 8:15 and 9:45 a.m. services, on the lower level, room 37.

**Chapel Prayer.** A pastor and/or members of our prayer team are in the chapel from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Sunday. If you need prayer or would like to join them in praying for others and our worship, join them in the Chapel (upstairs, between rooms 210 and 213).

**Children's Sunday School.** 9:45 a.m. Drop-off and pick up children in the following locations: Preschool – Room 50; K/1<sup>st</sup> Grades – Room 48; 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Room 220; 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Room 214; 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grades – Room 215.

**Youth Ministry Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.** Youth in grades 6 through 8 meet on the second level, and senior high schoolers meet in the downstairs Youth Room (across from the Fellowship Hall). Questions or to connect, contact [DavidCarryer@fumcva.org](mailto:DavidCarryer@fumcva.org). Youth Group, with a worship time and fun component, is on Sundays, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

**Handbells.** Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. (Room 118). No experience is needed! Contact [davidkirven@fumcva.org](mailto:davidkirven@fumcva.org). **Adult Choir.** Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., Choir Room (113) and Sanctuary. Contact [music@fumcva.org](mailto:music@fumcva.org).

**Food Pantry Volunteers** are needed. Go to [www.fumcva.org](http://www.fumcva.org), "Ministries", "Serve", "Food Pantry", and see the many opportunities and a sign-up list.

Welcome.  
Whether you are visiting or are new to our church, here is some useful information.

**Share Your Love.** In the wake of budget and staffing changes, FUMC is hosting a cards drive for members of staff that will be moving onto new chapters in life. Stationery and paper will be available on a table in the gathering space outside Kobler Hall, as well as the table in the hallway connecting the courtyard to the front entrance to the Sanctuary.

**Mom's Morning In.** first Wednesday (April 3<sup>rd</sup>), from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. This is a fantastic hour of fun discussion, fellowship and food. No R.S.V.P. is needed; just come as you are for a lovely hour to decompress and hang out with other ladies! Join us once a month in the downstairs Youth Room.

### Weekly Financial Update: March 17, 2024

Sunday Physical Attendance: 347 Online Attendance: 28

Amount Needed for Budget:	Annually:	\$979,700.00
	Monthly:	81,641.67
	Weekly:	18,840.38
Amount Received for Budget:	Year 2024:	267,316.58
	Last Month:	74,615.47
	Last Week:	16,663.48
Amount Received to Pay off Building Loan:	Year 2024:	13,200.00
	Last Month:	4,835.00
	Last Week:	625.00
Actual Amount on Building Loan:		\$306,819.63