

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one: Member    Regular Attendee

First-Time Visitor

Returning Visitor

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

Check the box:

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

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 Pastor)

3/24/2024

(Preparation for Confession and Coming to the Table)

\*PASTORAL CALL TO CONFESSION:

Rev. Mary McGhee-Pasternak

Six days before the Passover...

[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.

\*PRAYER OF ASSURANCE AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Jerry Mills

GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Chelsea Morse and Rev. Tim Tate

COMMUNION HYMN - “Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast”

#616 UMH

\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(8:15 a.m.) Rev. Mary McGhee-Pasternak

(11:15 a.m.) Rev. Jerry Mills

\*PALM PASSION READING Mark 15:22-32

Rev. Jerry Mills

\* PASSION SCRIPTURE READING Mark 15:34-41

Rev. Tim Tate

\*CLOSING HYMN

““Were You There” #288 UMH

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Chelsea Morse

\*Please stand as you are able. Leave in silence.



Welcome to Worship  
Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

8:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Welcome to Fredericksburg United Methodist Church!  
SEEK – SERVE- GROW- CONNECT 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)  
Chelsea Morse, Associate Pastor – [pastorchelsea@fumcva.org](mailto:pastorchelsea@fumcva.org)  
Mary McGhee-Pasternak, Associate Pastor – [pastormary@fumcva.org](mailto:pastormary@fumcva.org)

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**Order of Worship**

WELCOME with ANNOUNCEMENTS *Lay Leader*

PRELUDE “The Palms” Jean-Baptiste Faurearr. Carl Deis  
*Cheryl Mahoney (Organist)*

INTROIT “All Glory, Laud & Honor” arr. Dobrinski/Scholes  
*Chapel Ringers*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER

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](http://www.lectionaryliturgies.com) blog. Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/02/contemporary-call-to-worship-palm.html>.

\*OPENING SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 21:1-11  
*Rev. Tim Tate*

\*OPENING HYMN PROCESSION / Palm waving  
“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” #278 UMH

PRAYER OF PREPARATION *Rev. Jerry Mills*

Pastor: God of the foolish cross, tottering down the streets of Jerusalem on a donkey,

**People:** *You are not the savior we expect.*

Pastor: Your power doesn’t look like the power we want our God to demonstrate.

**People:** *Your wisdom makes no sense to us.*

Pastor: We are happy to join the crowd, waving branches,

**People:** *But not so sure we want to follow you*

Pastor: into the temple courts

**People:** *into the upper room*

Pastor: into the Garden of Gethsemane

**People:** *to the foot of the cross.*

Pastor: Forgive our false assumptions.

**People:** *Clarify our clouded vision.*

Pastor: Let us relax into the foolishness of your love, your grace.

**People:** *Hosanna, hosanna. Save us, we beseech you!*

Written by Joanna Harader on her Spacious Faith blog. <http://spaciousfaith.com/>. Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/02/prayer-god-of-fooslish-cross.html>.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT & CHILDREN’S CHOIR (11:15am only)  
“Hosanna to the Lord” by Becky s. Mayo

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

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

INTRODUCTION TO WEEKLY OFFERING *Rev. Tim Tate*

OFFERTORY MUSIC "O Divine Redeemer" by Gounod  
Ashley Rizzo, alto soloist

\*DOXOLOGY UMH 95  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*PRAYER FOR OFFERING *Rev. Mary McGhee-Pasternak*

\*SCRIPTURE READING Mark 14:1-15 *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 Pastor Mary would love to connect with you; you can contact her at [PastorMary@fumcva.org](mailto:PastorMary@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

**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



(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.