

Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 24
9:15 am & 11:15 am

On Palm Sunday, we are continuing our sermon series, *Wandering Heart*, with the story of Jesus' triumphal entry.

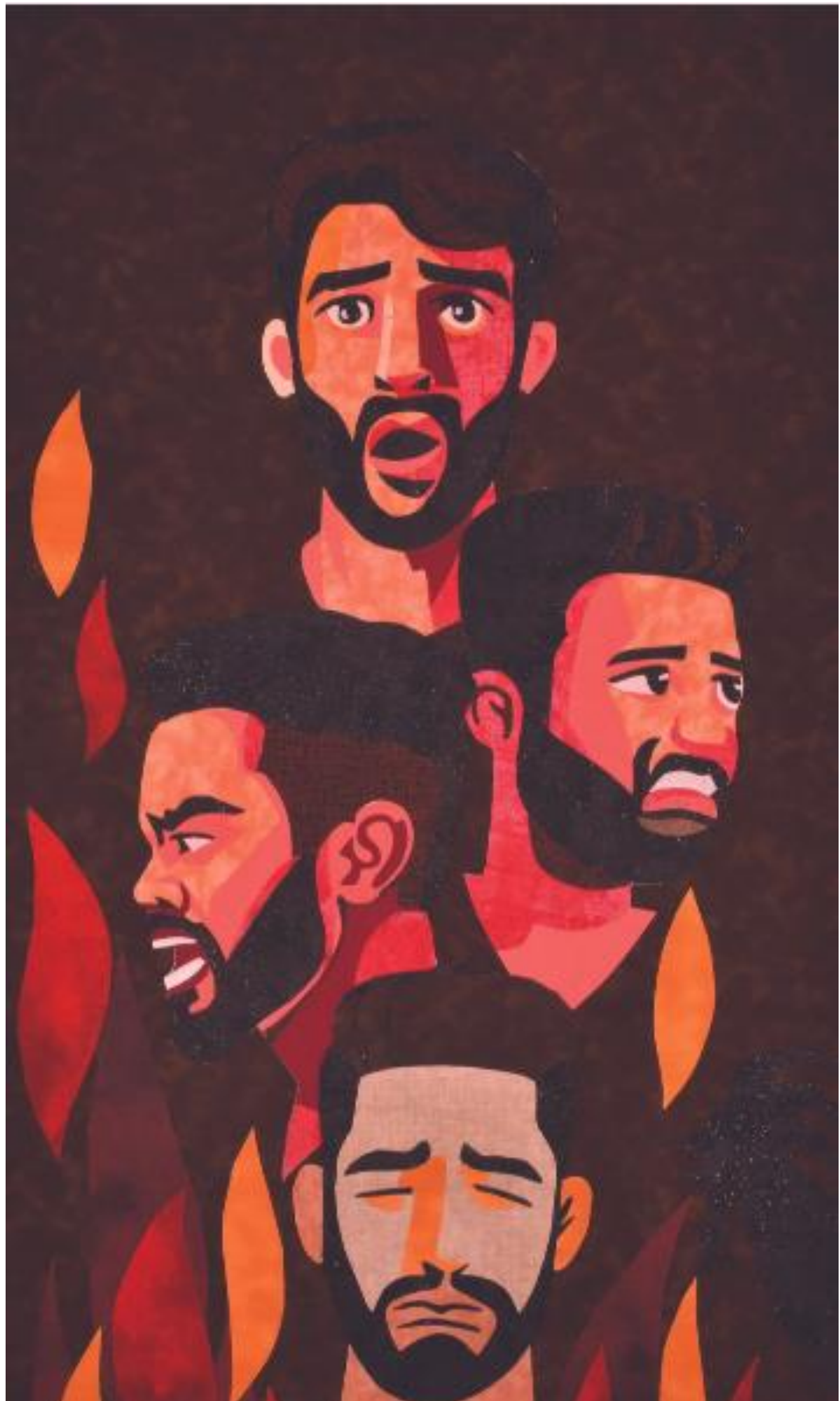
As Holy week begins, Peter is no longer front and center, and so we imagine he is with the rest of the disciples when Jesus enters Jerusalem on a colt. The disciples are confused as they witness crowds shouting hosannas. When they look back on this experience, they will remember the songs. The singing is surely etched in their memories. As we imagine ourselves in the crowd on this day, may we remember that they are supposed to be praising Caesar, but instead they are shouting for the one entering the city on a donkey. Their singing is subversive, courageous, and contagious. Their praise shows the ripple effect of public displays of praise.

We hope you will join us in person or online during the 9:15 am Awakening Service or the 11:15 am Traditional Service as we wave palm branches and celebrate Jesus' courageous ministry. Pastoral Resident, Caleb Cooke will be preaching. Children are invited to arrive a few minutes early to receive palm branches and participate in the palm processional.



Caleb Cooke Ordination
Sunday, March 24
5:00 pm in the Sanctuary

It is with great excitement that we announce the Ordination of Caleb Cooke. All are invited to the ordination service on Sunday, March 24, at 5 pm. Reception to follow. We encourage those who are unable to attend to send cards to the church with words of affirmation for Caleb.



Good Friday

Friday, March 29

6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

On this Holy day, we are paying close attention to how Peter acts in Jesus' final hours. So much happens in a short amount of time: Jesus predicts Peter's denial, soldiers come and Peter draws his sword, Jesus is arrested and Peter denies him, Peter denies Jesus again and again and the cock crows, then Jesus is crucified and dies. Peter is prone to messing up, fighting, denying, leaving, and seeking safety for himself. But aren't we all? On Friday, March 29, you are invited to join us for our Good Friday Service, where we will reflect on Jesus' final days and lament all the ways we are prone to leave the God we love. This service will be more experiential and therefore will only be available in person. For those who are unable to attend, but would like to observe Good Friday, a take-home liturgy will be made available.



First Kids Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30

10:00 am

Join us Saturday, March 30 at 10 am for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Kids are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall for Easter snacks and crafts before our egg hunt takes place at 10:30 am.

Kids will be divided into groups for age-specific hunts. Following the egg hunts, families are invited to participate in lawn games and 9 square.



Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31

9:15 am & 11:15 am

Although we are still in the throes of Lent, Easter is coming! Join us, on Sunday, March 31 at 9:15 am Awakening Worship and 11:15 am Traditional worship as we celebrate the risen Christ. During the Spiritual Formation Hour, we will have pastries and coffee to share, and if the weather is nice, we will even have some tables out on the front lawn. Small groups will still gather, and you are welcome to bring your treats there! We look forward to singing many Alleluias as we celebrate the resurrection!



First Baptist Game Night

Friday, March 22

Calling all board game enthusiasts! Join us at 6:00 pm in the parlor for our Board Games Night. Whether you're a strategic mastermind or a casual player, this event is for you! Come and indulge in an evening filled with laughter, friendly competition, and memorable moments. Grab your favorite board game and challenge your friends to a thrilling match. From classic favorites to modern gems, there will be a wide variety of games available for all tastes and skill levels.



First Baptist Hiking Club

Saturday, March 23

1:00 pm

Shooting Star Trailhead

Dear FBC Friends,

We are restarting the FBC Hiking Group! Our goal will be to meet for a hike at least once per month, rotating Saturdays and Sundays along with lengths/difficulty levels to include a wide range of participants. Andrea Weingartner has volunteered to be the primary organizer for the group.

Join us for our first hike of 2024! We will meet at the Shooting Star Trailhead @ 5499 E Bonne Femme Church Rd #5411, Columbia, MO 65201. This trail winds through a lovely wooded part of Rockbridge State Park with an impressive bluff lookout midway. The trail is 2.8 miles long, rated “easy” by AllTrails but I would say there are a few spots that classify as “moderate” as the trail slowly elevates and then goes back down. There are a couple of rocky spots at the top of the bluff, so wear sturdy shoes. Estimated trail time is about 1 hour and 30 minutes.

What you need to bring: weather appropriate clothing, a water bottle, snacks if needed, sunscreen, a hat or sunglasses, comfortable walking shoes, bug spray (optional). There are

not restrooms at the trailhead but we will pass by a restroom (pit toilets, no running water) near the end of the hike.

Weather information: check the weather before heading out and dress appropriately. Missouri March can be variable. Event will be canceled and rescheduled if severe weather is expected.

Have questions? Email FBChikinggroup@yahoo.com



ForColumbia Saturday, April 27

First Baptist is excited to announce that we will be partnering with ForColumbia again this year! ForColumbia was founded in 2015 to bring Christians together to freely share the love of God by serving our community, side-by-side. They do this by organizing volunteers from churches throughout mid-Missouri to serve individuals, non-profit organizations, and other public venues in an annual city-wide day of service. ForColumbia will be April 27 from 9am to 2pm. If this is not your first time serving with us, note, there are a couple of changes to this year's ForColumbia. Rather than having two work slots, the day of service will go from 9am to 2pm. Childcare will be provided the entire time. More information will be coming soon on the projects in which First Baptist will be directly involved. Click [here](#) to register.