

St. Paul & Center Grove United Methodist Church

6th Sunday in Lent: Palm Sunday

24 March 2013

Rev. Alan Thompson

Liturgical Color: Purple

"Small church...big hearts for serving the Lord and our neighbor in love...transforming the world."

Prelude & Greeting

Passing of the Peace

Opening Prayer & Responsive Reading: #839 Psalm 118

*Hymn of Praise: # 310 He Lives

Affirmation of Faith: #881 The Apostles Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic**church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen*

*Gloria Patri: #70

Silent Meditation & Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptations, but deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Special Music: # 302 Christ the Lord is Risen Today (SPUMC Choir)

Children's Message

Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology: #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

Message in Hymn: #298 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Scripture: Galatians 3: 23-28

Sermon: Hard Topics in Christianity-Immigration

*Hymn of Invitation: # 288 Were You There

*Benediction

*Postlude: #672 God Be With You Til We Meet Again

* Congregation standing

Life of the Church

- Attendance 03/17/13: SPUMC – 40 ; CGUMC – 4
- Pine Bluff UMC Food Pantry: Bring food pantry items to SPUMC by the first Saturday of each month in support of this ministry
- Stop Hunger Now Fundraising: Children will begin collecting “loose change” during the service for this program.
- Easter Egg Hunt 3/30/13 2p-4p @ SPUMC. Need volunteers.
- 3/26/13 @ 6pm: Movie Night SPUMC – “Passion of the Christ” Come experience the journey to the cross together as the body
- SPUMC Meeting 3/24/13 & 4/7/13 @ 1pm
- SPUMC Community day 5/11/13
- See Thelma Tomberlin to order Easter lilies or geraniums
- Holy Thursday Service (SPUMC) 3/28 7pm

Prayer List

Local Church: Helen Shinn, Polly Meehan, Bob Krimminger, Wanda Krimminger, Jerry Walter, Bob McClain, Betty McClain, Angel Thompson, Myra Thompson, Don Cassese, Sue Barbee, Elizabeth Belch

Homebound: Laura Leigh, Rosalyn Greene, Elizabeth Widenhouse, Ellen Cline, Martha Hartsell (rehab)

Community: Sharon Tomberlin, Susan Williams, Kate Fincher, Junior Johnson, Mary Smith, Ruth Carter, Debbie Smith, Betty Smith, Betty Sanders, Joan Ellard, Karen Milke, Phyllis Godfrey, Eric Rasmussen, John Rasmussen, Emily Bostian, Randy Anderson, Raymond Childers, Wesley Hartsell, Larry Stancil, Sarah McCafferty, Alexander Chaney, Fergie Krimminger, John Greenlee, Dylan Howell, Ed Stewicki, Allen Linker, Mac Hopkins, , John Bowers, Stacy Davis, Noah Powers, Vivian Schrader, Mary Helms, Debbie Tompkins, Josh Helms, Jenny Satts, Jerri Greene, Ruth Baxter Laney, Darrell Johnston, Dovie Faggart, James Kirkley, Pamela Young, Matt Greene, Dot Walter, Clarence Walter, Robert Barnhardt and Family, Emily Hileman, Sharon Williams, Kesha Wallace, Norrie Baird, Stacy Lentz, Ed & Jackie Oppenheimer, Marian Kinley, Caleb Huskins, Bella Mitchell, Carol Coley, William & Martha Bigham, Ted McComber, Erica Miller, Haley Crawford, Tazwell Baird, Mark Walter, Chuck Bason, Jared Helzel, Peter Schwartz Family, , Donnie Mauldin Family, Charles Whitley Harrison Family, Chuck and Dinah Banton (in an effort to keep our prayer focused on particular needs, please provide updates on conditions when available as well as those that need to be added to our prayer program along with those to be removed) ***

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

Alan Thompson	3/21	Elizabeth Beaver	3/20	William & Tammy Beaver	3/23
Wes Lefler	3/1	Sara Milke	3/6	Becky Morgan	3/28
Todd Wilcox	3/21	Melissa & Jim Blovsky	3/14		

Sermon Series: “Hard Topics in Christianity.” 2/17-Suicide, 3/3-Homosexuality, 3/10-Abortion, 3/17-Immigration, 3/24-Addictions, 4/7-Poverty, 4/14-Violence, 4/21 – Religious Tolerance

Lenten Schedule

Passion/Palm Sunday Service 3/24 Holy Thursday Service (SPUMC) 3/28 7pm
Good Friday Prayer Vigil 3/29 Easter Sunrise Service (SPUMC) 3/31 7:11 am followed by breakfast
Flowering of Cross Easter Service (SPUMC) 3/31 0830

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Paragraph 162 UM Book of Discipline: *L) Alcohol and Other Drugs*—We affirm our long-standing support of abstinence from alcohol as a faithful witness to God’s liberating and redeeming love for persons. We support abstinence from the use of any illegal drugs. Since the use of illegal drugs, as well as illegal and problematic use of alcohol, is a major factor in crime, disease, death, and family dysfunction, we support educational programs as well as other prevention strategies encouraging abstinence from illegal drug use and, with regard to those who choose to consume alcoholic beverages, judicious use with deliberate and intentional restraint, with Scripture as a guide. Millions of living human beings are testimony to the beneficial consequences of therapeutic drug use, and millions of others are testimony to the detrimental consequences of drug misuse. We encourage wise policies relating to the availability of potentially beneficial or potentially damaging prescription and over-the-counter drugs; we urge that complete information about their use and misuse be readily available to both doctor and patient. We support the strict administration of laws regulating the sale and distribution of alcohol and controlled substances. We support regulations that protect society from users of drugs of any kind, including alcohol, where it can be shown that a clear and present social danger exists. Drug-dependent persons and their family members, including those who are assessed or diagnosed as dependent on alcohol, are individuals of infinite human worth deserving of treatment, rehabilitation, and ongoing life-changing recovery. Misuse or abuse may also require intervention, in order to prevent progression into dependence. Because of the frequent interrelationship between alcohol abuse and mental illness, we call upon legislators and health care providers to make available appropriate mental illness treatment and rehabilitation for drug dependent persons. We commit ourselves to assisting those who suffer from abuse or dependence, and their families, in finding freedom through Jesus Christ and in finding good opportunities for treatment, for ongoing counseling, and for reintegration into society. *M) Tobacco*—We affirm our historic tradition of high standards of personal discipline and social responsibility. In light of the overwhelming evidence that tobacco smoking and the use of smokeless tobacco are hazardous to the health of persons of all ages, we recommend total abstinence from the use of tobacco. We urge that our educational and communication resources be utilized to support and encourage such abstinence. Further, we recognize the harmful effects of passive smoke and support the restriction of smoking in public areas and workplaces.