

## **First United Methodist Church of Trenton**

A family of God, through the love of Jesus Christ:  
**Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Embracing Everyone!**

# **Palm/Passion Sunday**

**Welcome,** we are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. We would like you to know that:

- Nursery services are available upon request. The nursery is located on the second floor.
- An asterisk (\*) located before an event means that we invite you to rise in body or in spirit.
- You are invited to join us for refreshments in the lounge after the service.
- The pastor is available to meet with you to answer any questions or address any concerns about the church you might have, and for pastoral counseling or conversation, and visits.
- We hope to see you again!

**March 25, 2018**

**10:00 am**

**Words of Reflection :**

**"The Master, God, has given me a well-taught tongue, so I know how to encourage tired people. He wakes me up in the morning, wakes me up, opens my ears to listen as one ready to take orders. Eugene Peterson's translation of Isaiah 50:4 in The Message**

**Welcome:**

**Prelude**

Organist/pianist Jeff Burke

**Birthday Liturgy:** To honor our members with birthdays in March

**Leader:** Life is a precious gift from God, our Creator and Sustainer.

**People:** **Thank you, God, for life.**

**Leader:** We give thanks to God for those people whose birthdays are in March.

**People:** **We are grateful for these special people, and pray for God's blessing to be upon them.**

**Leader:** Each person who is a part of this community of faith brings varied gifts that enrich our lives together.

**People:** **May we always be open to seeing God's image in one another, and using the gifts He has given us in his service. Amen.**

**Call to Worship: Responsive Reading of Psalm 118-19-29**

**Leader:** Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**People:** **This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**

**Leader:** I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

**People:** **The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**

**Leader:** This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**People:** **This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Leader:** Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

**People:** **O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!**

**Leader:** Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**People:** **We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

**Leader:** The Lord is God, who has given us light.

**People:** **Lead the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar!**

**Leader:** You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

**All:** **O give thanks to the Lord, who is good; for God's steadfast love endures for ever!**

**\*Opening Hymn:** "All Glory, Laud and Honor" # 280

**Opening Prayer:** Passion/Palm Sunday #281

Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and ever. **Amen**

**Gospel Lesson:** Mark 11: 1-11

**\*Hymn** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" # 278

**Prayers of the People**

What joys or concerns do you want to take to God in prayer?  
Do you have a story to share as to how God has worked in your life recently?

**Pastoral Prayer leading into 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 temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Gospel Lesson** John 18: 1-11

**Epistle Lesson-** Philippians 2: 5-11

**\*Hymn:** "What Wondrous Love is This" # 292

**Sermon:** "Will We Drink the Cup?" Rev. Heidi Reinker

**\*Hymn** "Blessed Assurance" # 369

**Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offering Prayer**  
**Offertory Music**

**\*Doxology**

# 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! / Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! / Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**\*Benediction**

*It is our tradition to form a circle around the perimeter of the church after the benediction to sing "Let There Be Love on Earth" while holding hands. If you are uncomfortable with this, you may proceed directly to the fellowship hall for refreshments.*

**\*Closing Hymn**

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Hymn # 431

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God our Creator, children all are we.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

**\*Postlude**

Everyone is invited to the fellowship hall for refreshments and a time of fellowship.

**Altar Flowers:**

**Palms:** Given by Scott and Linda Radcliffe in loving memory of parents and Grand parent

**Coffee Hour:** Cheryl Byrd

**Nursery Caregiver:**

**Liturgist:** Lynn Lash

**Greeter:**

**Liturgical Resources:**

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Prayer**

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

### Those who are hospitalized:

### Those who are home:

- *Sandi Brewer*– Ruth Ann Brewer
- *Debbie Moffitt Botta* –Greg Moffitt
- Tom & Steve Colwell– *Jacki Hull*
- *Mardell Hull*
- *Jo Kampschoer*
- *Ruth Kasenow*
- *Lindsey Liedke*-Betty Lozo daughter
- *Betty Lozo*
- *Pat Menatac*
- *Stan Miller*
- *Alex Nicol*– Ruth Ann Brewer
- *Morris Prater*– Father of Tom Prater
- *Shannon Prater*-Lee and Jan Wynn's daughter
- *Donna Partillo*– Karen Roberts friend
- *Ryan Randazzo*– Betty and Stan Miller-grandson
- *Sally Thornton*–Karen Roberts friend
- *Joe Wilson*
- *Janet Wolfe*-Ruth Kasenow's daughter
- *Jeff Wynn*– Lee and Jan Wynn son
- *Lee Wynn*-

### Those serving our country:

- *SPC Bradley Cookson* (Army) - grandson of Faith Cookson
- *MAJ Nathaniel Davis* (Army, New York)
- *CPT Charles Dvorak* (Army) - brother of Emily Neubauer

**Please contact the church office if you would like a name added to the list**

## Trenton First UMC Announcements



### Adult Bible Study

We gather Tuesdays from 1 - 2 p.m. or so to study the scriptures together with Pastor Heidi. We read sections of the scriptures and then discuss them, so there is no homework, and you can jump in and join us anytime. So just bring your Bible and join us in the meeting room for this study. All are invited to attend. We are studying the gospel of John. All are welcome!

### Reminder

Invite your friends, family neighbors, acquaintances and random strangers to join us for Easter worship next Sunday at 10 am (or 7 am at Rotary Park)

*Thank You*

Thank you to everyone who helped put on the luncheon for

Princess Jusu,

the United Methodist Missionary from Liberia.

Thank you to Dorothy Gordon and anyone else helping deliver over Lenten gifts to the appropriate places.



### Breakfast & Devotion

If you're looking for a way to start the week with good food, great company and a brief devotion, then come join us at the diner.

The next breakfast will be April 9th at 8 am at Mom's Restaurant.

### Congratulations to Shelby Haack

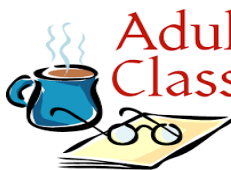
Shelby,

I am excited to tell you that you were unanimously selected by the English education faculty to be this year's recipient of the Linda Christensen Award, for the graduating future English teacher who is most likely to make an impact as a teacher of social justice.

This award is an honor - I think it is a high honor! It is called a "book award" because it includes a book, but not does not include \$.

It will be awarded to you at the English Department Award Ceremony, at 3:30 on **Friday, March 23**. I am not sure yet where the ceremony will be held, but I copy this email to Dr. Egan and he surely knows. You and friends/family are invited.

Allen



**Adult Classes**

### Adult Discussion Group

We meet after worship to look at the scriptures from worship that week to dig deeper into their meaning and how they connect to our lives as disciples. We gather in the meeting room after folks have gotten a chance to grab a few refreshments.

## Trenton First UMC and Community Announcements Continued



### Holy Week Worship

**Maundy Thursday , March 29**  
fellowship hall at 7 pm.

**Good Friday, March 30**  
in the sanctuary at 7 pm.

**Easter Sunday , April 1st**

7:00 am. Sunrise Service at Rotary Park

10 am Main Easter Celebration here at church  
With Easter hunt afterwards!



**Baked Potato Lunch**  
**Palm Sunday,**  
**today**  
**following the worship**



### St. Philip's Food Pantry

Throughout April our church is responsible for staffing at

St. Phillips Lutheran Church at  
1790 Fort St, Trenton, MI on  
**Wednesdays from 11:00 am—2:00 pm**

**The food pantry is in need of can fruit, cereal and peanut butter.**

There is a sign up sheet for volunteers on the piano in the lounge.

### Lenten Special Offerings

Each week in Lent we are challenged to give to a mission project or organization that does work in our community.

**Sun., March 25- Palm Sunday**

**ChristNet Daytime Center**

Paper Dinner Plates, 6 oz. Coffee Cups, Ground Coffee (Regular & Decaf), Napkins

Our last offering is today. If you would like to give a check or cash, just check other on your offering envelope and write in ChristNet and amount.

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### March

- Sunday:** 3/25: Palm/Passion Sunday worship with baked potato luncheon  
**Monday:** 3/26: 7 pm Lenten Study- "He Chose the Nails" final session  
**Tuesday:** 3/27: No Bible Study today.  
**Thursday:** 3/29: 7 pm Maundy Thursday, worship in lounge  
**Friday:** 3/30: 7 pm Good Friday, worship in sanctuary

### April

- Sunday:** 4/01: 7 am Easter sunrise service at Rotary Park  
10 am Easter Celebration here with an Easter Egg hunt for children after worship on the main floor.  
**Monday:** 4/02: **Office closed-Easter Monday;** No breakfast at Mom's Restaurant  
**Tuesday:** 4/03: 1 pm Bible Study  
**Thursday:** 4/05: 7 pm Choir; 8 pm Praise Band  
  
**Sunday:** 4/08: 10 am worship  
**Monday:** 4/09: 8 am breakfast and devotions at Mom's Restaurant  
**Tuesday:** 4/10: 1 pm Bible Study  
**Thursday:** 4/12: 7 pm Choir; 8 pm Praise Band  
  
**Wednesday:** 4/25: 7 pm Ministry Evaluation & Brainstorming meeting— everyone is invited!



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Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

**The people of The United Methodist Church™**