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**Sunday, April 2, 2023**  
**Palm Sunday**  
**Sacrament of Communion**

**WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**

Procession

Bryan Kelly

*Welcome to all – especially to our guests.*

*You are invited to take a prepackaged serving of communion elements as you enter worship today. Following the blessing of the elements we will partake together.*

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Voice 1: Where is he going?

Voice 2: Isn't he from Nazareth?

Voice 3: Can anything good come from Nazareth?

**Congregation: Is he headed to Jerusalem?**

Voice 1: Do you think Jerusalem is safe?

Voice 2: Does he know that Pilate is here?

**Congregation: Where is he going?**

Voice 3: Does he know the city is dangerous?

Voice 1: Does he see the Pharisees watching?

**Congregation: Is this the one we've been waiting for?**

**Could this be the Messiah?**

Voice 2: Where is he going?

Voice 3: The crowds are singing, "Hosanna!"

Voice 1: Should I lay down my cloak?

Voice 2: Is this the beginning of the end?

**Congregation: Should we follow?**

Voice 3: Should we watch?

Voice 1: Should we sing "Hosanna?"

**Congregation: Stay awake!**

Voice 2: He's on the move.

Voice 3: Where is he going?

**Congregation: Listen.**

Voice 1: Where is he going?

**Congregation: Watch.**

Voice 2: Where is he going?

**Congregation: Stay close.**

Voice 3: Where is he going?

Voice 1: Sing "Hosanna."

**All voices: Hosanna! Amen!**

**Gospel Praise AAHH #225**

Ride On, King Jesus

## **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

*Featuring Matthew 21: 1-11, NIV*

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

**God, forgive us for the times when we do not trust your word and do not follow where you lead. We long to be the ones who can go into the village ahead of you. Forgive us when we play it safe.**

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

"Say to Daughter Zion,  
See, your king comes to you,  
gentle and riding on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

**God, forgive us for forgetting that you are always coming toward us. You are drawing near, like a king on a donkey. Help us find you in our midst.**

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A

very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

**Creator God, forgive us for the moments when we choose greed over generosity, or when we choose our self-image over our loyalty to you. Give us the courage to be unabashed in our faith. Give us the strength to throw our coats on the road.**

The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

**Son of David, give us the conviction to shout your name from the rooftop. Give us the wisdom to sing, “Hosanna!”**

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?” The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

**With hope in our hearts we pray to you, Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee. Amen.**

### **Declaration of God’s Forgiveness**

Family of faith, there will be days when we withhold our praise.

There will be days when we dare not follow.

There will be days when we ignore God’s call,  
when we choose comfort over courage,  
and ourselves over others.

But even on those days,  
even on our worst days,  
we belong to God.

Hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

**Nothing can separate us from God’s love. We are loved, forgiven, and sent out to serve. Hosanna! Amen.**

## **Passing of the Peace/A Time for Celebration**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

*(Exchange signs of Christ's peace and forgiveness with others. We greet one another as neighbors in Christ. You may say "Peace be with you," or respond, "And also with you.")*

### **Response GTG #626**

As the Deer

**As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.**

**You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.**

**You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.**

**You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.**

## **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

### **First Gospel Reading**

Matthew 21: 1-11

### **Anthem**

Sing Hosanna to the King  
Chancel Choir

Russell Nagy

### **Second Gospel Reading**

Matthew 21: 12-17

### **Message**

Palms and Passion

## **WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

### **Hymn GTG #197**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

## **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

INVITATION

## GREETING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give your thanks and praise.**

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

To you, O God, we pray, together  
the words your son taught us to pray, saying...

## 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 debts, as we  
forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not  
into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever, Amen.**

## BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS

## SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

## CLOSING PRAYER

## Call to Offering

*We are cautious as we gather for worship. We are not currently passing an offering plate. We have placed an offering plate outside the sanctuary where you may place your offerings.*

## Invitation to Offering

## Prayer of Dedication

Loving God,  
we give thanks for all you have given us  
and praise you for your astounding goodness.  
Receive the dedication of our hearts, minds, and bodies  
for the ministry of your church.

Bless our offering for the work of your kingdom,  
and give us wisdom for the right use of all you have provided,  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*Hymn AAHH #224**

Hosanna

**A Spoken Word**

Where are you headed?

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

Toccata on 'Rathbun'

arr. David Cherwien

*(The organ postlude is offered as an instrumental prayer. You are invited to remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly, remembering those who are still worshipping.)*

**Worship Leaders:**

The Rev. Karen Stunkel, Interim Pastor  
The Rev. TC Anderson, Director of Faith Formation  
Mr. Dalos Grobe, Organist/Choir Director  
Mr. Victor Boyd, Gospel Choir Director  
Lynn Burdell, Liturgist  
\*Those who are able may stand.

**Today's Anthem**

What have we here? What's this about? Who's drawing a crowd? What's making them shout? Lifting voices, waving palms and paving the way with garments and fronds. Merely a man, for all I can see, whoever He is, what difference to me? Riding a donkey, shuffling along to shouts of hosanna from the throng. Humbly He greets everyone pressing to see. Voices are lifted as one, jubilantly. Sing hosanna to the King, Son of David, He who comes in the name of the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord! Is He the One? How could that be? If He were a king, would He look at me? Yet in His eyes is something so pure, so solemn, majestic, humble, yet sure! If He is king, what does it mean? What more might be true than all I have seen? Where He is going, there I must go. If this is Messiah, I need to know... Sing the praises of Jesus who comes in the name of the Lord!

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## **Westminster Church of Detroit News**

### **Intergenerational Sunday School Today**

All are invited to a special Intergenerational Sunday School event this morning immediately following worship. Join us in Calvin Hall as together, we study scripture, share faith stories, and strengthen the bonds of relationships across multiple generations. A potluck meal will also be served, so please bring a dish to share.

### **Pastor Nominating Committee Update for April**

We have been on this journey with you, the congregation, for a while. Experiencing joy and occasional disappointments, we remain committed to selecting the right candidate for our community of faith. The PNC asks for you to remain faithful to this process by attending worship on a regular basis, remaining current in your financial support of the church, participating in the life of the church, and praying for the success of the PNC process.

Recently, we have been asked if any of the guest preachers are candidates to be our installed pastor; the answer is no. The guest preachers allow Reverend Stunkel to use what would be her sermon preparation time to complete administrative tasks, such as updating the personnel and administrative manuals.

Members of the PNC are: Bill Gourlay and Jann Palmer, Co-chairs, Dawn Hicks, Jordan Palmer, and JoAnne White.

### **Camp Westminster News**

Camperships, it's like a scholarship, but for camp! This year families can apply for a full or half-campership based on their level of need. Camperships will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Funds are limited. Learn more and download an application [<https://campwestminster.com/summer-camp/paying-for-camp/>]

Summer Staff - Camp Westminster is hiring summer staff in all positions. Program support staff can be as young as 17 years old. Counselor weekly salary starts at \$400

per week. Learn more and apply on our website.

[\[https://campwestminster.com/summer-camp/employment/\]](https://campwestminster.com/summer-camp/employment/)

Summer Registration - Registration is open online. The schedule and rates are available on our website. Summer Schedule and Registration

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Westminster Church Member Discount - This year we're offering a 15% discount for children and grandchildren of Westminster church members to register for summer camp. Email [info@campwestminster.com](mailto:info@campwestminster.com) to get your discount code.

### **Westminster Church of Detroit Sewing Ministry Team**

This ministry team will provide you with a sewing machine for you to use during class. If you have forgotten how to thread it, or wind the bobbin, we will get you started. We also have a need for helpers to sort fabric by color, or to cut pieces for the quilters. You can decide what you want to do, or just observe and socialize as it pleases you.

April Meeting Dates: Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 10am - 2pm

Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 10am - 2pm

### **Lenten Bible Study "Witness at the Cross" by Amy Jill Levine**

**Every Wednesday beginning March 1<sup>st</sup> – April 5<sup>th</sup> 12Noon to 1pm**

Experience Holy Friday from the perspective of those who watched Jesus die: Mary his mother; the Beloved Disciple from the Gospel of John; Mary Magdalene and the other women from Galilee; the two men, usually identified as thieves, crucified with Jesus; the centurion and the soldiers; Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. Jews and Romans, friends, and strangers, the powerful and the powerless, the hopeful and the despairing.

In Witness at the Cross, Amy-Jill Levine shows how the people at the cross each have distinct roles to play. Each Evangelist presents a distinct picture of the death of Jesus. Each portrays different individuals and groups of people at the cross, each offers different images and dialogues, and so from each, we learn how those meanings and messages cross the centuries to any who would come to the cross today.

Each Gospel has its own story to tell, all the witnesses have their own memories, and every reader comes away with a new insight. The witnesses at the Crucifixion

watch Jesus die, and we watch with them, and we watch them. And we come away transformed.

**In Person or online at:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85110115779?pwd=Q0N3UTdER3dxdzVnak00aEQxaFZuUT09>

### Westminster Calendar

Sunday, April 2 10:00am Worship 11:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal 11:00am Intergenerational Sunday School	Sunday, April 9 10:00am Worship 11:15am Easter Egg Hunt
Monday, April 3 5:00pm Deacon Meeting 7:00pm NA Meeting	Monday, April 10 Church Closed
Wednesday, April 5 12Noon Lenten Bible Study 2:30pm Gospel Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm NA Meeting	Wednesday, April 12 12Noon Bible Study 2:30pm Gospel Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm NA Meeting
Thursday, April 6 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service	Thursday, April 13 10:00am Sewing Ministry
Friday, April 7 12Noon Good Friday Service	Saturday, April 15 11:00am Youth Group-Respond 1:00pm Respond
Saturday, April 8 8:30am ARK	

### Save The Date!

For the Dalos Grobe 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, **Sunday, May 7**. Watch for details coming soon.

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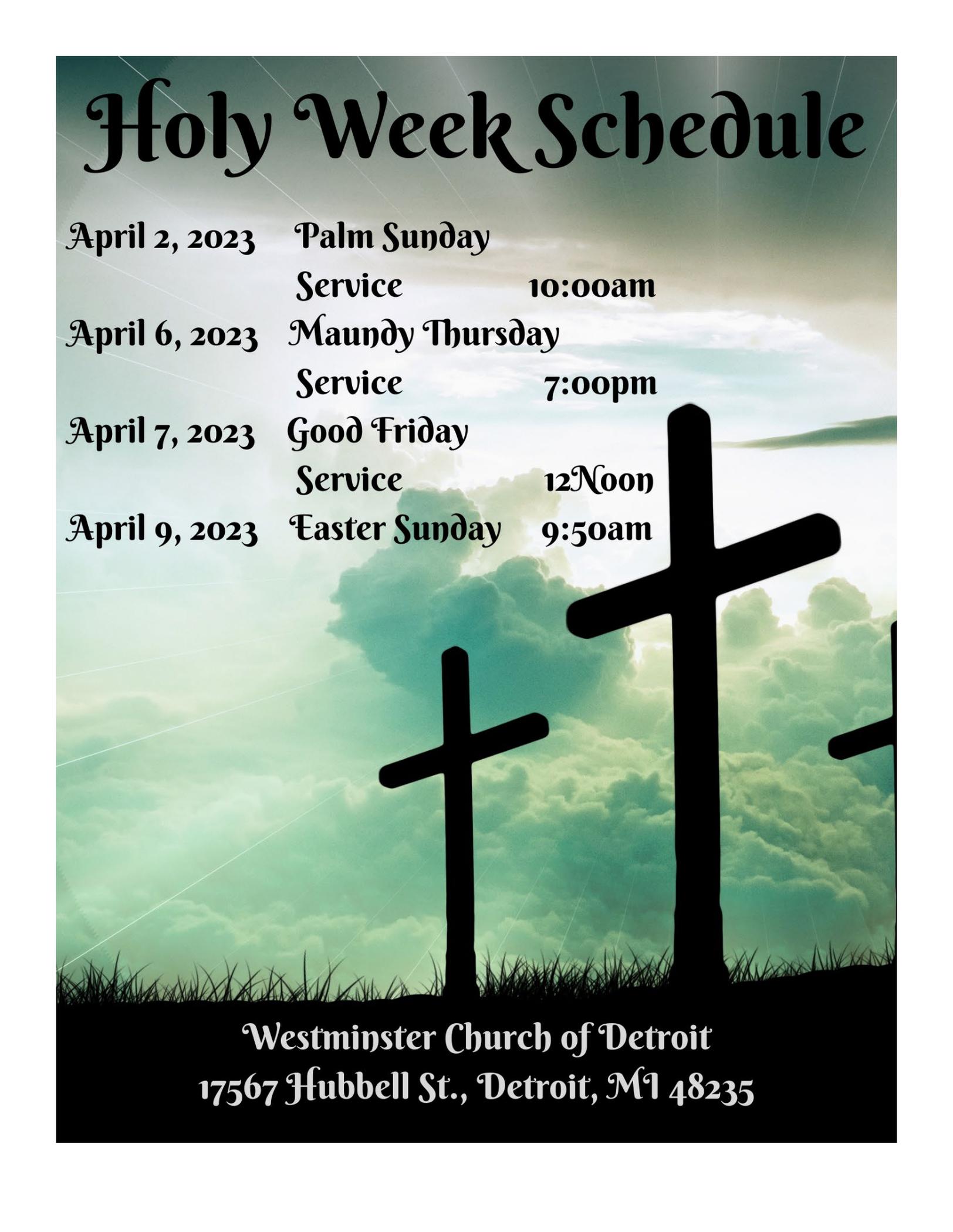
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## Prayer Concerns

<b>Family #</b>	<b>Family #</b>
1 Dorothy Ellis-Davis	7 Mrs. Dorothy Benedict
1 Catherine Lewis	7 Brenda Wallace
1 Chris Gaither (Loss of husband Robert)	8 Rosa Armstrong
1 The Gaither Family	8 Faye Baker
1 Gladys Stephen	8 Dorn Fair
2 Terry Cunningham (son of Prince Ella Cunningham)	8 Michael Hicks
2 Henry Bryant (brother of Prince Ella Cunningham)	8 Deanna Riley
2 Sandy Gross	9 Maxine Bloodworth
3 Margaret Clay	10 Derek Barns
3 Patricia Dyles	11 Dr. Dorothy Buchan
3 Arcie Willoughby	11 Jacqueline Jackson (Victor Jackson's Sister)
4 Virginia Fields and Family	11 Jamez James (Victor/Janette Jackson's son)
4 Heide Lewis and Family	11 Mary Louise Scruggs (Victor Jackson's sister)
4 Joyce Tibbs	12 Bobbie Fae Arstead
4 Bessie Ward	12 The Henderson Family (Heide's Sister)
5 Dorothy Cole Tony Rodgers (Dorothy Cole's nephew)	12 Dolly Johnson
5 Julie Handel	
5 Zoe Henry (Doris Greer's Niece)	Diana J. White (Deborah Fair's Sister-in-law)
5 Simeon Mitchell	Rev. Bill Furstenau
6 Elizabeth Galloway	Mr. Harold Watson
6 Lela Norris (Eddie & Cynthia Norris's sister-in-law)	
6 Ruth Wallace Robertson (Sharon Wallace's mother)	

# Holy Week Schedule



<b>April 2, 2023</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
	<b>Service</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>April 6, 2023</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	
	<b>Service</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>April 7, 2023</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	
	<b>Service</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>
<b>April 9, 2023</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>9:50am</b>

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**AN**  
*Easter*  
**EGG HUNT**  
**FOR CHILDREN**  
**AND YOUTH**

EASTER SUNDAY  
APRIL 9, 2023  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING  
WORSHIP

If weather allows, the egg hunt will take place outside. Light refreshments will be served in Calvin Hall.