



The Messenger

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Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson

Holy Week - This March we celebrate Holy Week and Easter. Holy Week is the last week of Lent, the week immediately preceding Easter or Resurrection Sunday. It is observed in many Christian churches as a time to commemorate and enact the suffering (Passion) and death of Jesus through various observances and services of worship. The entire week between Palm Sunday and Holy Saturday is included in Holy Week, and some church traditions have daily services during the week. However, usually only Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday are times of special observance in most churches.



Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday.

This Sunday observes the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem that was marked by the crowds who were in Jerusalem for Passover waving palm branches and proclaiming him as the messianic king. The Gospels tell us that Jesus rode into the city on a donkey, enacting the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9, and in so doing emphasized the humility that was to characterize the Kingdom he proclaimed.

Traditionally, worshippers enact the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem by the waving of palm branches and singing songs of celebration. This Sunday is also known as **Passion Sunday** to commemorate the beginning of Holy Week and Jesus' final agonizing journey to the cross. The English word *passion* comes from a Latin word that means "to suffer," the same word from which we derive the English word *patient*.

Maundy Thursday - The Thursday of Holy Week is remembered as the time Jesus ate a final meal together with the people who had followed him for so long. Traditionally in the Christian Church, this day is known as Maundy Thursday. The term **Maundy** comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, from which we get our English word *mandate*, from a verb that means "to give," "to entrust," or "to order." The term is usually translated "commandment," from John's account of this Thursday night.



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Calendar of Events

Worship Services at 10:00 AM

And Adult Sunday School 9:00 A.M.

- **Tuesdays** - Men's Prayer Breakfast at 8 A.M.
- **Wednesdays** - Choir Practice at 5:30 P.M.
- **March 6** - Communion Sunday and Session Meeting
- **March 13** - Session Meeting after Worship Service
- **March 24** - 6:00PM Maundy Thursday Communion Service- Plus Meal
- **March 27** - Easter Celebration Service



Carl Continued

According to the John, as Jesus and the Disciples were eating their final meal together before Jesus' arrest, he washed the disciples' feet to illustrate humility and the spirit of servanthood. After they had finished the meal, Jesus taught his disciples a **new commandment**, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, you also ought to love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

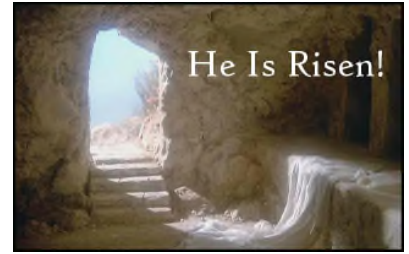
On **Holy Thursday**, Christians commemorate the Last Supper, a Passover meal, that Jesus shared with his disciples the night before his death. During the meal, Jesus broke bread and offered his followers wine, saying "This is my body, given up for you." Many Christians consider this event to have been the institution of the Lord's Supper, which is a sacrament in our denomination.



Good Friday - The Friday of Holy Week has been traditionally called Good Friday or Holy Friday. On this day, the church commemorates Jesus' arrest, since by Jewish customs of counting days from sundown to sundown it was already Friday, his trial, crucifixion and suffering, death, and

burial. There are a variety of services of worship for Good Friday, all aimed at allowing worshippers to experience some sense of the pain, humiliation, and ending in the journey to the cross.

Easter - Then comes the great day, **Easter Sunday**, when Christians celebrate the resurrection of the Lord, Jesus Christ. It is typically the most well-attended Sunday service of the year for Christian churches. It celebrates the essence of our faith - Jesus' defeat of death through His resurrection. It is a Joyous celebration of our new hope of eternal life that we now can have through our belief in Jesus as our Lord and Savior.



Come Join us this year as we celebrate **Holy Week** with our **Palm Sunday** service, **Maundy Thursday** service at 6 P.M., and **Easter Service**.

Hope to see you there. Carl

Common Lectionary Readings (Carl will change topics at times due to requests or other circumstances)

	Fourth Sunday in Lent — Mar. 6	Fifth Sunday in Lent — Mar. 13	Palm Sunday — Mar. 20	Maundy Thursday — Mar. 24	Easter Sunday — Mar. 27
First Reading	Joshua 5:9-12	Isaiah 43:16-21	Luke 19:28-40	Ex. 12:1-4, 11-14	Acts 10:34-43
Psalm	Psalm 32	Psalm 126	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29	Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Sec. Reading	2 Corinth 5: 16-21	Philippians 3:4b-14	Philippians 2:5-11	1 Cor. 11:23-26	1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Gospel	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	John 12:1-8	Luke 22:14-23	John 13:1-17, 31b-35	John 20:1-18

March Birthdays

- Rev. Sam Lanham 6
- Louise Thompson 14
- Joshua Duque 15
- Carol Shuck 15
- Jean Teal 31

About our Members and Friends

Michael Kelsey's latest scan showed that the pancreatic tumor has been reduced in size considerably and now is NOT wrapped around the three blood vessels. Pray for the tumor's size to be reduced even more which will allow surgery. He will have two more cycles of chemotherapy and then possibly radiation followed by surgery. Please keep praying for both Mike and Nancy.

Louise Thompson continues to have small strokes plus confusion about days and nights. Pray for Louise plus her caregivers, Carl and Evelyn.

Carol Walls has appreciated the Casse-rolle Brigade's abundant blessings. Jim and

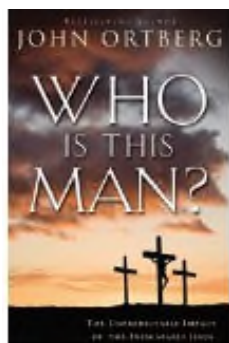
Carol enjoyed seeing the many members that came buy to say goodbye during the "Going Away Coffee" hosted by Ellen Staples on 2/24 (pictures on page 4).

Jim Arner is still going through a rehab process while gaining strength. Jim and Laquita would like to thank the members of our church for your concern via phone calls, cards, and visits, but most all, your prayers. Friends are wonderful - Church Friends are Heavenly! Love to All --- Jim & Laquita

Jean Teal is now back in her apartment and has a landline - 682-205-3114. Her address is: 100 Watermark Blvd. Granbury, TX 76048.

Adult Education - Shirley Pinkston

The study of John Ortberg's Who Is This Man? is continuing through March, so it is not too late to participate in this marvelous study. The more we learn about Jesus---who he was, the way he lived what he taught---the deeper our admiration for him becomes. Sometimes we take his influence in our world for granted, but his vision impacted the development of everything from art and science to government, medicine, and education.



On April 3, we begin our last study before the summer break, a series of DVD lectures on C. S Lewis' Mere Christianity.

Our classes are full of fellowship and discussion. The only thing missing is **you**. Please join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 as we discuss the life and influence of Jesus and how he can help us live a life of meaning and blessings to others.

– Shirley Pinkston

Election Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, please give us a president that loves this country and everything it stands for.

Please give us a president who respects you as the one true God.

Please give us a president who will, with your help, restore this nation to its former glory, the way you created her.

Please help us to respect what you have given to us and not take anything for granted ever again.

Please God, weaken the evil and strengthen the good, both within and without. May our eyes be opened. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Abide in Christ During Lent

John 15:4-5: *“Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”*

This is a perfect scripture to focus on during these forty days with Jesus. For forty days, do your best to put aside, at least for a few moments each day, the worries and pressures of your life and abide in Christ, letting him abide in you as well. I know this isn't easy, so here are some suggestions

that may help you remember your goal to be with Jesus each day during the Lenten season.

Set your watch to beep every 60 minutes to interrupt your day and remind you that you are abiding in Christ, not living for the world.

Put a “mark” on your hand, a reminder every time you see it that you are abiding in Christ today. This was a practice of the ancient Jews (Deut. 6:4-9).

Set up a reminder on your computer with a favorite Scripture or devotional thought that will flash at intervals throughout your workday.

Be intentional about starting each day in prayer. Put a note by your alarm clock or on your bathroom mirror. Carry the note with you throughout the day as a reminder to stop and contemplate God and his abiding with you that day.

It may be that you have a better way of reminding yourself each day to abide in Christ. Do whatever works for you.

From Walt Tindell - Worship Committee



One Great Hour of Sharing

ONE SPIRIT.
Different Gifts.



Through our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, we can serve people in our community and around the world by alleviating hunger, rebuilding after crises or catastrophe, and working with communities to overcome oppression.

The Presbyterian Church of Salado chooses to support this “Presbyterian Mission Agency” project as an efficient way to reach those in need throughout the world.

The cardboard fish containers are available to deposit change throughout the month or writing a check to our church with the note “For One Great Hour of Sharing” will work. Our collection of these offerings continues up until Easter Sunday.



Fish Banks are a fun way for families to live out their faith during Lent as they participate in the [One Great Hour of Sharing \(OGHS\)](#) offering. It’s wonderful to know that our coins and dollars will bring relief to people when they are experiencing a crisis.

We can be like the boy who gave his loaves and fish (John 6:9-13). God will multiply our gifts!



February Activities



Ash Wednesday 2/10/2016



Jerry Schleicher,
Jim Ervi Sr., and
Chine Ray
(Some Workers)

Clearing the Tree Line



The Walls @ "Going Away Coffee"

Social Hostesses (2/28)
Laquita Arner and Evelyn Thompson



February 28 - Social