



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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Who Is This Jesus?

The triumphant entry is that of Jesus coming into Jerusalem on what we know as Palm Sunday, the Sunday before the crucifixion. The story of the triumphant entry is one of the few incidents in the life of Jesus which appears in all four Gospel accounts. Putting the four accounts together, it becomes clear that the triumphal entry was a significant event, not only to the people of Jesus’ day, but to Christians throughout history. We celebrate Palm Sunday to remember that momentous occasion. On that day, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the back of a borrowed donkey, one that had never been ridden before. The disciples spread their cloaks on the donkey for Jesus to sit on, and the multitudes came out to welcome Him, laying before Him their cloaks and the branches of palm trees. The people hailed and praised Him as the “King who comes in the name of the Lord.” Jesus’ purpose in riding into Jerusalem was to make public His claim to be their Messiah and King of Israel in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy.

Ellis



At the break of dawn, the women came to the tomb, expecting to find the lifeless body of Jesus. Inside the tomb, the story takes an unexpected turn and invites us inside the story. In the solemn silence where death was presumed to dwell, the disciples instead encounter awe — a wonder that stirs their hearts and shifts their understanding. The resurrection ignites in us that same wonder, the wonder that gripped the first witnesses of the empty tomb — the wonder of love that conquers death, of hope that defies despair, and of a risen Christ whose presence transforms the world forever.

The Easter Offering, received on **April 13 and 20**, provides vital support for the general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Your generous gift helps equip college students for leadership, strengthens global mission partnerships, sustains health and social service ministries, supports the formation of new congregations, cares for pastors and chaplains, and so much more.

Your gift has the power to transform lives and extend the love of Christ around the world. Thank you for making a difference.

On Sunday, **April 20**, we will have lilies adorning our sanctuary. You can reserve one “*In Honor of...*” or “*In Memory of...*” with your payment of \$10.

Your cash or check reserves your lily. Use the brown envelopes in the pew pockets, or drop your check off in the church office. Please be sure to include **for whom** and **from whom** the lily is ordered. **Monday, April 14** is the last day to order.

FCC Spring Cleanup

Property cleanup is **Saturday, April 12**, starting at 8-8:30 am. We have tree limbs that need to be cut up and removed, as well as bushes to be trimmed. A chainsaw would be appreciated. We should also prepare the courtyard area for the Easter egg hunt.

Floyd Hamm, Property Chairman

In the Life of the Church

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| • Sunday, April 13, 8:30 am | Disciples Bells Rehearsal |
| • Sunday, April 13, 6:00 pm | Cabinet Meeting |
| • Sunday, April 13, 6:45 pm | Ministries Meetings |
| • Monday, April 14, 9:30 am | Serve at Hope Campus |
| • Tuesday, April 15, 11:30 am | Lunch Bunch at LaMesa, 1217 S. Waldron |
| • Tuesday, April 15, 4:00 pm | Serve at Hope Campus |
| • Tuesday, April 15, 5:15 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| • Wednesday, April 16, 8:00 am | Ecumenical Men’s Bible Study |
| • Wednesday, April 16 | Pastor’s Bible Classes (12:00 pm & 6:00 pm) |
| • Thursday, April 17, 10:00 am | Crazy Crafters |
| • Thursday, April 17, 1:00 pm | Disciples of Music |
| • Thursday, April 17, 2:00 pm | Book Club |
| • Thursday, April 17, 6:00 pm | Maundy Thursday Service |
| • Saturday, April 19, 11:00 am | Easter Egg Hunt |

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

April 13

Chancel Choir

April 20

Disciples Bells; Chancel Choir

April 27

Chancel Choir

May 4

Disciples Bells Quintet

Disciples Bells will meet at 8:30 am

Sunday in the Sanctuary to rehearse.

Chancel Choir will meet Sunday

at 9:20 am to rehearse.

Elder for April

Jack Jackson

Deacons for April

David Williamson (Foreman), Tim Fleming,
Terry Hales, Barbara Lynch, Margot Mundy,
Nick Oliver, Calvin Reed, Audrey Stewart

Greeters for April

Margot Mundy, David Williamson
Disciples Hall Entrance: Audrey Stewart

Prepare Communion for April

Audrey Stewart

April Shower

April 13, immediately after church service, we will celebrate the upcoming marriage of **Stacey Riggs and Trevor Hodge** with brunch in Disciples Hall. Stacey and Trevor are registered at Dillard's, Amazon and Creative Kitchen.

Hope Campus News

We will prepare and serve lunch at Hope Campus Homeless Shelter on **Monday, April 14, from 9:30-12:30**. To sign up, contact Ginger Jefferies at 414-2466 or the church office.

We are collecting bags of pasta to take to Hope Campus.

First Christian Church Easter Egg Hunt

Please mark your calendar for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 19, at 11:00 am**. Come have fun and fellowship. A light lunch will be provided. Bring your Easter baskets and a blanket or chairs for seating. Invite family and friends.

There will be three hunting areas provided: toddler area, special needs area, and an area for the older children.

Event is sponsored by our FCC Youth, Community Outreach, and our friends from Elks Lodge 341.

Thank you to everyone who donated candy. We have enough to stuff the eggs.

Prayer Concerns

Abby Musset

Clayton Carson

Ben Maxey

Lisa Fillmore, daughter of Terry & Patsy Hendrickson

Becky Eggers is having surgery on April 14.

MEMORIAL: We gratefully acknowledge the following gift:

In memory of **Suzanne Karr** by Pat & Betty Cashin

Book Club meets **Thursday, April 17, at 2:00 pm**. We meet the 3rd Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm. All are welcome. Any questions, contact Julie Jay.

April *The Great Divide* by Cristina Henriquez

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FOR THE RECORD April 6, 2025	
Operating Receipts	\$ 7,877.13
Endowment	140.00
Monthly Budgeted Needs	\$27,571.00

OFFICE HOURS

9:00 am-3:00 pm - Monday-Thursday

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday School at 9:00 am; Worship at 10:00 am

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Ellis Robinson, Senior Pastor, 479-651-0456

Dianna Jackson, Director of Music Ministry

Mary Beth Oliver, Organist

Barbara Brown, Office Administrator

Pam Shelby, Financial Administrator

Lesley Fleming, Nursery Attendant

Rev. Howard Marshall, Pastor Emeritus (1990-2022)

Rev. Randy Jay, Pastor Emeritus