

Guests are invited to complete a **Welcome Card** to place in the offering plate or use the QR code.



A **call to worship**, typically drawn from sentences of Scripture, expresses God's invitation to gather as Christ's body in this place.

A **call to confession** expresses God's initiative in calling for repentance and promising forgiveness in Christ. As members of Christ's body, we confess the reality of sin, captivity, and brokenness in personal and common life and ask for God's saving grace.

A **declaration of forgiveness** proclaims the good news of God's mercy and offers the **assurance of pardon in Jesus' name**. We respond to God's mercy with an act of praise.

**The Peace of Christ:** "His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility." **Eph 2:15-16**

# SEQUOYAH HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## PALM SUNDAY

April 13, 2025 | 11:00 A.M.

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### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

*Hosanna*

by Paul Wachs

WELCOME

Dr. Jay Howell

SCRIPTURE READING John 12:12-15

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Hosanna!

**People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**All: The King of Israel!**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #196 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Jerry Sinclair

**Gracious God, on this day of glory, we confess our fickleness to follow you. While on one day we may praise you, on another we may turn from you. While on one day we may declare your coming, on another we may betray you. Forgive us, we pray, and give us hearts stirred by your faithfulness and assured that you are gathering us to yourself in Christ Jesus, in whose name we now silently confess...**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*ACT OF PRAISE

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

**To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing.  
While millions join the theme, I will sing!**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And, also with you.**

### THE WORD

KIDSPRAISE

*Lo, He Comes!*

John D. Horman

*(Children & Worship: Following the KidsPraise music, all children ages four through first grade will leave with Mary Emily and may be picked up in the lower level of Spitzer building.)*

**A prayer for illumination** calls on the Holy Spirit to empower the reading, understanding, proclaiming, and living of God's Word.

**The Word of God:** The Scriptures bear witness to the Word of God, revealed most fully in Jesus Christ, the Word who "became flesh and lived among us" (John 1:14). Where the Word is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the living Word is present by the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, reading, hearing, preaching, and affirming the Word are central to Christian worship and essential to the Service for the Lord's Day.

**Response offering:** These actions are signs of our gratitude for the grace of God proclaimed in the gospel. **Online giving** is available via this QR code.



**Responding to the Word proclaimed, we affirm our faith in the holy, triune God.** This affirmation of faith is drawn from sentences of Scripture or the creeds, confessions, and catechisms.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Clara Adams

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 52:13-15

PEW BIBLE PAGE 683

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

by Gilbert Martin

NEW TESTAMENT John 12:27-36

PEW BIBLE PAGE 106

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Judgment: Cross Purposes*

Dr. Jay Howell

HYMN (seated)

*Jesus Paid It All*

**I hear the Savior say, Thy strength is indeed small, child  
of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all.  
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe; sin had left a  
crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.**

RESPONDING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Ben Garris

**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.**

OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY (Congregation sings.)

HAMBURG

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

RECEPTION OF THE CONFIRMATION CLASS

Rev. Mark Lampley / Madi Myers

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

Rev. Mark Lampley

**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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Sending:** *Christian worship and service does not end at the conclusion of the Service for the Lord's Day; we go forth to love and serve the Lord in daily living. In so doing, we seek to fulfill our chief end: to glorify and enjoy God forever.*

*We are blessed in order to be a blessing to others. **The charge calls** the church to go forth as agents of God's mission in the world. The Service for the Lord's Day concludes with a blessing in the name of the triune God, such as **the priestly blessing or apostolic benediction.***

## SENDING

\*HYMN #739

*O For a Closer Walk with God*

CAITHNESS

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

### Sunday

- 8:30 A.M. - Nursery for 8:45 Service (Room 204)
- 8:45 A.M. - Worship Service (Barron Hall)
- 9:45 A.M. - Preschool Sunday School (Spitzer Main)
  - Elementary Sunday School (Spitzer Lower)
  - Youth Sunday School (Loft)
  - Bible Discovery (Room 318)
  - Faith Gathering (Room 320)
  - Adult Biblical Imagery (Room 317)
  - Adult Faith Practices (Room 322)
  - Adult Fellowship Class (Room 319)
  - Sojourners (Tree Top Coffee)
- 10:30 A.M. - Coffee Fellowship (Bell Tower)
  - Nursery for 11:00 Service (Room 204)
- 11:00 A.M. - Worship Service (Sanctuary / Livestream)
- 3:00 P.M. - SHPC Easter Egg Hunt (back parking lot/playground)
- 5:00 P.M. - Youth Small Groups (Loft)

### Monday

- 12:00 P.M. - LIFE Group -Blackwell (Room 319)

## CALENDAR

### Tuesday

- 9:00 A.M. - FISH at Sequoyah (Barron Hall)
- 9:30 A.M. - Staff Meeting (Loft)

### Wednesday

- 9:20 A.M. - LIFE Group-Howell (Room 320)
- 9:30 A.M. - LIFE Group-Zeanah (off-site)
- 10:30 A.M. - Dotterweich Bible Study (Room 322)
- 4:00 P.M. - Knitters & Stitchers (Room 320)
- 4:30 P.M. - KidsPraise (room 118)
- 5:00 P.M. - LIFE Group-Gale (Room 319)
- 6:00 P.M. - LIFE Group- Lent (Room 318)
- 7:00 P.M. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Room 116)

### Thursday

- 8:00 A.M. - Men's LIFE Group (off-site)
- 6:00 P.M. - Maundy Thursday Dinner & Service (Barron Hall)

### Friday

- 7:00 A.M. - Men's LIFE Group (off-site)
- 12:00 P.M. - Good Friday Service (Sanctuary/Livestream)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WORSHIP SERVICES** next Sunday morning are at 6:45 A.M. (Sunrise Service) on Cherokee Blvd (bring a chair), 8:45 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. (Traditional) in the Sanctuary and by Livestream at sequoyahchurch.org.

**WELCOME** to our guests today! Please use the QR code to learn more about our church. Contact Stephanie Daniel, tefdaniel@gmail.com, with questions.



**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:** Thank you for your patience as we improve connection and accessibility throughout our building. For regular weekly updates use the QR code or reach.sequoyahchurch.org.

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE 2025 CONFIRMATION CLASS:** Received into the membership of SHPC by Profession of Faith are Maleny Becker, Keally Counts, Owen Dale, Bennie Diddle, Quinn Drysdale, Amelia Greer, Laura Harris, Owen Hunter, Abigail King, and Colton Rodgers.

### WORSHIP

**MAUNDY THURSDAY:** Experience the Upper Room, April 17, at 6pm in Barron Hall. The evening will include dinner, liturgy, and communion as we commemorate the final meal Jesus shared with his disciples before his crucifixion. Childcare will be provided. Please use the QR code to RSVP.



**GOOD FRIDAY:** Join us for our noon service on April 18 in the Sanctuary or via Livestream, readings and reflections on The 7 Last Words of Christ. Childcare will be available.

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE:** This year we will meet down by the river on Cherokee Boulevard, across from the fountain at 6:45 a.m. for our Sunrise Service on Easter morning. What a beautiful way to start the day! (Don't forget to bring your chair.)

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**OUR STEPHEN MINISTRY** caregivers are devoted listeners to those experiencing difficult transitions in life. They are highly trained, attentive, and faith-filled volunteer members who can be relied upon to show Christ's love. For more information, contact coordinator Nancy Hays, [nancyh43@aol.com](mailto:nancyh43@aol.com).

**HELPFUL PASTORAL LINKS** to information on coping with anxiety, depression, suicide, and much more can be found on our website, [sequoyahchurch.org](http://sequoyahchurch.org). Look under Connect and Grow/Adult Resources/Getting Mentally Fit. These come highly recommended among some of our congregation's professional psychologists, counselors, and pastors.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Do you need a ride to Worship or a church event? Our Transportation Team will arrange ahead of time to pick you up and take you home. Contact Janna, [jpreston@sequoyahchurch.org](mailto:jpreston@sequoyahchurch.org), to arrange for a ride or to join the team.

### CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

**THIRD THURSDAY MEN'S GATHERING WILL NOT MEET** in April, so everyone can attend our Maundy Thursday dinner and service April 17. Our next Men's Gathering will be May 15.

**JOY FELLOWSHIP MONDAY MOVIE** is April 28 at 2pm in Room 320, Spitzer Education building. Join us for popcorn and drinks as we watch *The Triple Six Eight*.

### OUTREACH and MISSIONS

**INWARDLY STRONG, OUTWARDLY FOCUSED:** Will you pray about where the Holy Spirit is leading you to serve at this stage in your life? Our Lord Jesus came to serve, not to be served (Matthew 20:28), so we encourage you to find one place you can serve well and in whatever capacity best suits you.

**ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE:** you could pray with UT students with Campus House of Prayer; rock babies at Olive Tree; or deliver food with FISH. These are just a few examples available.

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION

**ON-SITE SUNDAY CHILDCARE:** 8:30 and 10:30 A.M. Nursery/Childcare (Room 204); Extended Session (Room 220).

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, 9:45-10:45:** **Bible Discovery** (1 Kings), **Faith Gathering** (Wisdom), **Faith Practices** (guest speakers), **Adult Fellowship** (John), **Biblical Imagery**, or **Sojourners** (Sunday Scripture).

**SHPC EASTER EGG HUNT** is today 3-5 p.m. This year's festivities will be happening on the playground and the adjacent area behind the church. The petting zoo will be here too! Make plans to join us for a fun afternoon.

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS** for children ages 2nd –5th grade will be April 23 at 5:45pm in the Sanctuary with Mark Lampley and Mary Emily Morris. Please contact [memorris@sequoyahchurch.org](mailto:memorris@sequoyahchurch.org) to register.

**HIGHLIGHTING THREE OF OUR THIRTEEN LIFE GROUPS/SMALL GROUPS:** prayerfully consider joining: Monday's noon men's group discussion of a study by Tim Keller; Wednesday's 9:20 women's group studying Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon; or Wednesday's 9:30 women's study of James. The latter two have free childcare in our nursery.