



Pinelands United Methodist Church

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

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Palm and Passion Sunday

March 24, 2024

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

❖ Call to Worship

Leader: We are here today to worship the king of kings!

People: We worship a king who defies expectations.

Leader: Our king pours himself out for us and for all.

People: We come like empty cups, ready to receive his grace.

Leader: In his pouring out we find blessings of compassion, mercy, presence.

People: We find that the good life is not the easy life, it is the life walked with God.

Gathering Hymn #278 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"



Opening Prayer

Jesus, as we journey with you today from triumph to despair to hope, lead us to radically trust in you, even in the most desperate of places, because you have been there, and you have prevailed. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading

Psalm 22

❖ Hymn of Preparation #280 "All Glory Laud and Honor"

2nd Scripture Reading

John 12:12-19

Sermon

From Empty to Overflowing

Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

Offering God's Tithes and Our Gifts

❖ Doxology #95

❖ Closing Hymn #286 "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

❖ Benediction

God bless you and not let you out of his sight.
 God keep and protect you by day and by night.
 Let love, understanding be yours evermore.
 God's grace be with you forever more.



KEEP THEM IN PRAYER

Kathy Simpkins
 Barbara Kurowski
 Linda Hirst
 Linda Green
 Dave Dixon
 Marge Clifton
 Tom Rheault
 Anna Walker
 Denny & Joy O'Shaughnessy
 Jerry
 Sandra Allebach
 Brian Plasket
 Robin Green
 Paul Cowan
 Stephen Lister
 Ciara McCarthy Burke
 Kaitlin DeLucca (US Air Force)
 Tiernan James (US Coast Guard)
 Max Lister (US Army)
 Kathy Clark
 Kay McIntire

Frances Ernwood
 Wilma Brown
 Mary Jo Sheridan
 Sean Plasket
 McCartney Family
 Barbara Ford
 Margie Cochran
 David & Emily Elkin
 Denise
 Larry Acker
 Evelyn Roland
 John Allebach Sr
 Nicholas Cellini
 Lou Massey
 Melodee Ashby
 Courtney Warner
 Billy Cheatham (US Marines)
 Riley James (US Marines)
 Robert S.
 Little Jack
 Liz Rabush



CHURCH NEWS

March 24, 2024



PALM SUNDAY

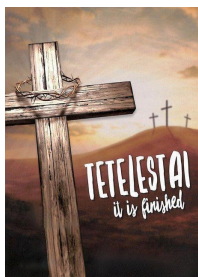
Today is Palm Sunday. We are happy that you joined us at Pinelands UMC as we commemorate Jesus' triumphal arrival into Jerusalem. We will celebrate with the blessing and distribution of palm branches. Please be sure to take an extra palm or two for a loved one that was unable to join us in person. Continue to worship with us throughout Holy Week.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Plan to join us for a traditional Holy Thursday worship service in our **Batsto Church Building at 7:00 pm**. Communion will be served as we reflect with a traditional Tenebrae style service.





GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Join us for a Traditional Community Good Friday Service and hear the parts of the Passion Story as told in 7 perspectives! Gathering at Tansboro Trinity UMC in Atco. Worship begins at 12:00 Noon. GPS: 438 Tansboro Road, Route 561, Atco , NJ, 08004

SUNRISE WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us on **EASTER SUNDAY** at 6:30 am near the 3 Crosses in our **BATSTO CHURCH PARKING LOT** as we gather for a **SUNRISE WORSHIP SERVICE**. We will have a light **POTLUCK BREAKFAST** after the worship service. Please bring something to share; if you are able.



EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

Please plan to join us for one of our Easter Worship Opportunities on **Sunday, March 31st**. We will gather at our Batsto Church location near the three crosses for an **Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 am**. A **potluck breakfast** is planned for after worship please bring a dish to share. Family worship in our **Batsto Church Building will begin at 9:00 am**

followed by another family worship in our **Green Bank Church Building at 10:30 am**.



JOURNEY THROUGH LENT WITH PINELANDS UMC

February 14	Ash Wednesday Ashes & Hearts	9:00 am - 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Batsto Green Bank
February 18	The Broken Cup	9:00 am 10:30 am	Batsto Green Bank
February 21	Prayer <i>(soup & salad)</i>	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Atco UMC
February 25	The Cup of Living Water	9:00 am 10:30 am	Batsto Green Bank
February 28	Fasting <i>(soup & salad)</i>	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Atco UMC
March 3	The Cup You Choose	9:00 am 10:30 am	Batsto Green Bank
March 6	Service <i>(soup & salad)</i>	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Atco UMC
March 10	The Cup of Discipleship	9:00 am 10:30 am	Batsto Green Bank
March 13	Study <i>(soup & salad)</i>	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Atco UMC
March 17	The Cup of Compassion	9:00 am 10:30 am	Batsto Green Bank
March 20	Worship <i>(soup & salad)</i>	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Atco UMC
March 24	Palm Sunday From Empty to Overflowing	9:00 am 10:30 am	Batsto Green Bank
March 27	Celebration <i>(soup & salad)</i>	6:30 am - 8:30 am	Atco UMC
March 28	Holy Thursday	7:00 pm	Batsto
March 29	Good Friday	Noon	Tansboro Trinity UMC
March 31	Easter Sunday The Cup that Never Runs Dry	6:30 am Sunrise 9:00 am 10:30 am	Batsto Batsto Green Bank