



Pinelands United Methodist Church

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

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Easter Service

March 31, 2024

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

❖ Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord! Christ is risen! Praise the Lord!

**People: Jesus is risen indeed! Praise the Lord!
While it was still dark, God got up!**

Leader: While it was still dark, the women ran to tell the good news.

People: While it was still dark, Jesus rose, giving the whole world new life.

Leader: God does the best work in the dark! Jesus came, died, and rose in the midst of our sin, shame, hopelessness, and despair. Yes, God does the best work in the dark!

People: Praise the Lord! Christ is risen! Praise the Lord!

Gathering Hymn #320 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"



Opening Prayer

Risen Lord, we worship you today with thanks that you meet us in the dark and shine your light brightly into our lives. Thank you for your incredible gift of forgiveness and eternal life that we celebrate today. We invite you to pour into the parts of our lives where we most need your grace, and we receive the living water that you are and that you give so freely. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading Isaiah 58:8-12

❖ Hymn of Preparation #322 "Up from the Grave He Arose"

2nd Scripture Reading John 20:1-18

Sermon The Cup that Never Runs Dry

❖ Hymn of Celebration #310 "He Lives"

Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Liturgy The Great Thanksgiving page 13

Offering God's Tithes and Our Gifts

❖ Doxology #95

❖ Closing Hymn #364 "Because He Lives"

❖ 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
 The 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 31, 2024

The Savior is Risen!

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

Please plan to join today 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**.





ACUA ROAD CLEAN UP ~ APRIL 7

Please join Pinelands UMC for an ACUA Road Clean up on **April 7th** at 10:30 am. We will gather at our Nesco Church Building. Many hands make light work!

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH MEET

The United Women in Faith will hold their monthly meeting on **Monday, April 8th** at 10:00 am in our Carolyn Stewart Fellowship Hall located in our Nesco Church Building. Many items are on the agenda to discuss.



PINELANDS UMC FISHING CLUB

The Pinelands Fishing Crew meets on **April 3rd** for their monthly meeting at the Bridel House. Everyone is welcome to attend! They will gather at 7:00 pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETS

On **April 17th** the Administrative Council will meet. Everyone is welcome to Come. We will meet in our Nesco Church Building at 7:00 pm.



Church Council Meeting



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

Guide to Holy Week:

In the Garden

Words: C. Austin Miles, 1913 (John 20:11-18)

Music: C. Austin Miles, 1913
Tune: *GARDEN*, 89.557 with Refrain

Capo 1: G
A^b

C
D^b

1. I come to the gar-den a-lone, while the dew is still on the
2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their
3. I'd stay in the gar-den with him, though the night a-round me be

G D⁷ G
A^b E^{b7} A^b

ros-es, and the voice I hear fall-ing on my ear, the
sing-ing, and the mel-o-dy that he gave to me with-
fall-ing, but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe his

A⁷ D A⁷ D⁷ G
B^{b7} E^b B^{b7} E^{b7} A^b

Son of God dis-clos-es.
in my heart is ring-ing. And he walks with me and he
voice to me is call-ing.

D⁷/A D⁷ G
E^{b7}/B^b E^{b7} A^b

talks with me, and he tells me I am his own; and the

B⁷ Em G⁷ C G/D D⁷ G
C⁷ Fm A^{b7} D^b A^b/E^b E^{b7} A^b

joy we share as we tar-ry there, none oth-er has ev-er known.



Palm Sunday

Sunday before Easter. Celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Observed with palm branches, parades, and celebration.



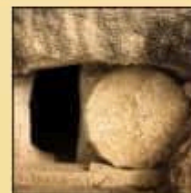
Maundy Thursday

Thursday before Easter. Commemorates the Last Supper. Often observed with foot washing, stripping of the altar, and overnight prayer vigil to keep watch with Jesus in the garden.



Good Friday

Friday before Easter. Most solemn day of the church year. Observes the day Jesus was crucified. Observed by praying the Stations of the Cross and three hours of silent prayer while Jesus was on the cross.



Holy Saturday

Saturday before Easter. Observes the day Jesus was in the tomb. This is a day of somber reflection, reflecting on what we'd miss in a world without Jesus.



Easter Sunday

Hallelujah! Christ has risen! This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and celebrate with great joy.

