



Stokesdale United Methodist Church

*Where we are reflecting God's love
in the heart of the community*

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

LORD OF THE DANCE – UMH 261, v. 1

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on earth.

At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

GOSPEL LESSON – JOHN 12:12-16 (NRSV)

¹²The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord— the King of Israel!" ¹⁴Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: ¹⁵"Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA – UMH 278

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed mid an exulted crowd,
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.

The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scored that little children should on his bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!” that ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

CHILDREN’S SERMON – *Elaine Christopher*



JOYS AND CONCERS & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers for our Shut-Ins

Betty Shelton	Carole Pegram	Diane Preddy
Judy York	Leola Vaughn	Lucille Friddle
Mike Hall	Phyllis Green	Phyllis Warren
Ruth Thomas		

Prayers for our Servicemen

Brandon Estrada – Army	Chris Seagraves – Air Force
Christopher Quesenberry – Air Force	Craig Rush II – Army
Jay Christopher – Navy	Mike Tumlin – Army
Robert Massingale – Army	Roger Rich – Army
Will Quesenberry – Marines	

Prayers for others

Ann Grose	Billy Hanks	Boone family
Brian Landreth	Carmen Wilmer	Chris Griffin
Dee Mullins	Evon & Mitchael Lawson	Elise Jones
Gene Tiesler	Gosnell family	Jillian Jalovec
Lucia Lane	Matt Wray	Norma & Dock Coleman
Rylie Cole	Sandra H. Leach	Sharon Ozment
Shay Black	Silas Mitchell	Steve Joyce
The Tucker family	Vartkes Ajemian	Yorkie York
Janice Simpson	Kennedy Combs	Betty Hanks
John Woodard family	Opal Smith	Linda Shields
Bruce Christopher	Randi Smith	Grace Reed
Lori Tuttle	Lori McKenzie	Pat Elder
Amanda Edmondson	Bonnie & David Stratton	Robbie Dailey
Parker Stanley	Beverly Watts	Lucy Greene
Cathy Batten	Dudley Culp family	

Family members of those who have died from COVID

Local & Small Businesses

Those residing in hospitals and nursing homes

Essential employees
All healthcare workers and First responders

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.
Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WAYS TO GIVE

We offer FOUR ways you can give to the church:

1. Give on-line by clicking the on-line giving tab on our web-site, www.stokesdaleumc.org and click on the "GIVE" tab. If you would like to learn more contact the church office.
2. Bring your check to the church office on Monday or Thursday from 9am to 2pm.
3. Mail your check to Stokesdale United Methodist Church, P O Box 38, Stokesdale, NC 27357.
4. Set up bill pay through your bank, making check payable to Stokesdale United Methodist Church.

SPECIAL OFFERING – PROJECT AGAPE

We believe that God is calling us to remember people outside the United States, specifically Armenia. Project AGAPE (**A**merican **G**reater **A**rmenian **P**artnership **E**fforts) is a collaborative effort of both United Methodist Conferences in NC and the Armenian Apostolic Church. Armenia is not only dealing with the pandemic, but all aggression by neighboring countries: Turkey, Syria, and Azerbaijan.

Lent is a good time to commit to giving to a project to help those in need. One way is to collect coins and donate the money to a cause like Project AGAPE. Each day of Lent, the guide will remind us of all we have and how little others may have. Each Sunday, pray as a family for the people of Armenia and the people who will benefit from your gifts. During the week of Easter, deliver, mail, or electronically give your Lenten offering to Stokesdale UMC so we can forward it on to Project AGAPE.

ANTHEM

"He Loved Us More"

SCRIPTURE LESSON: JOHN 12:20-27 (NRSV)

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be

glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. ²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say— ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.



SERMON – Rev. Dr. Ed McKinney ***“We Wish to See Jesus”***

LORD OF THE DANCE – UMH 261, v. 2

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they
would not follow me; I danced for the fishermen,
for James and John; they came to me and the dance went on.

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

GOSPEL LESSON - MARK 15:1-38 (NRSV)

¹As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ²Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered him, “You say so.” ³Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴Pilate asked him again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.” ⁵But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. ⁶Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹Then he answered them, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” ¹⁰For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹²Pilate spoke to them again, “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” ¹³They shouted back, “Crucify him!” ¹⁴Pilate asked them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him!” ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. ¹⁶Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began saluting him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ¹⁹They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. ²¹They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. ²²Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). ²³And they offered

him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. ²⁵It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!" ³¹In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³²Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. ³³When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." ³⁶And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

Lord of the Dance – UMH 261, v.3

I danced on the sabbath when I cured the lame, the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high; and they left me there on a cross to die.

What Wondrous Love Is This – UMH 292, v. 1 & 2

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of life to lay aside his crown
for my soul, for my soul, to lay aside his crown for my soul.



HANDBELL CHOIR

"WERE YOU THERE"

DEPART IN SILENCE

Rev. Dr. Ed McKinney, Pastor
Beth Kasai, Music Assistant
Sarah McKinney, Youth Director

Jeff Fink, Music Director
Robin Howerton, Handbell Director
Linda Curtis, Office Manager

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF March 28, 2021



Tuesday, March 30th 2:30 – 7PM

Call Randy Southard for an appointment at 336-908-1301



WEDNESDAY @ 5:45 PM

HANDBELL PRACTICE in the fellowship hall



WEDNESDAY @ 7:00 PM

CHOIR PRACTICE in the fellowship hall and via ZOOM



THURSDAY @ 7PM – MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE



We continue to receive monetary donations for food for the Food Pantry. Distribution is on Saturday, April 24th (Stokesdale Christian hosting)



Flower Cross will be set outside at 7PM on Thursday, April 1st through Sunday, April 4th @ 9AM - Please bring flowers to decorate the cross beginning Friday morning through Sunday.

Easter Sunday, April 4th @ 11AM - - Outdoor Worship Service & on-line



WILLING WALKERS – all ages

It's been a long year! Shut downs, shut-ins, insolation, over-eating, blah!

How about getting outside for some simple group walking 2 or 3 mornings each week? We will follow social distance guidelines. We can meet at the church or at the park. If you are interested call the church office, 336-643-4850.



OPERATION XCEL

Stokesdale United Methodist Church will begin hosting Operation Xcel on Monday, March 22nd. Children and tutors will meet in the Fellowship Hall from 2-6PM Monday through Friday. Tutors and helpers are still needed. Contact Elaine Christopher if you are interested in helping.



OPERATION XCEL

If you are interested in donating supplies for the children participating in the Operation Xcel program you may choose from the following:

- elementary calculators
- pens/pencils
- 1 electric pencil sharpener

- crayons
- markers



UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS FOR MARCH/APRIL ARE AVAILABLE

PICK YOURS UP THIS WEEK

We reflect God's love through our giving... Thank you for your extravagant generosity.

General Budget as of March 22, 2021

CONTRIBUTIONS	\$59,625
ACTUAL EXPENSES	\$51,274
Amount Needed Year-to-Date	\$62,289

Land as of March 22, 2021

CONTRIBUTIONS	\$5201
ACTUAL EXPENSES	\$4397

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March Youth

Sunday, March 7 from 4:00-5:00pm - Boys Youth at Church Playground "Celtic Spirituality" Dress for the weather

Sunday, March 14 from 4:00-5:00pm - Girls Youth at Church Playground "Celtic Spirituality" Dress for the weather

Sunday, March 21 from 4:00-5:00pm - Sprucin' Up Stokesdale Elementary School Bring work gloves! Families are invited!

Sunday, March 28 from 4:00-5:00pm - Practice Driving and Putting at Deep Springs Golf & Country Club (Stoneville). Equipment provided.



The Fruit of the Spirit Farmer's Market is Scheduled to start April 27th

Social distancing procedures will be in place

Parking will be in the field this year – access from Stokesdale Street.

∞ IN MEMORY OF

Norman Westmoreland donations were received from the following:

- Velvet & Robert Singer*
- Janice & Bob Simpson*

William Honeycutt a donation was received from

- Lisa Joyce*