



St. Paul's Waccamaw Methodist Church Newsletter

April 10, 2025

Palm Sunday

Sunday morning

04/13/2025

Week 6 of 7 week series "The Week That Changed the World"

Lead Pastor J.R. Virgin

Will present the sermon

"The Man in the Middle"

8:45 a.m. Traditional (Sanctuary) and 11:15 a.m. Traditional (Sanctuary)

Preaching Pastor Len Kircher

"The Man in the Middle"

11:00 a.m. Modern (Berly Hall)

For information about Sunday Worship Service go to the website page

<https://spwmethodist.org/sunday-worship-services/>.

The 8:45 am and 11:00 am services will be live streamed via the church's YouTube channel.

The link to our YouTube channel is:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2_rB7vyTH5FmKjYMKILTsg

You can only see the livestream from YouTube.

The recorded services for 8:45 am and 11:00 am will be available on our Sermons webpage

<http://spwmethodist.org/sermons/> following each Service as well as on YouTube. They will be shared with the church Facebook friends later.

Sermon Text: Luke 23:33-43 (NIV)

33 When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. 34 Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

35 The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."

36 The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar 37 and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

38 There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews.

39 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

40 But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? 41 We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

43 Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Message From Pastor JR

As we continue our deep dive into Holy Week, we find ourselves on Thursday. The Thursday of Holy Week was a day of great significance. This is day is what we have come to know as Maundy Thursday. The Maundy comes from the word mandate. On Thursday of Holy Week, Jesus gave the Disciples a new command (mandate). This command was to love one another as He has loved them. Maundy Thursday is also the night that Jesus met with Disciples for what we call The Last Supper. At this gathering; Jesus washed the Disciples feet and taught them about the importance of being a servant, Jesus announced that one of the Disciples at the table would betray him, Jesus also told Peter that he would deny him, Jesus broke bread and talked about His broken body and shared the wine as a symbol of His shed blood because Jesus knew that the crucifixion was coming very soon. There were many things that happened at this final meal Jesus

shared with His Disciples. After the meal was over Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. During His prayer He asked God to spare Him from the cross and the pain that He was about to endure. But as Jesus ended His prayer, He prayed that God's Will would be done about Jesus'. What an important lesson for us as Christians. The idea that we should be praying for God's Will to be done above our own. Like most children we know what we think we want, but don't always know what is best for us. Through faithful prayer we can train ourselves to seek God's Will above our own. We must trust that God knows better what we need and what is best for us than we do. Let us commit ourselves to being faithful to God in all things great and small, trusting that God is working a plan greater than ours.

The Best of All Is...God Is With Us!
Pastor J.R.

SAVE THE DATES

Thursday, April 17th - Maundy Thursday - There will be a worship service in the Sanctuary with Holy Communion at 6:30pm.

Friday, April 18th - Good Friday - The Sanctuary will be open for prayer and worship from Noon - 3pm.

Sunday, April 20th - Sunrise Service - Will be held on the Clubhouse Deck at Litchfield by the Sea, 6:30am.

Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday, April 13th. During the Sunday School hour, we will take an adventure of crafts, games, and an egg hunt. Come join the fun and learn more about Jesus and his love for you. Easter baskets will be provided.

Blood Drive, Tuesday, May 20th, 8:00 – 1:00 p.m. If you have any questions, email Bill Alexander at petvet2428@gmail.com.

Weekly Bible Reading

Apr 13: 1Sam 18-20; Ps 11/59

Apr 14: 1Sam 21-24

Apr 15: Ps 7/27/31/34/52

Apr 16: Ps 56/120/140-142

Apr 17: 1Sam 25-27

Apr 18: Ps 17/35/54/63

Apr 19: 1Sam 28-31; Ps18

Our Faithfulness Sunday, April 6, 2025

8:45 Service 198; on line viewers 105; 11:00 Service 162; on line viewers 183; 11:15 Service 27; Sunday School Children and teachers 41

The Sunday School Classes will meet April 13, 2025, at 10:00 TE: The Friendship Class, Sanctuary, The Truth Seekers, Room 305 in the CLC Building and Joy Class in CLC Building.

Our Little Garden Child Care is now open for all 3 worship services and the Sunday School hour! Children of every age are also welcomed to sit with you during the service-we love the beautiful sound of children in church! **Adult volunteers are needed to assist with the birth-3 yr. nursery as well as the 4/5 yr. class. Only 2-3 hours per quarter can make such a difference in these little one's lives! Call or text:Valerie Alexander 803-448-7462**

e-Giving – How to Start e-Giving and How to Update Transactions

Thank you for using e-Giving to electronically deliver your donations to the church.

If you are new to the church, or want to start using e-Giving, you can sign up today for e-giving. Start by going to <http://www.spwmethodist.org/> web page and clicking “Online Giving” at the top right of the home page. On the next page you will see a link that provides recently updated instructions on how to sign up and make your donations ([e-Giving Donation Information an Instructions](#)). You can print these instructions or review them online to setup your e-Giving donation and account. Please ensure you note your User Id (email address) and password for your account. You will use this information to login to your account to make any changes or review your electronic giving. Please do not create another e-Giving account if you have already signed up in the past. Call me or email if you need help.

For those who already use e-Giving, a **reminder** that you can update your e-Giving account if you need to update your giving amount or add new donations. The brief instructions are to login to your e-Giving account and edit your profile information. You can update your donation amount, payment method and next transaction date. You can also see your history of giving. Be sure to save your changes.

Please feel free to call or email me with questions or to get assistance. You can reach me at 703-786-0670 (cell). Church email address: treasurer@spwmethodist.org

With love and blessings,

Dave Streeter
St. Paul's Waccamaw Methodist Church Treasurer

Brick Walkway Update

We exceeded our goal of 178 Engraved Bricks by 24. This brings the project contribution to the Discernment Fund from \$15,000 to \$17,000 depending on the cost to install the walkway.

The Brick Team thanks the congregation for their continual support of this project; without it there would not have been a project. We will make some minor modifications to the walkway layout to accommodate the additional 24 bricks and continue our search to find a suitable brick layer.

44 additional spaces have been added for church parking.

The spaces are located to the left of the Youth Building, where the dumpsters are located. Our church is blessed to have so many people wanting to attend.

Discernment Fund

There are different ways you can give toward the Discernment Fund. You can write a check out to St. Paul's Waccamaw Church and on the memo of the check, put Discernment Fund and drop in the offering plate. **(You do not have to have an envelope)**. There are some envelopes in the Narthex and Berly if you want an envelope. You can also give with e-giving on our website and **designate Discernment**. Follow the instructions above on e-giving.

Name Tags

If you ordered a new name tag, please pick up yours this coming Sunday at the 8:45 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service. If you did not order a name tag, and would like one, please fill out the little sign up sheet that will be provided on the table near the name tags and place it in the offering plate. **A Big Thank You to Juanita Matos for printing the Name Tags!!**

Church Website Update

We are in the process of updating our church website and repairing links which are not working. Also, if you have any suggestions for our web site or you notice pages which need to be updated, please contact Fred Harris at 856-381-5951 or fharris39@gmail.com

LIVE STREAMING AVAILABLE

Reminder that live streaming of our services are available on YouTube especially during inclement weather.

Counseling: on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10am-1pm, there will be a counselor available by appointment. If you are in need of someone to talk with, this is a great opportunity to speak with an accredited professional, free of charge. Please contact Fran Keller at 843-833-3980 with any questions or to schedule an appointment.

Church Flower Calendar for 2025

You can email the office or call the office to start signing up for the Church Flower Calendar for 2025. This is a good way to honor someone, celebrate an anniversary, birthday, etc. on Sunday mornings.

Bible Studies:

The Men's Bible Study meets every Thursday at 8:00 a.m. in the Discovery Classroom. Led by Bruce Stelow.

Bible Study:

Experiencing the Heart of Jesus by Max Lucado, every Thursday, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary.

Revelation Bible Study, every Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary **starting April 1 – May 20**. Please email John Finnical if interested in taking the new study – jfinnical@gmail.com

Bible Study – Who Is Jesus? Every Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., Discovery classroom starting May 6 – June 10. "...Before Abraham was born, 'I Am' John 8:58. Please contact Roslyn Keck if interested at

843-651-1608 or email: roslynkeck1@gmail.com.

Committee Meetings & Work of the Church:

The Trustee Grounds sub-committee volunteers meet every Tuesday morning at 9:30 am - 11:30 am to work on the church grounds. If you enjoy gardening or dressing up your yard, volunteer to assist with doing the same for GOD's grounds as well. Everyone is invited to participate and enjoy fellowship. Bring your gloves and pruners! Trustee contact - Angela Bass acbass95@gmail.com

Finance meeting, Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 2:00 p.m., Discovery Classroom.

St. Paul's Methodist Men, Tuesday, April 15, 6:30 p.m., Berly Hall (All Men are Invited)

Church Council, Tuesday, April 29, 2025, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary.

IT'S ALMOST GAME TIME

Sunday, April 20th, is your last opportunity to purchase tickets to the Myrtle Beach Pelicans baseball game on May 6th. For \$20 you can enjoy some good baseball, come together for fellowship with friends, see our Pastor JR throw out the first pitch, and stand up proudly as our church choir leads us in the National Anthem. See Bob Maffa or Gene Posey to purchase your tickets.

It's going to be a fun night at the ball park.

Trustee Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 5:00 p.m., Truth Seekers Classroom.

Ladies' Luncheon and Fashion Show Fundraiser

Mark your calendars for May 17th. There will be a Ladies' Luncheon and Fashion Show in Berly Hall from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. Our Fashion Sponsor will be Pawleys Island Wear from the Hammock Shops. Tickets will be on sale after church at the 8:45 am and 11:00 am services on 4/27, 5/4, and 5/11. The ticket is \$30. When you purchase your ticket, save it to get in and to enter your name for the door prizes. Please bring as many friends as you can. This is your opportunity to be invitational. Groups of eight may sit together. Lunch and home-made desserts will be served. Our Praise Band will lead us in praise and worship. Mark your calendars ladies. Come and enjoy good food, fun, and fellowship on May 17th. **(After the 11:00 am service, Sunday May 11th, we will need volunteers to help set up for this event)**

Mission Committee Meeting, Monday, May 19, 2025, 2:00 p.m., Joy Classroom.

The Golf Committee has announced a date for the Church Golf tournament Wednesday June 11, 2025 at Wachesaw East Golf Course. We are also looking for volunteers for all committees....Contact Bill Alexander 803-448-7461 or Gene Posey 803-315-0191 for more information. Information on the first St. Paul's Waccamaw Golf Tournament is now on the church website. Included are entry fees as well as how to sign up for this mission fundraiser. **The St. Paul's Waccamaw Golf Tournament Registration Form is now available on the Church's home page. Please go to <https://spwmethodist.org/>. Once there, scroll down and select the button titled "St. Paul's Waccamaw Golf Registration Form" found above the calendar of events!**

Chancel Choir Practice

Handbells meet Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir meet Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Modern band rehearsal Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

Students in the Word

Students in the Word meet 7:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m., Mon. – Thursday (Truth Seekers & wings classrooms) and Friday in Berly Hall.

AA

AA meets Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 7:00 p.m. in the Joy Classroom.

District 82 AA, every 3rd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. in the Joy Classroom.

Please let me know if I need to remove, change, or add to the following Prayer, Birthday or Anniversary list. Also, if you have a meeting coming up or an event or event article that needs to go in the newsletter, please email me at the

Church Office: office@spwmethodist.org

Thank you, Alice

Prayer Concerns/Church Family & Friends

Susan Walters

Eva Baxter

Yvonne Moran

Jann Bullock

Nancy Hall

Fred Hutcheson

John Hall

Rachel Shumaker

Marie Beaver

Frank Antes

Rachel Sirmon

Janet Parsons

Janis Lange

The Family of Lee Horton

Heather (Bob & Pam Carson's daughter)

Don Hayes (loss of wife) (friend of Polly Simack)

Kristen Canine (daughter-in law of Dave and Paula Canine)

The family of Nan and Keith Black (Nan's father passed away)

Kay Long, (friend of James and Leslie Hare)

Geri Cole and son Michael Adkins (lost everything in the flood in Kentucky)

Ann (Rachel Shumaker's sister)

Doretha (Rachel Shumaker's cousin)

Matthew Leyendecker (George & Clem Leyendecker's son)

Connie Corriher (Jan Estabrook's sister-cancer returned)

Sheila Gryder (Jan Estabrook's cousin)

Liz Dallago (Bob Lawrence's daughter)

Mark Merolla (Leslie Hare's friend)

Allie Johnson (Age 7, 2 types of leukemia)

Sheila Baxter (daughter in law of Eva Baxter)

Ryan Heck (a friend of Betty & Henry Jobe)

Rosemary Beaver (a friend of Keri Geddings)

Ashley Calhoun (Karen Calhoun's nephew's wife)

George Schmidt (Colleen Welch's dad)

Anne Miller (a friend of Phillip and Peggy Cusick)

Linda Boswell (Sandy Thompson's sister)

Billy McGill (son of Carolyn McGill)

Michael Williams (Nancy Hall's son)
 Corby & Brian Kennison (friends of Peggy & Phillip Cusick)
 Rick Bruce (a friend of Peggy & Phillip Cusick)
 A friend of – did not want to name (Peggy & Phillip Cusick)
 Marie Beaver (Carl) Jim Richardson (Betsy) (friends of Jon Stuckey)
 Denise (a friend of Harriet and David Moore)
 Vicki Medlin (a cousin of JD & Sandi Whitmire)
 Stephen Johnston (son of Ron & Ruth Johnston)
 Sue Hawkins (a friend of JD & Sandi Whitmire)
 Roxanna Earp (daughter of Nancy Wetsel)
 Tracy (a friend of Leslie Hare)
 Marnie Heck (a friend of Henry & Betty Jobe)
 Robert "Bobby" Nave (James & Leslie Hare's cousin)
 Garvin Gilley
 Johanna Morrison
 Tina Kolb (a close friend of James & Leslie Hare)
 Diana (a friend of John & Nancy Hall)
 Dan Litton (a friend of JD Whitmire)
 George Leyendecker's sister
 Sarah Wilson (Jan Estabrook's friend)
 Sue Panos
 Ofelia and Jorge Beltran (friends with JD and Sandi Whitmire)
 Kerry Lennard (friend of Keith Black)
 Milia Black (Keith Black's mother)
 Judy Ellis

April Birthdays

Ida Jeanette Campbell	04/02
Summers Ward	04/05
Madison Welch	04/05
C J Brockington, III	04/06
Sara Freeman	04/06
Carol Streeter	04/07
Raymond Wells	04/07
Greg Hill	04/08
Aggie Jones	04/08
Carol Farley	04/10
Bess Long	04/11
Eric Staats	04/12
John Gutekunst	04/13
Sidney Williams	04/13
Jackie Formato	04/15
Carolyn Jackson	04/16
Gene Posey	04/17
Chad Reese	04/17
Gregory Dennis	04/18
Linda Averette	04/20
Julie Morris	04/20
William Scott Lewis	04/23
Bill Eisenhower	04/25
Frank Slater	04/26
Margaret Smith	04/28
Eva Baxter	04/29
Bruce Stelow	04/29

Diane Strickland	04/30
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April Anniversaries

Daniel & Nancy Wetsel	04/09
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Gregory & Melinda Dennis	04/18
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Nelson & Susan Bartlett	04/20
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David & Juanita Matos	04/22
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Ronald & Carol Tedesco	04/24
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