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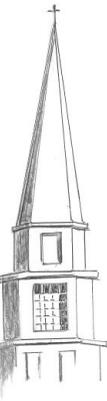
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## Holy Week and Easter



*Really good news...*

**WE WORSHIP GOD, WHO WALKS WITH US, WHO FORGIVES US,  
THIS AND EVERY DAY. JOIN US FOR THESE SPECIAL DAYS:**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 10:00 A.M. *Palm Sunday***

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 7:00 P.M. *Maundy Thursday***

**FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 12:00 P.M. *Good Friday***

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 9:00 A.M. *Easter Sunday Breakfast &  
Egg Hunt***

**10:00 A.M. *Easter Sunday Worship***



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We will shout our hosannas in a palm parade on April 14. We will revisit the night of the Last Supper on April 18. We will gather in quiet contemplation on April 19. We will join together in fanfare and celebration April 21.

**Join us for good stories and good music and really, really good news.**

Can you contribute candy or non-candy fillers for Easter eggs? Please bring contributions on or before April 7.

Would you like to give a gift in honor or memory of a loved one this Easter season? Send gifts to the church with the name of the individual and note "Easter honor gift." Gifts will be acknowledged Easter morning.

Interested in bringing food for the Easter breakfast? Sign up on our website.

*To know and love God, to nurture each other, and to reach out and welcome all people in the name of Jesus Christ.*

## WE CHOOSE LOVE.

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## A Note from Our Music Director and Organist



Dear friends,

In our March 10 bulletin, an oversight was made in listing the dates for William Grant Still. We apologize for this printing error and would like to take this opportunity to share more information about this under recognized African-American composer of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Also, the piece that was sung, "All That I Am," was received directly from the daughter of Mr. Still who lives in Arizona by way of phone conversation I had with her. All the music of Maestro Still is kept by the family and self-published as there remains the historical mistrust by African-American artists in the publishing and recording industry in the U.S. What the following biography does not tell us is that Maestro Still was denied many opportunities to conduct a major symphony orchestra due to the color of his skin until the 1960s.

William Grant Still (May 11, 1895–December 3, 1978) was an American composer of more than 150 works, including five symphonies and eight operas. Often referred to as "the Dean" of African-American composers, Still was the first American composer to have an opera produced by the New York City Opera. Still is known most for his first symphony, the "Afro-American," which was until the 1950s the most widely performed symphony composed by an American. Born in Mississippi, he grew up in Little Rock, Arkansas, attended Wilberforce University and Oberlin Conservatory of Music, and was a student of George Whitefield Chadwick and later Edgard Varèse. Of note, Still was the first African American to conduct a major American symphony orchestra, the first to have a symphony (his 1st Symphony) performed by a leading orchestra, the first to have an opera performed by a major opera company, and the first to have an opera performed on national television. Due to his close association and collaboration with prominent Afro-American literary and cultural figures such as Alain Locke and Langston Hughes, William Grant Still is considered to be part of the Harlem Renaissance movement.

Here is a short documentary and an example of Still's music:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=bI5K4s1DBNs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bI5K4s1DBNs)

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=SMFeyO7DOzk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SMFeyO7DOzk)

One more note about music:

Did you know that for centuries the key of E flat has been associated with the Holy Trinity? The key of E flat is represented by three flats, the notes B flat, E flat, and A flat, in that order. J.S. Bach often used this key to symbolize his religious beliefs when composing and it can be found most well represented in his "Prelude" and "Fugue in E flat," nicknamed "St. Anne" which is the tune name for the familiar hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past."

Each Sunday the Chiming of the Hour is played using the note E flat to symbolize this music and theological association.

Blessings,  
Woody



## News, Events, and Church Notes

### SERVING DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL

#### APRIL 7, 2019

**Elders:** Faith Manley and Spencer Smith      **Deacons:** Nick Miller, Don Moehring, Leah Guthrie Loy, Robertson Rcham, Patti McDonald, and Les Rose      **Children's Moment:** TBD  
**Children's Church:** Amanda Desselles and Dona Norwood      **Acolyte:** Steve Rmah  
**Worship Leader:** Caleb Phelps      **Building Responsibilities:** Jim Tebow  
**Coffee Hour Host:** Marsha Rose

#### APRIL 14, 2019

**Elders:** Jim Tebow and George Manley      **Deacons:** Troy Desselles, Crystal Flynt, Bill Lund, MaryKate Holden, Jamie Cannady, and Dona Norwood      **Children's Moment:** TBD  
**Children's Church:** Amanda Desselles and Meredith Cooper      **Acolyte:** Chloe Murray  
**Worship Leader:** JoAnn Tucker      **Building Responsibilities:** Jim Tebow  
**Coffee Hour Host:** Laura Tebow

#### APRIL 21, 2019

**Elders:** George Manley and Jim Tebow      **Deacons:** Emily Boerckel, Helena Epstein, James Thomas, Susan Cox, Kasey Bogan, Lewis Woodruff      **Children's Moment:** Melissa Guthrie Loy  
**Children's Church:** Amanda Desselles and Laura Murray      **Acolyte:** TBD  
**Worship Leader:** Kay Phelps      **Building Responsibilities:** Jim Tebow  
**Coffee Hour Host:** Louise Greaves

#### APRIL 28, 2019

**Elders:** Eleanor Bray and Bill Inmon      **Deacons:** Brad Light, Debbie Light, Olivia Steadman, Madison Steadman, Larry Collins, Meredith Cooper      **Children's Moment:** Emily Sharpe  
**No Children's Church**      **Acolyte:** Ashley Siu  
**Worship Leader:** John Flynt      **Building Responsibilities:** Jim Tebow  
**Coffee Hour Host:** Sue Hulighan

#### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

04/02 Jimmy Murray  
04/07 Izaac Myers  
04/07 Spencer Smith  
04/10 Sue Schultz  
04/12 Aba Otoo  
04/16 Diane Gillespie  
04/16 Kay Phelps  
04/27 Sandra Woodruff  
04/30 Mark McDonald

#### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

04/06 Genie & Fred Jones  
04/07 Patsy & Andy Edwards  
04/20 Glenn & Brenda Huth

*Do we have your birth date or anniversary?  
If no, please send us your information.  
Email [info@fccgreensboro.org](mailto:info@fccgreensboro.org).*



## Just Wondering: Questions and Answers from Retired Disciples Minister J.T. Moore

### Jesus warned the people (Matthew 6:16-18) against fasting as an act to be "seen." What was fasting done for?

In the day of Jesus there was only one compulsory day to fast: The Day of Atonement, at a stated time. This celebration was a reminder that all of Israel's daily, weekly, and monthly sacrifices and offerings were not sufficient to atone for sin. An atoning sacrifice for the sins of the people was made, a sacrifice which brought reconciliation between people and God. After the goat sacrifice was made, another goat was released into the wilderness to symbolize carrying away the sins of the people. The 'scapegoat' was never to return. Jesus had sharp words for those who did their fasting (from dawn to sunset) for the purpose of 'showing off.' In addition to this one compulsory day, the Jews made great use of private fasting as well. Fasting was to attract God's attention to make God notice the person. It was a deliberate attempt to prove that penitence was real. Another reason was to move God to liberate the nation from its distress.

### Next Speaker Series features Rachel Baker Sunday, April 7

Rachel is the Immigration Advocacy Program Coordinator for the North Carolina Council of Churches and will speak to how the church can address issues of immigration. Light breakfast at 8:45 a.m.; presentation at 9:00. Join us next Sunday for this event.

### Vintage Bunch Trip April 10

All are invited to join the Vintage Bunch on Wednesday, April 10, for a trip to the Ava Gardner Museum. Departing FCC at 9:15 a.m. Lunch at Robbin's Nest restaurant. Returning around 5 p.m. Please RSVP to the church office.

### Summer Camp forms due by April 14

The 2019 dates and costs for Disciples of Christ summer camps at Camp Caroline and Christmount can be found at [ncdisciples.org/summer-camp/](http://ncdisciples.org/summer-camp/)

Registration forms are available in the church office. If your child(ren) plan to go to camp, return the completed forms with payment to the church office before April 14. Please note that First Christian will cover 1/2 the cost of one week of camp for each FCC child. Feel free to contact the church office for more information or with specific questions.

### Members need help with July's General Assembly Expenses

At least three FCC members, Baylee Smith, James Thomas, and Melissa Guthrie Loy, will represent FCC at the General Assembly July 20-24, in Des Moines, IA. These representatives are seeking financial support to offset the costs of registration and travel. If you're able to donate toward these expenses, please send your gifts to FCC noting "General Assembly" in the memo. Education, service opportunities, worship, and denominational business are a part of the General Assembly.



## RECENT ATTENDANCE

March 10: 111

March 17: 108

March 24: 91

## PRAYER CONCERNS Contact the church office if you would like a name added to or removed from the prayer list.

Angie Wethington	Betty Wilson	Bev & Dick Isaacson	John & Carolyn Ledford
Ann Fry	Phyllis Collins	Shannon Huth	Kay Phelps
Leroy Bymaster	Ed & Emo Wagoner	Karen Watson	JoAnn Tucker
Gary Yeager	Robin Lund	Shannon Lineback	
JoAnn Alley	Steve Ball	Barbara Angel	
Roger Stanley	Amanda Oliver	Betty Reynolds	

## CARE TEAM INFORMATION

If you are aware of someone who is sick, in the hospital or rehab facility, please send their names and any information to Robin Lund at [rlund@triad.rr.com](mailto:rlund@triad.rr.com). The Care Team also celebrates good news: new babies, promotions at work, academic achievements, etc. Please share that info as well!

## FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Search Committee is hard at work and meeting regularly. We haven't had much news to share because we have been in the process of seeking an Interim Minister. Finding the right individual takes time, and we are looking forward to meeting with an Interim Ministerial candidate soon. We are also working on gathering demographic information about our church, as requested by the Region, to provide to permanent ministerial candidates when the time comes. Please ask us questions about the process and keep us in your prayers as we continue our efforts. The Search Committee Members are: Dawn Steadman (Chair), Bill Inmon, Louise Greaves, George Manley, Patti McDonald, and Mike Wildman.

## FROM THE BOARD

Board minutes are available in the church office.  
The next Board meeting is April 14, at 11:15 a.m.  
Please note important dates on page 4.

## FROM THE STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE TEAM 2019 Summary of Income and Expense for the General Operating Fund

	Jan	Feb	YTD Total
Budgeted Income	21,972	21,972	43,944
Budgeted Expense	<u>22,836</u>	<u>22,833</u>	<u>45,669</u>
\$ + / -	-864	-861	-1,725
Actual Income	20,327	18,261	38,588
Actual Expense	<u>20,184</u>	<u>14,678</u>	<u>34,862</u>
\$ + / -	143	3,583	3,726

**SUNDAYS AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH****9 a.m. Small Groups****10 a.m. Worship****11 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour****5:30 p.m. Youth Groups on the first and third Sundays****CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS****Table Topics**, Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. (except April 2)**Table Talk**, Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.**Elders Meeting**, Tuesday, April 2, 7:00 p.m.**Men's Coffee Group**, Wednesday, April 3, 9:30 a.m.**Choir Rehearsal**, Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.**Bell Choir Rehearsal**, Sunday, April 7, 11:15 a.m.**Vintage Bunch**, Wednesday, April 10, 11:30 a.m.**Board Meeting**, Sunday, April 14, 11:15 a.m.**Vintage Bunch Kings & Queens: Card Playing**,

Monday, April 22, 9:30 a.m.

**Ladies' Coffee Group**, Thursday, April 25, 9:30 a.m.*Find the full calendar online at [fccgreensboro.org/calendar](http://fccgreensboro.org/calendar)*

*Holy Week  
and Easter  
worship opportunities  
listed on page 1*

**Pulpit Supply**

Many thanks to our guest preachers. Coming up:

April 14: Robert Martin

April 21: Rev. Melissa Guthrie Loy

April 28: Rev. Emily Viverette

May 5: Rev. Laura Johnson

**More about Sunday morning worship**

The Chancel Choir will present a special anthem on Palm Sunday, "Festival Sanctus," whose Latin text expresses the greeting that was given Jesus as he entered Jerusalem on a donkey: "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest..." The handbell ensemble will ring "Ave Verum Corpus" by Mozart. Easter Sunday will feature a brass quintet and choir anthem "Lift High the Cross" which contains original music as well as quotes from the anthem "God So Loved the World" leading into the joyous hymn "Lift High the Cross." The choir will also sing at the Maundy Thursday service.

**Please help with Easter morning breakfast and egg hunt**

Easter is April 21! We will celebrate with a breakfast and egg hunt at 9:00, followed by worship at 10:00. But we need your help! Can you bring some food to share for breakfast or assist with the egg hunt? Can you donate candy or non-candy fillers for the eggs? Visit this link for specific information: <https://fccgreensboro.org/2019/easter-celebration/>

**From the Outreach Team**

For many years (about 25!!!) Laura Tebow has led a dedicated group of volunteers who served dinner to the clients of the night shelter of Greensboro Urban Ministry. We understand that the Moehrings, Inmons, Youngs, and Dona Norwood have been along for the entire ride as well!! What a gift they have given!

Laura is taking a well deserved "retirement," and we are thankful that Spencer Smith is taking the reins of this monthly project. This group brings and serves a simple dinner to some of our community's most needy members. If this project seems interesting to you and you'd like more information or you would like to volunteer, please contact Spencer (more info below).

Also, please support the Neighborhood Youth Project as this group of young people collects diapers for newly arrived immigrant families. The diapers will be distributed through the work of Faith Action International House.

**Calling for Volunteers**

Help prepare and serve supper at the Urban Ministry Weaver House Night Shelter on the following 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday evenings:

Tuesday, April 16

Tuesday, June 18

Tuesday, July 16

Tuesday, August 20

Please let Spencer Smith know of your interest by calling or sending a text message to 336-709-8281 or by e-mailing him at [4father@triad.rr.com](mailto:4father@triad.rr.com). This community service doesn't require much of your time. Be a blessing to people in need in our community!

**Join or Support FCC's team for the Human Race**

The Human Race is a 5k walk/run that allows participants to raise money for their favorite nonprofit (agency, school PTA, church, etc..). The Volunteer Center takes care of all of the planning, and has managed the race since 1994! First Christian has walked/run with One Step Further in support of the Food Pantry for the last three years.

There are three easy ways to donate: 1) Cash, 2) Check (written to The Human Race with One Step Further on the memo line), or 3) Donate online at <https://thehumanrace5k.org/support/#FirstChristian>.

Folks who donate online will receive a receipt in their email. Folks who donate by cash or check will get a receipt from Rick Young or Susan Cox. The event will take place on Saturday, April 27, at the Greensboro Coliseum. Gates open at 9 a.m. and the walk begins at 10 a.m.—rain or shine. Anyone who wants to walk with the One Step Further/First Christian team should see Rick or Susan for more information. Our First Christian fundraising goal this year is \$1,000. We can do this with your help, and the help of others—recruit others to join us as well. Thank you for all you continue to do in support of the Food Pantry and our Outreach ministry!