

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(inspired by Philipians 2: 5-11)

Holy Jesus, we pray that you would hear our prayers and graft in our minds the same mind that is in you. May we be vessels of your humility and grace. Lord Jesus, you emptied yourself, trading in the form of God for the form of a slave. As we give you thanks, we pray for the Church, and all her people and ministries. Form us into a Church that empties herself for others, and for you.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, you were born in human likeness and found in human form. As we give you thanks, we pray for the whole human family, for the nations of the earth, and for all who live in the midst of disaster, famine, or terror.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, even after humbling yourself in your incarnation, you humbled yourself even to the point of death. As we give you thanks, we pray for our nation, our leaders, and all the people who live within this land. Bless us with your humility.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, your humility and your love for us was so broad and deep, it cost you your life. As we give you thanks, we pray for those we love who have died, and as you were highly exalted, may they rest with you in glory.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, in your exaltation, you were given the name that is above every name. As we give you thanks, we pray in your name for those who are poor, those who are hungry, and those who are hurting in any way. We also pray in your name for those who are sick. Give them each the gift of healing, strength, and life. Give them your grace.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, you humbled yourself in the manger, and you humbled yourself on the cross. On this holy day, O Lord, as we give you thanks, we bend our knee with those above and those below, to the glory of God the Father and praying in the way Jesus taught us...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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RESPONSIVE LITANY

(inspired by Luke 19:39-40)

One: Did the stones know?

All: **Did the stones know they would soon have to shout 'Hosanna' because those who had first shouted it would soon be shouting 'Crucify'?**

One: Did Jesus know?

All: **Did Jesus know that those who followed in this fickle crowd would soon turn their backs on the only hope they had?**

One: Did Jesus tell the stones?

All: **Did Jesus tell the stones that they would be needed to shout for they alone knew the secret of tombstones?**

One: Do we know?

All: **As disciples of our Lord and Saviour who lived among us and died in our place, do we know when to hold silence and when to shout? Let the world hear our continuing shouts now: Hosanna to the King of Kings!**

SENDING LITANY

One: Now, Lord, we lay down the palm branches, and with them we lay down our belief that there is another way for you to be God.

All: **As the last echo of the final alleluia fades, so does our hope that this journey can end in any other way.**

One: The week stretches ahead glory-less and pain-full.

All: **Whether we walk with all faith or none, we look toward the cross, knowing it is both the most human and most divine of all journeys.**

Pastor: Travel now into this holiest of weeks. Travel the road with courage, with love, and with the uneasy peace that is the gift of faith.

All: **Amen.**

Holy Thursday and Good Friday

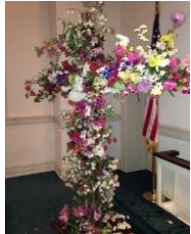
Beginning at 1:00pm on April 18, you are invited to enter our Chapel and experience the Stations of the Cross. Each station will take you on a journey through the days and events of Jesus' last week in Jerusalem. The stations will be available from 1:00pm – 6:00pm Thursday and Friday for your convenience. Then on Friday, April 19, we will gather at 7:00pm for our Tenebrae worship service.

Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 20

Divine Street UMC invites you to attend our Easter Egg Hunt on April 20 at 10:00am. The children will enjoy crafts, games, snacks, a visit with the Easter Bunny and hearing the Easter Story. Come join the fun! Invite your friends!

Easter Sunday

We will gather for Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 21 at Talbot Creek Farm to worship and praise our Risen Savior! Please join us for this service at 6:30am. We will fellowship together with breakfast on the farm afterwards. Then at 11:00am, we will gather in the sanctuary for our Easter worship service to celebrate the resurrection story. Remember to bring your yard clippings for Flowering the Cross.



Charles K. (Chip) Johnson Memorial Scholarship Applications Due May 15

The Chip Johnson Scholarship is open to any graduating high school student who is enrolling as a full-time college student beginning Fall 2019. The complete policies and application may be found on the church website home page at www.divinestreet.org. Applications will be available on the church website beginning April 15. A paper copy may be picked up from the church office if needed. The deadline to apply is midnight on May 15.

BLG Will Visit Whirligig Park on April 30

The BLG invite all older adults and friends to visit the Vollis Simpson Whirligig Park and Museum in Wilson on Tuesday, April 30. There are benches, tables and chairs throughout the park for occasional resting and refreshments. Lunch will be at Parker's Barbecue, then we will visit the Freeman Round House. Departure from the church parking lot will be at 9:30am.

Learn more about Whirligig Park at <https://www.wilsonwhirligigpark.org/> and Freeman Round House at <http://www.theroundhousemuseum.com/>.

Please Visit Our Homebound Members

See the list of homebound church members listed on the board in the church office. Let them know we miss them and are thinking of them with a short visit every now and again.

Reminder:

- ❖ Today is the final day for donations:
 - Socks or monetary gifts to purchase socks for Johnson Better Care residents
 - Bags of individually wrapped candies or monetary donations to purchase candy for Easter Egg Hunt

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday	Apr	14	9:00am	Chapel Prayer
			9:30am	Courtyard Fellowship
			9:45am	Sunday School
			11:00am	Worship – Palm Sunday
			1:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal
			4:00pm	Confirmation Class
			5:00pm	Youth Fellowship
				Fill Eggs and Visit Nursing Home
Monday	Apr	15	8:00am	Scholarship Application Available on Website and in Church Office
Tuesday	Apr	16	7:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study at Parsonage
Wednesday	Apr	17	7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	Apr	18	1:00pm	Holy Thursday - Stations of the Cross
Friday	Apr	19	1:00pm	Good Friday - Stations of the Cross
			7:00pm	Good Friday Service of Tenebrae
Saturday	Apr	20	10:00am	Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday	Apr	21	6:30am	Easter Sunrise Service
				Talbot Creek Farm
				2450 Old Stage Road South, Erwin
			9:00am	Chapel Prayer
			9:30am	Courtyard Fellowship
			9:45am	Sunday School
			11:00am	Worship – Easter Sunday

April

14	Anne Johnson
15	Hank Bethea
15	Christopher Ennis
17	Jake Hamilton
18	Whit Brewer
18	Chelsea Johnson
18	Kim Schmidlin

Upcoming Birthdays

May

21	Cooper Pate
22	Asher Tyndall
23	Kenneth Collins
24	Quinn Woodrow
28	Rhonda McLamb
30	Pete Bynum
30	Teeny Perry
2	Tommy Matthews
6	Mikayla Peterson
8	Cal Creek
8	Jackson Goodman
8	Natasha Williams
10	Ed Matthews
11	Charlie Crumpler, III

Wednesday Night Schedule for April 17 and 24

April 17	7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
April 24	5:30pm	Covered Dish Supper – Bring your favorite recipes to share!
	6:00pm	Children's Choir
	6:15pm	Youth Bible Study
	6:30pm	Children's Bible Study
	6:30pm	Adult Bible Study
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

We will continue our standard Wednesday night schedule during May with May 22 being the final Wednesday for Divine Dining, Children's Choir and Bible Study during summer.