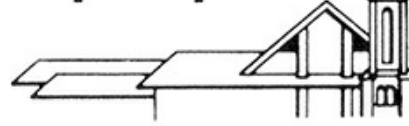


The BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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Join us for Sundays with First Baptist Church

Palm Sunday!

March 28, 2021

Join us as we enter into Holy Week

10:00am: Join us on our [Facebook page](#) for a Facebook Premier Worship

(This video will ALSO then be available to watch at any time following on our [Facebook page](#), our website at www.fbcbeverly.org/sermons, and on our [YouTube channel](#).)

(You can view all materials on our Facebook page with or without having a Facebook account!)

**10:55 am: What a Zoom Fellowship! Immediately following Virtual Worship
(see info below)**

Entering the Gates of a Holy City

Scriptures:

Psalm 118:1-4, 19-29 and John 12:12-19

Preacher:

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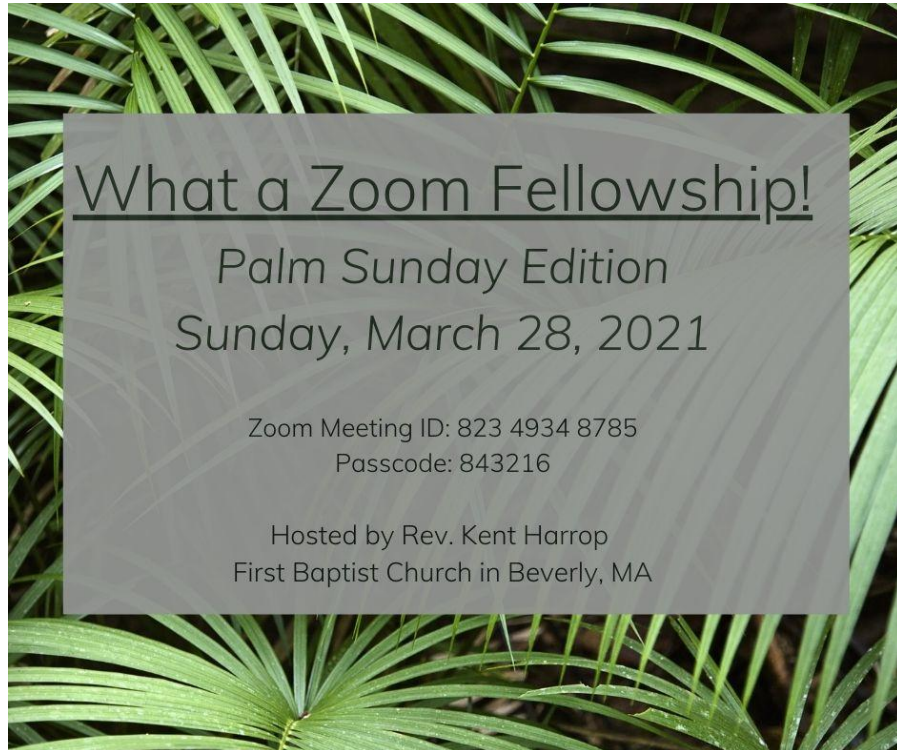
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What a Zoom Fellowship!: Palm Sunday Edition



One of the Palm Sunday traditions at FBC is for the Youth Fellowship to host a pancake breakfast. One of the items you received in your Lent-in-a-Box was pancake mix and maple syrup to honor the pancake breakfast tradition. **Join us on Sunday, March 28**, on Zoom right after the worship service airs on Facebook for a special time of fellowship. Make yourself some pancakes (or your favorite breakfast treat) and join Rev. Kent Harrop as we celebrate our relationships with each other and the God who saves us. Whether you are a regular attendee or you are passing through, we invite you to join us! Kent is saving a virtual seat just for you!

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82349348785?pwd=emlkb2dQNXQ5WTlXajV6ZzhzdE1WQT09>

Meeting ID: 823 4934 8785
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*****DEADLINE APPROACHING: Send Us Your Palm Pictures by*** THURSDAY!**

The ministers of the church would LOVE to have as many of YOU included in our virtual Procession of Palms for the March 28th service of worship as possible (similar to how we did the candlelight pictures for the Christmas Eve service). Here is how you can be part of it all and make that happen:

Take Your Picture and Upload to Dropbox by Thursday, March 25th

Once you have your palms (OR if you are not local to us, we encourage you to be creative and MAKE palms using arts and crafts skills or using materials/flowers/branches found in your yard or around your home! Remember that people in Jesus' time grabbed palm branches because it is *what was local to them*, so feel free to get into that spirit using what is local to you! If you are looking to MAKE a palm craft, check out this week's ART WITH ABBY on our Facebook page and YouTube channel for a fabulous one!) – pose for a *Hosanna!* picture with you and/or members of your family waving your palms to help us create a virtual Procession of Palms in our Palm Sunday service! We will weave the pictures all together in a slideshow set to the hymn “The Palms,” so that even if we are not all together singing and waving our palms, we can still create that feeling for one another. The more faces in our slideshow, the better, so we hope all households can participate!

Please upload your pictures to our Dropbox using this link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/FXfPoBh9S4EbhutUxzE>

no later than the evening of March 25th for inclusion in the Palm Sunday service!

AND THERE'S MORE! Check out Heidi's How-Tos on What Else to Do With Your Palms!

You don't have to be done with your palms once the pictures are taken! Some of you may wish to create something with your palms that you can keep with you as a reminder of the journey from the Hosannas of Palm Sunday, into the poignant feel of Maundy Thursday (real-time service happening at 7 p.m. on Zoom this year; link to join appears below in this Bulletin!), through the darkness of Good Friday, and into the Hallelujahs of Easter Morning, as you walk through Holy Week. Our own Heidi Keating created a how-to video showing us how to do just that; you can find that video on our [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube channel](#) right now!



Virtual Children/Youth Sunday School

Our children and young people are invited to join us in the virtual classroom for Sunday School this Sunday, March 28th, from 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. If you have not yet been able to register your young person for our classes, use the button below to sign up via our website!

[Sign Up For Sunday School](#)

Youth Fellowships

Middle School Fellowship: Afternoon of Games!

Sunday, March 28th – 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

By popular demand, our Middle School Youth Fellowship will be gathering in the zoom room for another GAME DAY, featuring popular games such as Among Us, Codenames, Pictionary, and more! All Middle School Youth are welcome – please feel free to invite a friend (in grades 5-8, of course!). Please note that to join in playing Among Us, youth will just need access to a device that has the Among Us app downloaded and installed ahead of time; you can delete the app following our time together, if that is preferable!

Topic: Middle School Fellowship Game Day Zoom

Time: Mar 28, 2021 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89065776506>

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Senior High Fellowship:

Senior High Fellowship: Palm Sunday Extravaganza!

Sunday, March 28th – 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Our Senior High Fellowship group will have the chance to gather for some Palm Sunday fun – listening to Jesus Christ Superstar in the background (as is tradition!) as we play some games (Psychiatrist, Codenames, Pictionary, and more!) and maybe even eat some pancakes! Friends are welcome!

Topic: Sr. High Fellowship Zoom

Time: Mar 28, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84424687248>

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Maundy Thursday Service of Worship - Join Us on Zoom as We Journey Through Holy Week Together

As we move from Palm Sunday on March 28th toward Easter Sunday on April 4th, we do so mindful that the journey from Hosannas to Hallelujahs is not without pain and loss and heartbreak along the way. Holy Week carries us from the jubilation and the triumphant entry into Jerusalem that we will celebrate this coming Sunday toward the Last Supper with Jesus and his disciples on Maundy Thursday; then into the betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane; and into the pain and anguish of the Crucifixion on Good Friday; toward the silence of the tomb on Holy Saturday; and, finally, to the joy of the Resurrection on Easter morning.

You are invited to join us in marking this movement, the shift that happens in the journey from Sunday to Sunday, with a moving Maundy Thursday service on **Thursday, April 1st, at 7 p.m.** This service will take place together, in real time, on zoom (the link to join is below), and all are welcome. We will have the opportunity to participate together in a ritual of handwashing during the service, as well as in the sharing of Communion; those attending are invited to have a bowl of warm water, a towel, something for the bread, and something for cup all ready in their worship space as we gather.

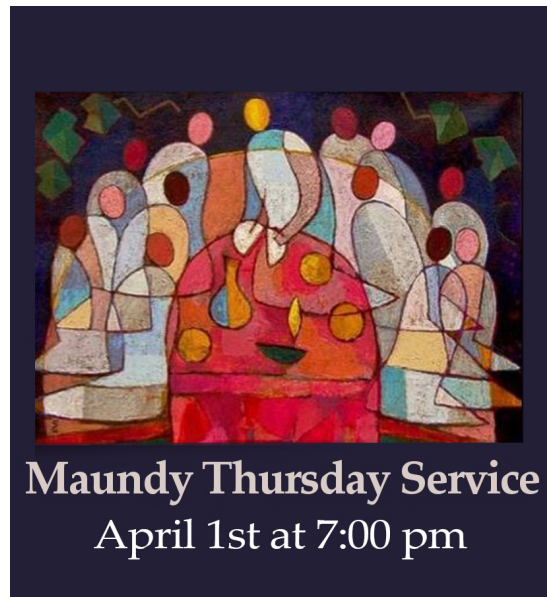
The Maundy Thursday service is a brief but very moving service of Tenebrae, which comes from the Latin for "shadows." It moves from light toward darkness, as together we hear words of the Passion Story, from the end of Jesus' earthly life, and as we consider the shift from the light of Palm Sunday and the tenderness of the Last Supper shared together and the movement toward the darkness of the shadow of the cross.

Please join with your church family in this special Maundy Thursday service of worship by joining us in the zoom room below:

Topic: Maundy Thursday Service of Worship
Time: Apr 1, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
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Support The Lunch Program with Flowers!

Last week we reached the halfway point in Stop and Shop's generous Bloomin' 4 Good Program. Shoppers and supporters have raised **\$75** for First Baptist Church Lunch Program so far!

There's still time to raise more money while bringing some lovely spring flowers into your home!

Go to the Stop and Shop located at 37 Enon Street in Beverly and purchase the \$9.99 Bloomin' 4Good Bouquet with the red circle sticker on it. We will receive a \$1 donation for every Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet sold this month. \$1 Donation = 10+ Meals Donated.



Art With Abby! Now in its Second Week!

Join us online for our latest series for children and families, featuring FBC Beverly's incredible Childcare Coordinator, Abby Johnstone! Art with Abby airs each Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. on our Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistBeverly.

Children and families can come back and watch the video any time their schedules best allow! This program will run weekly for six weeks, through April 20th. Abby (and perhaps some special guests from time to time) will be leading our children and families in creating a fun and creative art project each week, that can be done easily with art supplies around your home. Watch for updates and reminders!



Special Palm Sunday tip: this week's episode features a Palm Sunday craft which is fun for everyone and PERFECT if you're looking for a way to make something for your palms picture for our worship service this Sunday!

Sneak peek at Episode 6 of FBC Beverly's Cloud and Fire Podcast

It is time for a sneak peek at Episode 6 of Cloud and Fire! This week, Jaimie's guest is the Rev. Jennifer Hawks. Jennifer serves as the Associate General Counsel at the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty. The BJC is known for its advocacy for faith freedom for all. Jennifer and Jaimie discuss how we can carry the Christ Light for each other through times of darkness. Jennifer also shares more about the work of the BJC and how you can become involved!

Cloud and Fire is a production of First Baptist Church in Beverly, Massachusetts. Our theme music is by Rebekah Silva. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram [@cloudandfirepod](https://www.instagram.com/cloudandfirepod)!



Thursday Morning Zoom Coffee Break!

Come and gather around the virtual table for a time of connection, laughter, reflection, fellowship, and sharing! There is always room for more to gather, so come and pull up a chair with us!

Topic: Zoom Coffee Time

Time: Mar 25, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88459377533>

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Deepening Your Spiritual Toolbox: Salvation as a Twisting Path

This Friday at 1 p.m. via Facebook Premiere on the [FBC Facebook page](#).

Kent Harrop explores what it means to 'be saved'. We'll consider how the word 'salvation' is not so much a destination, as a journey of discovery, full of twists, turns, detours and ultimately, 'discovery'. Says Kent: 'The twists in life, while often painful, provide the richness to becoming more completely that person the Creator invites us to be'.

Our Friday videos by our music director, Dr. Esther Chang, and, Rev. Kent Harrop, premiere on Fridays at 1:00 pm EST on Facebook Live. Please find them at www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistBeverly. You may access the videos on Facebook anytime, even if you do not have a Facebook account. You may also find the Friday videos on our [YouTube channel \(First Baptist Church Beverly Massachusetts\)](#). Our videos are available to you anytime as a spiritual resource. We hope they will be a blessing to you. Please feel free to share them as a resource for your loved ones.



New Welcome Class

A new welcome class is forming via ZOOM for those who are newer to FBC and want to learn more about the vision, mission and values that make this congregation such a special place! This is also for those interested in becoming a member. Hosted by Kent Harrop, you'll have an opportunity to meet others new to FBC and meet some of the members and staff who make this place thrive. It's a great place to ask your questions. We will meet for four, one-hour sessions via ZOOM starting Mondays on April 5th at 7 p.m. This will be a relaxed and fun time. Email Kent to reserve your place: kharrop@fbcbeverly.org

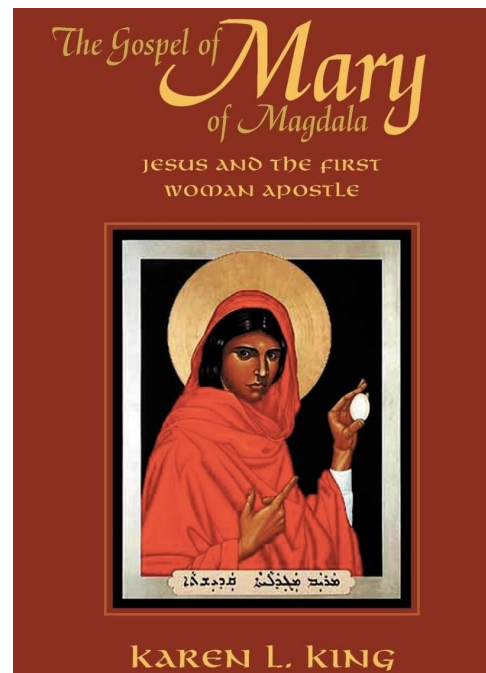


New Book Study Forming for April! Sign up with Julie ASAP!

Calling all life-long learners!

Julie Flowers will be offering a new study group, beginning after Easter on Thursday, April 8th, at 7 p.m. and running for 6 weeks (on Thursday evenings) taking a look at Karen King's *The Gospel of Mary of Magdala: Jesus and the First Woman Apostle* together in class and conversation. As we will be moving in the season of Eastertide – particularly when we consider the vitally important role that Mary Magdalene and other women at the tomb play in the Resurrection story – it seems like a perfect time to consider not only the role of Mary as a disciple but, also, to read, think about, and engage with this noncanonical (meaning not in the Bible as we know it) text that was known and used by some early Christian communities. What might *The Gospel of Mary of Magdala* have to say to us now? Why is it *not* part of our contemporary canon? What does it tell us about the role of women in the Jesus' movement? We will consider all these questions – and more! – together during this time.

This class is open to anyone within the church community who may be interested; please **SIGN UP by emailing Julie** at jflowers@fbcbeverly.org to be added to the class list and to receive updates, information, and, ultimately, the link to the zoom classroom! Participants can order the book through any bookseller (sadly it is not one that is as easily available through our favorite local bookstores, due to a more obscure publisher!). Here is one link to find the book, for reference: <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/gospel-of-mary-of-magdala-karen-l-king/1102738177>. If you are having trouble finding a copy but would like to participate in the class, please reach out to Julie for assistance.



You can also reach out to Julie with any questions you may have about the class as it is coming together! Come and let's find out more about Jesus' first woman apostle together!

Coming Up at FBC



Wednesday, March 24

Episode 6 of "Cloud and Fire" podcast

Thursday, March 25

10:00-11:00 am: Drop-in Zoom Coffee Time

7:15 pm: Maundy Thursday Rehearsal Zoom for participants

Friday, March 26

1:00 pm: Friday on Facebook: Deepening Your Spiritual Toolbox

Saturday, March 27

12:30 pm: Lunch Program (Boxed meal- to-go will be provided from the gym)

Sunday, March 28

10:00 am: Virtual Worship via Facebook Premiere

(Worship video may be viewed on Facebook, YouTube, and our website at any time following the initial Facebook post)

11:00 am: What a Zoom Fellowship

11:15 am: Virtual Children's/Youth Sunday School

4:00pm: Middle School Fellowship

6:00pm: Senior High Zoom Fellowship

Monday, March 29

6:00 pm: Monday Night Supper (Boxed meals-to-go meals will be provided from the gym)

Tuesday, March 30

9:30 am: Staff Meeting

3:00 pm: Art With Abby Episode 3 on Facebook/YouTube

Check out all of FBC Beverly's sermons at fbcbeverly.org/sermons

Walking in the Light We Strain Our Eyes to See

Scriptures:

Psalms 108:1-4 and John 12:27-36

Preacher:

Rev. Jaimie Crumley

