



# Welcome

## Sunday, March 29, 2026

### Catch Up Offering

Inclement weather made us miss two Sundays – one in January and another in February. Because of this, we are running 20% behind our budget goals. On Palms Sunday, March 29, 2026 will have a “Catch Up Sunday.” We encourage everyone to give what they can to help us catch up to our budget goals. Please help ensure we can continue to carry out our ministries by giving as God leads.

### No After Worship Sunday School

There will be no after-worship Sunday School Sunday, March 29 and Sunday, April 5.

### Wednesday Evening Activities

**April 1, 2026**

5:15 p.m. Family Night Meal

Menu: Jody’s Choice

Cost: \$6.00/adult, \$4.00/child, \$20.00/family

6:00 p.m. Music & Missions for Children & Youth on Mission

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

### Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday, April 4, 2026—10:00 a.m.**

All children are invited for a fun morning of hunting eggs on the front lawn. Eggs are now available to be taken home and stuff with individually wrapped candy or treats!

### Holy Week at FBC

Maundy Thursday Service

April 2—7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Community Service

April 3—12:00 p.m.

St. John’s Lutheran Church

Easter Sunday

April 5

9:00 a.m. Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Worship

### Senior Adult Luncheon

**Thursday, April 16, 2026—11:00 a.m.**

Clay Lunsford and Matthew Weaver will entertain. The menu include pinto beans, collard greens, baked apples, cornbread, and dessert. Cost is \$5.00. Please make your reservation by Monday, April 13.



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## *Celebrate & Continue*

Part of the Series: Lent – Fitness for the Soul  
Dr. Nelson Granade

*As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”*

<sup>4</sup> *This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:*

<sup>5</sup> *“Say to Daughter Zion,  
‘See, your king comes to you,  
gentle and riding on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”*

<sup>6</sup> *The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,*

*“Hosanna to the Son of David!”  
“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”  
“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”*

<sup>10</sup> *When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”*

<sup>11</sup> *The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”*

Matthew 21: 1-11

### **An Ending or a Beginning?**

#### **Celebrations Give Us Energy to Move Forward**

Mark Our Accomplishments

Realize We Can Do It!

#### **Palm Sunday is a Celebration**

Jesus Embraces Celebration

People Celebrate Jesus

#### **Palm Sunday Propels Jesus Forward**

#### **Celebrate and Continue**