



Madison Street

United Methodist Church

Service for the Lord's Day ~ March 22, 2026 ~ 10:15 a.m.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

A professionally staffed **nursery** is located through the double doors on the west side (front left) of the sanctuary.
Our nursery is available for children and infants through age 3. **Restrooms** are also located through the double doors on the west side (front left) of the sanctuary.

ENTRANCE

The Chiming of the Hour

The Words of Gathering & Invitation to Worship

The Rev. Harriet Bryan

The Prelude

“Prelude on Hamburg”
Gordon Young

Jeffrey Thomas, Organist

+The Call to Worship *(+Indicates stand as you're able)*

The Rev. Bo Myers

Leader: Come with grief and hope intertwined.

People: We come trusting God holds both.

Leader: Come, believing life is stronger than death.

People: We come ready to receive grace.

Leader: Let us worship the God who calls forth life.

People: Let us worship together.

+The Processional Hymn No. 303 “The Day of Resurrection”

LANCASHIRE

The cross leads the procession as a reminder that Jesus Christ, the Word of God and savior of humanity, is at the center of our worship.

The acolytes light two candles on the altar to symbolize the dual nature of Jesus, fully human and fully divine.

+The Opening Prayer of Confession

Rev. Myers

God of life, we confess that waiting is hard.

When hope feels delayed, we struggle to trust you.

We assume silence means absence.

Meet us in our waiting.

Strengthen our trust.

Call us back to hope. Amen.

+Words of Assurance

Rev. Myers

Leader: Jesus is the resurrection and the life. God's love does not arrive too late.

Nothing—not even death—has the final word.

People: In Christ, we are forgiven and given life. Thanks be to God. Amen.

+Passing of the Peace

Rev. Myers

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Act of Praise

“Blessed Assurance”
arr. Cindy Berry

Madison Street Choir

(Text may be found on Hymn No. 369.)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

+The Gospel Lesson

John 11:1-44

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Neil Hough
Anne Hough
Madison Frank
Rick Walton

Next Gen Moment

The Rev. Bo Myers

*After the Next Gen moment, children ages Pre-K through Grade 5
will be dismissed to Kids Core to worship in an exciting, child-oriented way!*

At the conclusion of worship, dismissal locations are: Pre-K: Rm. 308, Kindergarten: Rm. 309, Grades 1-5: Rm. 307

*Pre-K – Kindergarten Topic: **Four Friends Help** Grades 1 – 5 Topic: **The Faces of Easter***

+Hymn No. 266

“Heal Us, Emmanuel, Hear Our Prayer”

GRAFENBERG

The Sermon

“Unbind Him”

Rev. Bryan

Points to Ponder & Questions to Consider

“Grief is not a disorder, a disease, or a sign of weakness. It is an emotional, spiritual and physical necessity, the price you pay for love. The only cure for grief is to grieve.” —*Rabbi Earl Grollman*

Where might I be avoiding grief rather than honoring it?

What expectations about God’s timing may need to be released?

How might facing reality open space for life and love among us?

The Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer No. 895

Rev. Sharp

*If you have a prayer request to share with our pastors, please email us at prayer@madisonstreetumc.org
or fill out a prayer card found in the R.O.W. books and place in the offering plate.*

Staff-Parish Relations Committee Update

Vivian King, Chair

The Offering of Our Gifts to God

Rev. Bryan

Your generosity enables us to make a difference in our community and world.

To give online, go to madisonstreetumc.org/giving or scan the QR code located on the green online giving card.

To give from your phone, text GIVE2MSUMC to 73256.

The Offertory

“Just as I Am”

arr. Cindy Berry

Jeffrey Thomas, Organist

+The Doxology No. 95

OLD 100th

SENDING FORTH

+The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Bryan

*You are invited to come forward during the final hymn to light a candle—for yourself or for someone you love.
As you do, you may name what you or they carry: disappointment or grief, old shame, fear that still binds,
or the stories and roles that no longer fit who you are becoming.*

The light is a sign that Christ stands with us still, calling us out of the tomb and into life.

+The Hymn No.

“Faith Begins By Letting Go”

DIX

Faith begins by letting go, giving up what had seemed sure,
taking risks and pressing on, though the way feels less secure:
pilgrimage both right and odd, trusting all our life to God.

Faith endures by holding on, keeping mem’ry’s roots alive
so that hope may bear its fruit; promise-fed, our souls will thrive,
not through merit we possess but by God’s great faithfulness.

Faith matures by reaching out, stretching minds, enlarging hearts,
sharing struggles, living prayer, binding up the broken parts;
till we find the commonplace ripe with witness to God’s grace.

+The Benediction

Rev. Bryan

+The Postlude

“O Worship the King”

arr. Harold DeCou

Jeffrey Thomas, Organist

*The acolytes lead us into the world carrying the light of Christ as a reminder
that God sends each of us into the world to share Christ’s light with others.*

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in memory Matthew Hodges by Mark Hodges & family.

To donate flowers in March, contact Carole Anne Smith (931) 645-6586 or nansmi2@bellsouth.net.

Worship Leaders in Today’s Service:

The Rev. Harriet Bryan ~ Senior Pastor

The Rev. Bo Myers ~ Associate Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Tim Sharp ~ Pastoral Associate for the Arts

Vivian King ~ Staff-Parish Relations Committee Chair

Ashley Menard & Bruce Anderson ~ Technical Team

Neil Hough ~ Scripture Reader

Anne Hough ~ Scripture Reader

Madison Frank ~ Scripture Reader

Rick Walton ~ Scripture Reader

Noah Greenfield & Taylor Walter ~ Acolytes

Jeffrey Thomas ~ Organist

Madison Street Choir

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CONGREGATIONAL CARE & CONCERNS

We value privacy, and we believe in prayer. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please email prayer@madisonstreetumc.org or call the church office.

We extend Christian sympathy to the friends and family of Henry Baggett, who passed away on Saturday, March 14, 2026, at his home.

Aleeta Christian
Carol Pring
Chris Patton
Chris Towe
Christina Creech
Desi Burdick
Doris Davenport
Elaine Yarzab
Emilia Isaacs
Ezra Moore
Griffin Myers

Ivan Scholle
Jake West & Family
Jeff Johnston
Jerry White
Johnny Peay
Judy Smith
Karen Scholle
Kay Martin
Ken Kroll
Kristin Armistead Helms
Mary Kidd

Morgen Smith
Polly Wallace Parker
Rev. Charles Becher
Rev. Cliff Wright
Rita Collett
Ronnie Albright
Silas Fritts
Sherri Harvill
Suicide Epidemic
Military Families

Next Gen Update

SPRC has approved a 90-day interim coordination period for Next Gen ministries.

Patti Nidiffer, who has served in our children's ministries since 2013, will serve in this interim role while continuing as a preschool teacher. We are grateful for her leadership during this season as we continue discerning long-term Next Gen leadership.



This Week at *Madison Street*

Sunday, March 22

8:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Nursery/Childcare Available (2 nd Floor Sanctuary Hall)
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Small Groups (Various Locations)
10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Beyond Limits (Rm. 215 – Sanctuary Hall)
10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary & Streaming)
1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Reunification Space Meeting (MSUMC)
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	UMYF (Hilldale UMC)

Monday, March 23

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	UWF/Esther-Rebekah Group (Rm. 103)
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Wednesday, March 25

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Rm. 107)
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.	Midweek Meal (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m. – 6:50 p.m.	Preschool Choir (2 nd Floor Classrooms)
6:00 p.m. – 6:50 p.m.	Younger Children's Choir (2 nd Floor Classrooms)
6:00 p.m. – 6:50 p.m.	Youth Choir (Youth Room)
6:00 p.m. – 6:50 p.m.	Laudate Handbells (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Madison Street Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, March 26

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl (Library)
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Sunday, March 29

All Day	Palm Sunday
8:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Nursery/Childcare Available (2 nd Floor Sanctuary Hall)
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Small Groups (Various Locations)
10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Beyond Limits (Rm. 215 – Sanctuary Hall)
10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary & Streaming)
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Visioning Meeting (Conference Room)
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	UMYF (Hilldale UMC)

Holy Week Noon Services

Area United Methodist churches invite you to pause in the middle of your day for a brief, shared act of worship this Holy Week. Join us for thirty minutes of prayer, scripture, and reflection each day — Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, March 30–April 1 — at noon at Sango United Methodist Church, 3301 Sango Road, Clarksville.

Holy Week can easily be swallowed by the pace of ordinary life. These midday services offer a simple invitation: come on your lunch break, step out of the noise, and walk deliberately toward Easter.

Children's Choirs:

Age 3 - 1st Grade

2nd - 5th Grades

6th - 12th Grades

(Nursery for 2 and under)

M3

at **MADISON STREET UMC**

Adult Offerings:

Conversation Group

Games

Free Wifi

Hang Out

Meal • Music • Meaning

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

MEAL - 5:30 P.M.

CHOIRS & PROGRAMMING - 6-7 P.M.

Remembrance Easter Lilies

Cost: **\$25 per plant**

Deadline for purchasing: **March 27**

Lilies will be available to take home after
the Easter Sunday services.

To purchase, scan the QR code
or call the church office
(931) 647-0221.





PALM SUNDAY

10:15 AM Madison Street UMC

MAUNDY THURSDAY

5:45 PM Hilldale UMC (Family-Centered)

OR

6:00 PM First Presbyterian

GOOD FRIDAY

6:00 PM Good Friday Tenebrae Service

EASTER SUNDAY

8:15 AM Service at Madison Street

9:15 AM Brunch at Madison Street

9:45 AM Egg Hunt at Madison Street

10:15 AM Service at Madison Street



EASTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Greeters
- Communion Servers
- Sanctuary "Straighten Up"
- Photographers

For more information or to volunteer, scan the QR code or call the church office (931) 647-0221.

