

# Holy Week

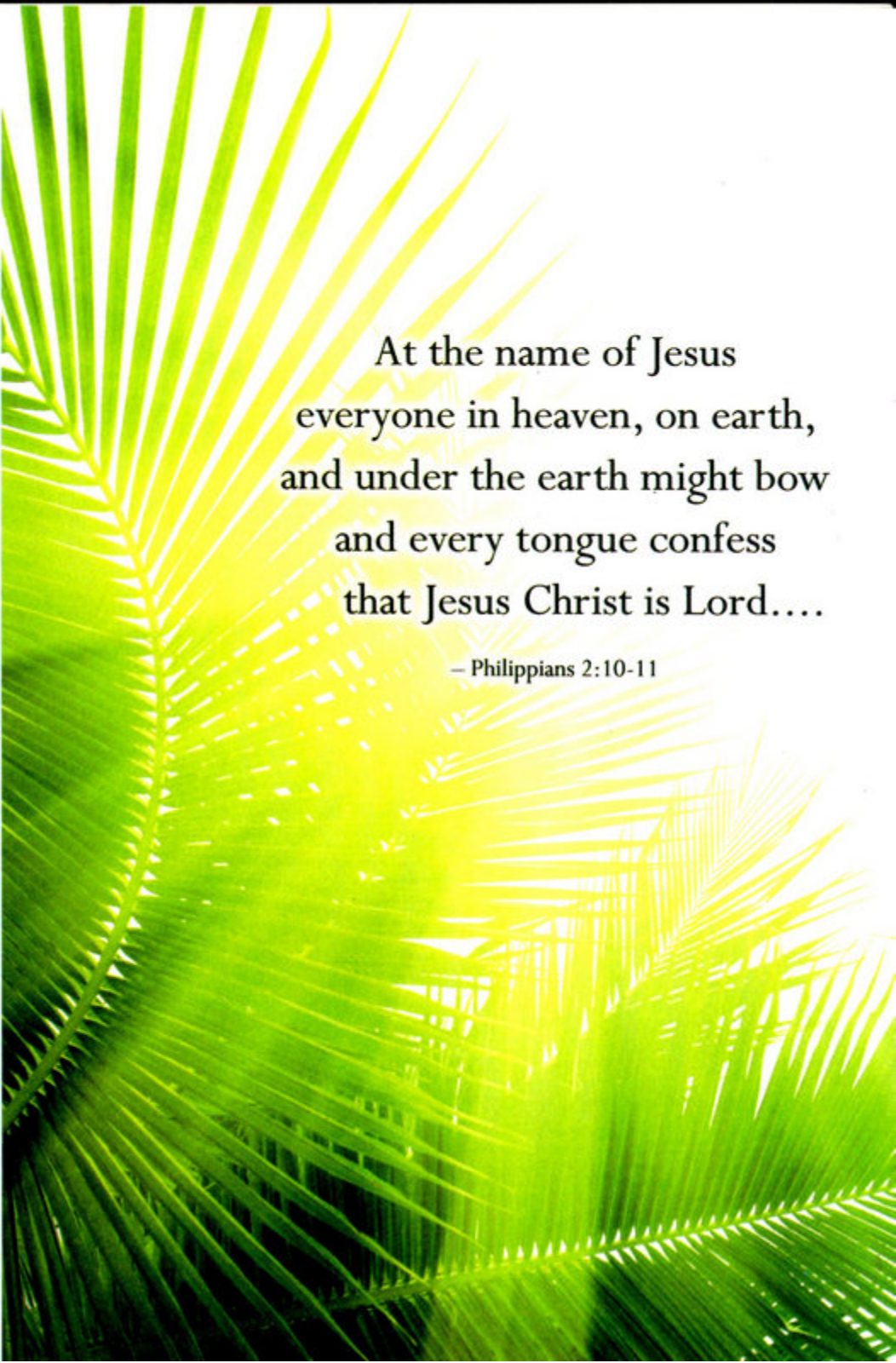
**T**oday is the first day of Holy Week, the week immediately preceding Easter. All of Lent has been building up to this week. Holy Week is a time to return to our baptism and undertake our own journey to new life in Christ. We must accompany Jesus in his suffering and death so that we will be raised with him and walk in newness of life. We celebrate Holy Week as a series of events that occurred long ago but also as a pattern in which we participate today.

The gift of new life we receive at Easter transforms everything in the world, but we often live as if Jesus never influenced us. In the course of our busy lives, we forget and find ourselves living our old life of pride, expecting recognition for every good deed and contribution, wandering in places we should not go (and ending up feeling alienated from God), or being lazy and cynical, which poisons our spiritual energy and keeps us from seeing the good around us. We convince ourselves that we are the captains of our own ship and the center of our world.

To cleanse ourselves of these spiritual poisons, we slowly and deliberately take one step at a time through Holy Week, starting with Palm and Passion Sunday, journeying through Jesus' last Passover with his disciples on Holy Thursday, and considering his crucifixion on Good Friday. We kneel and repent of our pride, wandering, laziness, and cynicism as we travel the dark roads with Jesus. We die to our old selves. Only then are we able to wake up and begin anew on Easter Sunday, allowing God to be ruler of our lives.

This week will you bow low, humble yourself, and allow Jesus to be Lord of your life?

—Dale Clem



At the name of Jesus  
everyone in heaven, on earth,  
and under the earth might bow  
and every tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord....

—Philippians 2:10-11



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03-26 Marie and John Baldauf  
04-05 Judy and Ed Colwell  
04-09 Kathy and C. J. Strife  
04-06 Ivy and Jeff Sabatini

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!!

03-27 Kathy Klapp  
03-31 Janet Jacoby  
04-08 Ret Ludwig  
04-10 Jacque Durkin  
03-29 Bert Mainey  
04-06 Robert Dodson, Fred Moore  
04-09 Kathy Strife  
04-11 Vern Conway

Please check your calendar and see if you are free to greet/usher and/or read the gospel. See sign-up sheet on the sanctuary board or contact **Angie Harting at 843.705.0917**

Please notify Jane Disney by **noon** on **THURSDAY**, any prayer requests, announcements, anniversaries or birthdays to be placed in the bulletin. [jabdisney@gmail.com](mailto:jabdisney@gmail.com) 843.707.1764

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### CHURCH MEMBERS

Nancy Adkins	George Batten	Jean/Doug Corkern
Ruth and Tom Dolan	June Dorsey	Marcia/Ron Garner
Adeline/Al Gibson	Eddie Goldfinch	Todd Hicks
Judi Landin	Kathie Leonard	Carolyn Ransier
Gail Rogers	Emily Simmons	Jane Slayton
Carol Vineyard	Jon Watkins	Shirley Wissman

### FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

Richard, brother of Skip Blymiller  
Susan, daughter of Ethel Lollis  
Diane Manning, wife of Jim Manning's nephew  
Cindy Phinney, sister of Richard Smith  
Duane & Celesta Warner, brother/sister-in-law of Mildred Schildkamp  
Robert Stout, son-in-law of Jane Tiffany  
Howard Wick, son of Jane and Jerry Wick  
Nancy, sister of Dottie Apgar  
Mary and Bob Burns, friends of Dottie Apgar  
Hannah Nystrom, friend of Marie and John Baldauf  
Carl, brother of Joann Sandruck  
Jim McCarthy friend of Ginny and Dennis Smith  
Pete Ender friend of Ginny and Dennis Smith  
Lois Filkins, widow of Frank Filkins  
Gail Kraemer, daughter of Shirley Wissman  
Evelyn Macy, friend of Mike and Marge Kirwan  
Marilyn and John Jameson, friends of Judy and Jon Watkins  
Jody Vogler, daughter of Marilyn/John Jameson, friends of Judy/Jon Watkins  
Joyce Homer, friend of church member  
Robert Major, friend of Debbie and Paul Tomasi  
Maureen Newcamp, cousin of June Dorsey  
Clovis Albert, friend of Sharon and Andy Makarick

Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 7:30 PM      **AA Meeting**  
Wednesday – 10:30 AM                      **Al-Anon Meeting**  
Thursday – 7-8 PM                      **Women’s Candlelight AA Group**

We will be rekeying the locks to both the sanctuary and fellowship hall in the near future. Let me know if you need keys. I can be contacted at [jim\\_seymore@usa.com](mailto:jim_seymore@usa.com) or 843.368.9722.                      Jim Seymore

**ST. LUKE’S**  
Holy Maundy Thursday Service  
March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

**EASTER BRUNCH** "A few from St. Luke's who are alone for Easter are going to the Golden Corral after the second service, meeting there at 11:45 a.m. If you wish to join us, please notify June Dorsey at [juned288@yahoo.com](mailto:juned288@yahoo.com), or [843-705-3477](tel:843-705-3477), or Jim Manning at [jwmanning518@gmail.com](mailto:jwmanning518@gmail.com), by Thursday, March 29 please. "

**THANK YOU** to everyone who came yesterday to help make our “traditional” Palm Crosses. Your participation was greatly appreciated.

**THANKS** to an anonymous donor, we have a new microphone in the sanctuary which will be very helpful for our singers and musicians.

## EPWORTH CHILDREN’S HOME

Cookout for Kids! It’s time for the annual Epworth Children’s Home Spring BBQ Fundraiser in Columbia, Saturday, April 14, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. featuring delicious BBQ chicken, pork and Boston Butts! Award-winning cooks plus music and a display of restored antique Model A Fords and bake sale, yummy. You can also support the kids by helping cover some event costs. Please contact Dave Disney, [disneydw1@gmail.com](mailto:disneydw1@gmail.com)) or **706.372.2178**, St. Luke’s Local Church Epworth Representative for opportunities and let’s demonstrate our continued support. All proceeds go directly to Epworth Children’s Home.

## INVITATION

I would like to invite the members of St. Luke's to join me for breakfast on Tuesday morning at St. Paul UMC-Ridgeland and for breakfast on Friday at Port Royal UMC-Port Royal for their Holy Week Breakfast service.

Both services begin with breakfast at 7:00 am with the service commencing at 7:30. I will be speaking at both services and would like to invite each of you to join us as we journey through Holy Week. The address for each church is listed below:

Tuesday, March 27	Friday, March 30
St. Paul UMC	Port Royal UMC
7488 West Main Street	1602 Columbia Avenue
Ridgeland, SC 29936	Port Royal, SC 29935

Rev. Brian

**CAKE**....Please stop by for a slice of the March Birthday Cake between services in the Fellowship Hall.