

**WATCH BRIDGEPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ONLINE**

The service is streamed live at 10:45 AM, on Sundays, and is archived online for later viewing as well. Share this with persons you know who are out of town or unable to attend our Worship Service in person. **Visit the Church Website at** [www.bridgeportumc.org](http://www.bridgeportumc.org) and click "Watch Online".

**REVIVE RECOVERY** meets each Wednesday at 6:30 PM at our Johnson Avenue Campus.

**BIBLE STUDY — THE BOOK OF ACTS:** Join us for our Bible study on the Book of Acts on Thursdays, at 7:00 PM in the Intermediate Chapel (Sanctuary Overflow area). We'll explore how the early church was formed, challenged, and sent into the world—and what this Spirit-led story means for the church today. Whether you are new to Bible study or looking to go deeper, you are welcome.

**IN HOLY WEEK** we walk with Jesus—from the cheers of Palm Sunday, to the intimacy of the Upper Room, to the shadow of the cross. On Easter, we stand before the empty tomb and hear again the announcement that changes everything: Christ is risen. We invite you to join us:

† **HOLY WEEK MIDDAY EUCHARIST**

Monday–Wednesday, March 30–April 1 at 12:00 noon  
Intermediate Chapel (Sanctuary Overflow)  
Pause in the midst of Holy Week for a quiet service of Scripture, brief reflection, and Holy Communion. Each day we will follow the movement of the week—Jesus in the temple, Jesus teaching, and the shadow of betrayal—as we prepare our hearts for the cross. These simple 30-minute services will offer space for prayer, stillness, and the grace of the Table.

† **MAUNDY THURSDAY** - April 2 at 7:00 pm

† **GOOD FRIDAY** - April 3  
BUMC Campus/12:00 noon  
Simpson Creek Baptist Church/6 PM

† **THE FIRST SERVICE OF EASTER** - Saturday, April 4 at 6:15 pm

† **EASTER SUNRISE WORSHIP** - Sunday, April 5 at 7:00 am breakfast to follow

† **EASTER WORSHIP CELEBRATION** - Sunday, April 5 at 8:30 am & 10:45 AM and 9:45 am (Johnson Campus)

**EASTER FOOD BASKET DROP OFF** is Monday, March 30 from 9:30 –11:00 AM on the front porch.

**Weekly Devotional Reading**

Sunday: John 13:31-38

Monday: Psalm 109:21-31

Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 13:1-7

Wednesday: Romans 8:1-6

Thursday: John 15:9-17

Friday: John 20:19-30

Saturday: Luke 24:13-27

**Breath Prayer This Week**

Jesus, our Lord and Commander, help us to obey your instruction to love and serve one another as you love us. Amen.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES**

Adult Sunday School Classes:

Bread of Life SS/Library/9:30AM

Faith, Family, Friends/Parlor/9:30 AM

Youth SS/Education Building/9:30 AM

Young Explorers SS/ages 3-5th grade/

Primary Chapel/9:30 AM

Nursery Care/Infant-2 year old/

Nursery/9:30 AM

Children's Church Ages 5 thru 5<sup>th</sup>

grade/10:45 AM/Children's

Church room, back of

Sanctuary

Lectionary Bible Study/Thursdays/

Library/10:00 AM

Bible Study/Sanctuary overflow/

Thursdays/7:00 PM

L.I.F.E. Bible Study/Johnson Ave.

Campus/Tuesdays/ 7:30 PM

**AVAILABLE SERVICES—ASK AN USHER FOR ASSISTANCE**

**6:15 PM SATURDAY EVENINGS, infants**

**through age 5,** Nursery, hallway by back Chapel

**8:30 Service Childcare - infants-5 years,**

Nursery, hallway by back Chapel

**10:45 Service Childcare - infants-2 years,**

Nursery, hallway by back Chapel

**10:45 Service Childcare for 2, 3 & 4 yr.**

**olds,** Educ. Bldg. - 1st room on right

**10:45 Children's Church - ages 5-5<sup>th</sup> grade,**

Children's Church Room

**Large Print Hymnals** at main entrance to the Sanctuary

**Prayer Cards** to indicate special concerns are located in the pew racks

**Membership Directories** are available in the Church Office.

**SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE**

**March 28, 2026**

**6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

GATHERING MUSIC

Tom Price

\*HYMN

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

UMH 278

\*INVOCATION

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINISTRY STEWARDSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES

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~ Please visit our website, [bridgeportumc.org](http://bridgeportumc.org) for regular updates.

WORD IN MUSIC

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Luke 19:29-40*

MESSAGE

*As He Came Near the City*

Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed*

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PASTORAL PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Go to Dark Gethsemane* (verses 1-3)

UMH 290

\*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*SENDING FORTH AND POSTLUDE

Child Care is available for infants – 5 years old in the Nursery in the back hallway by the Chapel

\*Indicates standing as able.

**Bridgeport United Methodist Church**

**March 29, 2026 † 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM**



**WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE VISION OF "MATTHEW 25"**

We are a community of faith focused on being in ministry with and for the least, the last, the lonely, and the left out. Jesus said, "When you do it to the least of these, you do it unto me" (Matthew 25:40). This is our primary work. Please join us as we strengthen ourselves for the task in worship, prayer, and study and then go forth to serve in Matthew 25 Ministries.

**WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

PRELUDES

*The Rejoicing*

by G.F. Handel, arr. Chuck Seipp

*Rhosymedre*

R. Vaughan Williams, arr. Woodrow English

*Salvation is Created*

by P. Tchesnokov, arr. John Schooley

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.

Today's leader is Tim Morgan.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

INTROIT

*Shout Hosanna!*

Vicki H. Wright

*Sing Hosanna*

Mark Patterson

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Reader: Rejoice greatly, O people of God!

**ALL: Your King comes to you, humble and riding on a donkey.**

Reader: Lift your voices in praise!

**ALL: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Reader: He comes not with power as the world knows it, but with peace.

**ALL: He comes to bring mercy, forgiveness, and new life.**

Reader: Come, let us worship the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

**ALL: Hosanna in the highest!**

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Reader: Gracious and loving God, on this day of celebration, we lift our voices with the crowds who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem. We give you praise for you come to us in your Son Jesus Christ, our Savior and King.

O God, help us, who acclaim Jesus as King, to follow him in the way of the cross and share in the promise of his resurrection.

**ALL: Through your Holy Spirit, open our hearts to your presence among us and receive our worship this day; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.**

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

\*HYMN OF WORSHIP

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

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(10:45 Children K-5th Grade only may leave for Children's Church. Younger children see back of bulletin for locations of nurseries.)

**SUNDAY WORSHIP @ JOHNSON AVENUE**

**March 29, 2026**

**9:45 AM**

**Gathering to Praise**

Prayer of Invocation and Invitation

\*Scripture Choruses and Songs

Jim Harris

**Growing in the Word**

Scripture

*Luke 22:39-46*

Message

*Let Us Pray*

Rick Curtis

**Glorifying God Through Communion and Response**

Holy Communion

(This sacrament or "Holy Covenant" is a way of visibly remembering God's Sacrificial Love given in Christ Jesus and receiving his grace anew.)

**Going Forth to Share and Serve**

Ministry Stewardship and Opportunities

\*Closing Song

\*Benediction and Sending Forth

\*Indicates standing as able.

**TITHES & OFFERINGS**



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MINISTRY STEWARDSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES

- ~ Please fill out a prayer card if desired and place it in an offering basket.
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\*DOXOLOGY **Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart** Tune: MARION  
**Our glad hosannas raise to God forevermore;**  
**the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, our Lord whom we adore.**  
**Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

WORD IN MUSIC **Hosannas Everywhere** Robert A. Hobby  
 Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosannas everywhere;  
 a King comes riding into town, excitement fills the air.  
 Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosannas, voices raise;  
 the Prince of Peace has come today, we lift our voice in praise.  
 Who is this King who comes to us? Is he the chosen one?  
 Will he deliver us from pain? Is he the promised Son?  
 We have these questions in our mind, Are we to be set free?  
 Our spirits soar with hopeful thought; we'll watch and look and see.  
 Hosanna...  
 His face reflects the pain he feels; concern is in his eyes.  
 He sees the fate of all the world; he hears their bitter cries.  
 A cross looms further down the road; our King has come to save.  
 Our Savior plods on toward a hill; dark night, sharp thorns, a grave.  
 Hosanna....

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON **Luke 19:29-40**  
 When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,  
 "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!  
 Peace in heaven,  
 and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."  
 Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE **All Hail King Jesus** FWS 2069  
 MESSAGE **As He Came Near the City** Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh  
 \*HYMN OF RESPONSE **Ride On, Ride On in Majesty** Tune: HAMBURG

- Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;  
O Savior meek, pursue your road,  
with palms and scattered garments strowed.**
  - Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
O Christ, your triumphs now begin  
o'er captive death and conquered sin.**
  - Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
The angel armies of the sky  
look down with sad and wondering eyes  
to see th'approaching sacrifice.**
  - Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
bow your meek head to mortal pain,  
then take, O God, your power and reign.**
- Text by Henry Hart Milman (1827)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF PARDON  
 Reader: Merciful God, today we have joined the crowds who welcomed Jesus with praise. Yet we confess that we are not so different from those crowds. Like them, we do not always understand the way of your kingdom.  
**ALL: We want a king who meets our expectations, not one who calls us to humility and sacrifice.**

Reader: We seek power where you offer peace. We look for victory where you call us to the cross.

**ALL: Forgive us, Lord, when we celebrate your name but resist your way, and when we hold back our tears instead of bringing our hearts before you.**

Reader: Open our eyes to see your truth, and turn our hearts back to you.  
**ALL: Renew us by your grace, that we may follow Jesus faithfully on the way that leads to life. Amen.**

*Moments of Silent Prayer*  
 Reader: Hear the good news: Christ comes to us in mercy, not condemnation. The One who weeps over the world also bears its sorrow on the cross. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
**ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ENTERING HOLY WEEK  
 Reader: Gracious God, as we stand on the brink of Holy Week, give us grace to recognize the King we proclaim and the way he leads us. Give us courage to be a part of your kingdom – even when it goes against our ways and the ways of the world, even when it takes us where we do not want to go.  
**ALL: We are happy to join the crowd, waving branches – but not so sure we want to follow you through this week:**

Reader: into the temple courts  
**ALL: into the upper room**  
 Reader: into the garden of Gethsemane  
**ALL: to the high priest's house,**  
 Reader: to the assembly of elders,  
**ALL: to Pilate,**  
 Reader: to Herod,  
**ALL: to the place of the Skull,**  
 Reader: to the foot of the cross. Holy Spirit, we need you to go with us on this journey. Grant us clear vision, courageous hearts, and steady steps.

**ALL: Though we know what this week will bring, we still cry: Hosanna, hosanna. Save us, we beseech you! Amen.**

\*SENDING HYMN **We Sang Our Glad Hosannas** (verses 1-4) FWS 2111

\*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE **I Want Jesus to Walk with Me** arr. by Thomas Keesecker

\*Indicates standing as able.

**Ministering in the Service:** Cheryl Bramble – liturgist; Brett Miller – pianist; Chancel Choir; Seraphim Singers; Cherub Choir; Jubilate Singers; West Virginia Brass Quintet - Matthew Barabas - trumpet; David Porter- trumpet; Andy Scott - horn; Brian Plitnik - trombone; Logan Lindsey - tuba



OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (March 29– April 5)

SUNDAY

8:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:30 AM	Bread of Life SS	Library
9:30 AM	Faith, Family, Friends SS	Parlor
9:30 AM	Young Explorers SS (Pre K3-5th)	Primary Chapel
9:30 AM	Youth Sunday School	Education Building
9:45 AM	Worship @ Johnson Ave.	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:45 AM	Maplewood Worship Service	Maplewood
10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:30 PM	Confirmation Class	Educational Building
5:00 PM	Cherub Choir will not meet	Primary Chapel
5:00 PM	Jubilate Singers will not meet	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Children's Handbells will not meet	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Seraphim Singers will not meet	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Balcony
6:00-7:00 PM	Mid/Sr. High Youth	Education Building

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
9:30-11:00 AM	Food Basket Drop Off	Porch
12:00 Noon	Eucharist Service	Sanctuary Overflow

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting will not meet	Fowler Heritage Room
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus
12:00 Noon	Eucharist Service	Sanctuary Overflow

WEDNESDAY

12:00 Noon	Eucharist Service	Sanctuary Overflow
6:30 PM	Revive Recovery	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	Men's Prayer and Coffee	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	PreventiCare	Nursery
10:00 AM	Lectionary Class	Library
6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service	Sanctuary
7:00 PM	Bible Study will not meet	Sanctuary Overflow

FRIDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Sister's Bible Study	Fowler Heritage Room
12:00 Noon	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary

SATURDAY

6:15 PM	Saturday Evening Service	Sanctuary
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SUNDAY, April 5

7:00 AM	Sunrise Worship Service/breakfast to follow	Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall
8:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:30 AM	Sunday School	
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