

# SANCTUARY WORSHIP

Sanctuary Worship Services • 9:00 a.m.

As we gather to worship in reverence, please check all electronic devices prior to the beginning of the service.

## Welcome

**Prelude** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" E. Broughton

## Bringing of the Light into the Sanctuary

## Opening Prayer

Merciful Savior, it is our privilege and delight to be in your presence and to bring our praises and worship to you. We celebrate your arrival in Jerusalem; we anticipate the agony that is before you; we await your victory over death. Grant that we might walk this journey alongside you as faithful disciples, rather than as participants of the fickle crowd. Amen.

†**Opening Hymn** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" #278

## Call to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**This house of worship blesses you, holy God.**

God has sent the Light of the World to us.

**Let us celebrate God's gift with a procession of palms and shouts of "Hosanna!"**

O give thanks to the Lord. God is good to us!

**God's steadfast love endures forever!**

**Special Music** "The Holy City" F.E. Weatherly & S. Adams

†**Scripture** John 14:1-7 NT108

## Sharing of Joys and Concerns

## Pastoral Prayer

## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory** "Tell Me the Story" Joseph Martin

†**Doxology** #95

**Message** "I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" Rev. Melissa Smith

**Holy Communion** UMH p.12

†**Closing Hymn** "Were You There" #288

## †Benediction

## †Carrying of the Light into the World

†**Postlude** "Ride On in Triumph, O King" H. Balcombe

(please remain in place until the Postlude is finished)

†Please stand as you're able.

## BY OUR SERVICE:

**Lay Liturgist:** Jordan Curtis

**Greeters (9 a.m.):** Carole Cinci

**Gathering Greeters:** Katie Sumner

**Ushers:** Larry Rhodes, Doug Jones, Rufus Beaty, Harold Masengil, Chris Trew

**Acolytes:** Wyatt Rucker and Max Hulslander

**Pew Keepers:** Susanna Wesley Circle

**Offering Counters:** Terry Stansell and Rick Lay

**Communion Servers:** Rick and Susan Kesler

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Keith Church is partnering with other area congregations for worship this Holy Week.** A Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion will be held at Allen Memorial UMC at 7pm. A Good Friday service of Tenebrae — the *service of shadows* — will be offered in the Gathering here at Keith Church, also at 7pm. In addition, the Athens Community Holy Week services will run April 3-9 (see the insert for more information).

**The annual Keith Church egg hunt will be held on April 8 from 4pm-6pm at the home of Scottie and Lisa Mayfield.** Fun, fellowship, and hot dogs will be provided. The address is 151 Highway 307, Athens, TN (look for the balloons marking the driveway).

**The monthly meeting of the United Methodist Men will be held at Maddi Mae's on Thursday, April 6 at 8am.** All men are welcome to join for food and fellowship.

**We will be collecting an Easter offering that will allow us to purchase school supplies and hygiene items for children at C.A.S.A. and also nourishment drinks for patients being treated through Starr Oncology.** Help us be a blessing to others this Easter!

**Come home to Keith! In 2024, Keith Memorial UMC will celebrate 200 years of ministry.** We are making big plans to mark this momentous occasion in the life of our church, but we need your help. How do you want to see Keith celebrate its bicentennial year? Let us know by using the form on our website, sending an email to keithmethodist200@gmail.com, or by contacting Amy Cinci Sullins at 423-381-9667.

**After the great success of our last class, Intentional Parenting (led by the Rymers — thank you again!), we will be having another book study during Sunday School hour.** This time we will be studying *Boundaries with Kids* by Cloud and Townsend. Bill and Karen Tindell are inviting parents into "The Connection Zone" as they guide the class through a six-week study that will involve a lot of discussion. Expect to learn what boundaries are, how to implement them with your kids, and that you aren't alone in the challenges that face you as a parent! Class runs from April 2 to May 14 (skipping Easter). Used books may be purchased from Mark Reedy for \$5. The Connection Zone will meet in the Confirmation Classroom (across the hall from Sarah Prince's class).



April 2 – Day 98: John 4: 1-42  
April 3 – Day 99: Acts 9: 1-19  
April 4 – Day 100: Luke 9: 18-27

# INFORMATION & RESPONSE CARD

## WELCOME!

## ARE YOU VISITING WITH US TODAY?

Tell us about your visit by completing this card and placing it in a basket by the door. For additional information about Keith Memorial United Methodist Church, stop by our Welcome Tables located outside the sanctuary and The Gathering. Also, visit us on social media or on our website, keithumc.org.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle one:

VISITOR

FIRST TIME GUEST

TODAY I ATTENDED: — 9 A.M. SERVICE — 11 A.M. SERVICE

— SANCTUARY — GATHERING

I WOULD LIKE TO BE CONTACTED BY:

PHONE  EMAIL  MAIL

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

## PRAYER REQUESTS

To share prayer concerns with the pastors or Wednesday Prayer Group, please complete this card and place it in the basket.

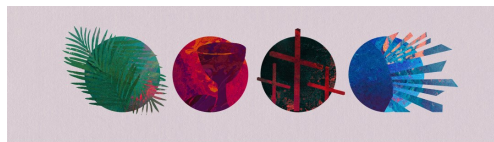
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Please share this information:

\_\_\_\_\_ In the church bulletin

\_\_\_\_\_ With pastor only

\_\_\_\_\_ With the Thursday Prayer Group only



**April 2** | Palm Sunday at Keith  
(9am in the Sanctuary and 11am in the Gathering)

**April 6** | Maundy Thursday at Allen Memorial UMC  
(7pm)

**April 7** | Good Friday at Keith  
(7pm in the Gathering)

**April 9** | Easter Sunday at Keith  
(9am in the Sanctuary and 11am in the Gathering)



KEITH CHURCH INVITES YOU TO THE ANNUAL  
**Easter Egg Hunt**  
SATURDAY, APRIL 8

4pm - 6pm | Scottie and Lisa Mayfield's House  
151 Highway 307, Athens, TN  
(look for the balloons marking the driveway)

FUN, FELLOWSHIP, AND HOT DOGS WILL BE PROVIDED.

# Remember in Prayer

THOSE HOSPITALIZED ♦ THOSE GRIEVING ♦ HEALTH CARE WORKERS ♦ FIRST RESPONDERS ♦ THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Marc Adams               | Jeff Elrod           | Dick Pelley                |
| Cody Arbuthnot           | Holly Enten          | Joanne Polivka             |
| Graham Archer            | Cindy Fogleman       | Jace Pratt                 |
| Mark Bandy               | Norbert Hashe        | Paul Pratt                 |
| Jake Barnett             | J.J. Jaramillo       | Johnny Price               |
| Helen Bender             | Les Jones            | Mildred & Jerry Prince     |
| Savannah Passmore Blair  | Terry Keeble         | Joe Rainey                 |
| Christy & Robby Brisbane | Derek Keith          | Tom Reed                   |
| Nettie Brown             | Ken Kelly            | David Reese                |
| Wayne Cagle              | Susan Kelly          | David & Ada Robinson       |
| Rob Camper               | John Powers          | Marilyn Rowden             |
| Tony Cardin              | Janet & Gaylord Lyon | Julia Slone                |
| Linda Chestnutt          | Ken McGrew           | Ronnie Starr               |
| Brenda Clanton           | Alesia McNeely       | Judy Sullins               |
| Jeff Clark               | Joe Meade            | R.C. Truelove              |
| Sharon Davis             | Jane Mucklow         | Family of Shirley Williams |
| Peggy Dover              | Sam Natter           | Nate Wood                  |
| Linda Dugan              | Michael Parente      |                            |
| Butch Duke               | Eliana Parris        |                            |

## Weekly Calendar: April 2-April 9

- Sunday:** 9 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service  
11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
- Tuesday:** 8 a.m. Yoga, Gym  
7 p.m. Al-Anon
- Wednesday:** 6 p.m. Children and Middle School Youth  
6 p.m. Choir Practice
- Thursday:** 9:30 a.m. In-person Prayer Group, Conference Room  
7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service (Allen Memorial)
- Friday:** 7 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service (The Gathering)
- Sunday:** 9 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service  
11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

	2020-2022 YTD Average (Feb.)	2023 YTD (Feb.)
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>\$118,577</b>	<b>\$91,470</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$121,996</b>	<b>\$117,073</b>



## Keith Memorial United Methodist Church

### PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 2, 2023



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Pastor: Melissa Smith  
Music Directors: Andrew & Abbie Headrick  
Contemporary Worship Leader: Josh Stephens  
Organist: Tristen Rowland  
Youth Director: Mark Reedy  
Children's Director: Reagan Kelly