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We hope you'll join us in person or online for our worship services

Holy Week

Greetings to all from the First Baptist Church in Westwood. We welcome the arrival of spring with the new life that comes forth following the long winter months. Crocuses have bloomed, daffodils are poking up through the soil and trees are budding, and we welcome the longer hours of daylight.

As we deal with the issues that confront us on a daily basis – war in Ukraine, inflation here at home, and seemingly deepening divisions within our society – let us take the time to remember that we are all part of this human family. We have been created in the image of God and that is shared by all of us. We can celebrate the hope that comes to us through the Easter story, even in the midst of uncertainty.

As we enter the new month of April, we also enter Holy Week, a very special time within the Christian faith, beginning with Palm Sunday on the first Sunday of April this year. Anyone is welcome to join us either in person or online through the link on our website, and we wish you all a very blessed season. And to our Jewish brothers and sisters, a blessed Passover.

May the hope of the empty tomb carry you through the difficult times.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Jím



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Holy Week Worship Services

Palm Sunday, April 2 Family Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. Communion Sunday

Maundy Thursday, April 6 Evening Communion Service at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Service, April 9

Service in the outdoor Baker Chapel at 6:30 a.m. followed by breakfast in Fellowship Hall

Easter Resurrection Service, April 9

Family Easter Service at 10:00 a.m. Music by the Chancel Choir, Westwood Ringers, and Easter Band

Westwood Ringers' Spring Concert

Saturday, May 13 at 4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Mark your calendar now for this annual spring event!

Worship services are held each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Join us for coffee and fellowship following the service. Our church building is accessible.

Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month and we invite everyone to partake.

Masks are optional in the sanctuary and reasonable social distancing is encouraged. However, masks are still required in the church office.

Our worship services are live streamed and the videos are available on our website: <u>www.fbcwestwood.org</u>