



**Apr 13, 2025**

**Palm Sunday**

**9 AM**

**Worship Booklet**

**Our Mission**

*We exist to reach,  
nourish, and serve the  
community so all may  
experience healing and  
new life through  
Jesus Christ.*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## *Gathering and Praise*

Prelude

Dominick Izzo

Welcome & Announcements

\* Call to Worship

We raise our voices and wave with joyful hope the palms of deliverance of God's people.

**Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David!**

Our hearts are filled with expectation as we welcome the coming king.

**Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

We receive into the crowded streets of our lives the one who is Savior, not only of us, but of all the earth.

**Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

\* Procession of the Palms      *"All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (vs. 1, 3 & 5)*      No. 280

*"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*      No. 278

\* Affirmation of Faith      *"The Apostle's Creed"*      No. 881

\* Gloria Patri      No. 71

\* Passing of the Peace

Children's Moment

Vicki Schoch

\* Hymn      *"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"*      No. 295

## ***Hearing and Responding to the Word of God***

New Testament Reading      Luke 19:28-40 (NRSV)      Gary Crawford

Message      *"Ride On King Jesus, Ride On!"*      Rev. Matt Sergent

Prayers of the People

*After each petition, we enter into the prayer together with these words:*

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Offering Invitation

Offertory      *"The Palms"*      Chancel Choir

\* Doxology      No. 95

## ***Sending Forth to Serve***

\* Closing Hymn      *"Lead On, O King Eternal"*      No. 580

\* Benediction for Entering into Holy Week      Rev. Matt Sergent

\* Benediction Response      *"Lift High the Cross" (refrain, vs 1, refrain)*      No. 159

\* ***Please stand as you are able.***

# WELCOME!

We are glad you are here! May you experience God’s blessing upon you. If this is your first time visiting, please visit the Welcome Desk on your way out for a gift bag with a homemade loaf of bread and more complete church information. We invite you to take a look at this week’s announcements and feel free to participate in any activities that interest you. If you would like to take part in any activities, please indicate it on the Connect Card and place it in the offering plate, or if you’re joining us virtually, please complete the online registration on our website, [StThomasUMC.org/livestream](https://StThomasUMC.org/livestream).

Check out our website for more information about:

- Children  
Youth  
Small Groups
- Choirs & Music Groups  
Sunbeam Children’s Center  
Local Missions & Food Pantry  
TND - Kitchen Ministry

## Hearing Impaired

Devices are available with earphones connected to our sound system to help amplify the service. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.

## Prayer Ministry

You may submit prayer concerns and praises by completing the Connect Card and placing it in the offering plate or online at [StThomasUMC.org/prayer](https://StThomasUMC.org/prayer).

## Altar Flowers Dedication

If you would like to dedicate, please visit our website and click Resources.

### Today’s flowers are given to the Glory of God!



Happy Birthday, Barbara. We appreciate and love you bunches. Love Matt, Emily, Chloe, Quilella, and Puma.

Happy Birthday, Melissa Hall from the Children's Council.

# CONNECT CARD

## I would like to learn more about:

- ☐ Children's Ministry
- ☐ Youth Ministry
- ☐ Adult Ministry
- ☐ Older Adult Ministry
- ☐ Music Ministries
- ☐ Food Pantry Ministry
- ☐ Short Term Mission Opportunities
- ☐ Sunbeam Children’s Center
- ☐ Hospitality & Kitchen Ministries
- ☐ Congregational Care Ministry
- ☐ Community Outreach & Events
- ☐ Communication Ministry
- ☐ Media / Technology Ministry
- ☐ Usher & Welcome Team

## I am Interested In:

- ☐ Learning more about Baptism
- ☐ Learning more about STUMC
- ☐ Becoming a member of STUMC

## I would like to:

- ☐ Receive      or      ☐ Unsubscribe

### to The following:

- ☐ Prayer Chain    ☐ Special Events E-Blasts
- ☐ Newsletter

## I have the following prayer request:

## I would like this request to be:

- ☐ Private      ☐ Placed on Prayer Chain

I would like the Pastor to call ☐ or visit ☐ me.

Sunday, Apr 13, 2025



## CONNECT CARD

Welcome to St Thomas UMC!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Check if any contact info has changed.

### Worship Service Attended

\_\_\_\_ 9:00 AM                      \_\_\_\_ 11:00 AM  
\_\_\_\_ 1st Time Guest            \_\_\_\_ Regular Guest  
\_\_\_\_ Out of Town Visitor      \_\_\_\_ Member(s)

### I would like to:

\_\_\_\_ Receive Offering Envelopes  
\_\_\_\_ Help with Children's Church

### Signups:

\_\_\_\_ I'll be at the next OWLS Outing  
\_\_\_\_ I'd like to help with VBS  
\_\_\_\_ I'd like to volunteer at the Food Pantry



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Tuesday Night Dinner:** Dine-In is 5-5:45 pm, Curbside pickup is 5:30-6 pm. Cost is \$7 per person, (\$25/ family of 4, \$5/additional family member above 4) Cookies are \$10/dz. Kid's meals are \$4 per person. Kid's entrées as adult meals are \$7 per person. Please sign up by visiting the church website or by calling the church office and leaving a message by noon Monday.

## **This Week's Menu:**

Sloppy Joes

Tater Tots | Roasted Veggies

Dessert: Cookie Cake

Kids: Same as Adults

**Date Change to Western NC START Trip:** The new dates for our Western North Carolina trip are: June 1-7, 2025. This change does not affect the trip to New Bern, NC. We welcome all skill levels and always have a rewarding experience. If you want to join us, we would like to have you attend our next meeting on **Wed, Apr 16 at 7pm** in room 300/302. Zoom access is also available. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cliff Farrar at 703-881-8718.

**Holy Thursday Service:** All are welcome to our Holy Thursday Service **this Thu, Apr 17 at 7 pm** as we remember the Last Supper and Jesus' commandment to love and serve one another. This solemn service will include communion and reflection on Christ's journey to the cross. Join us for this meaningful time of worship and remembrance.

**Good Friday Service:** Our Good Friday Service is **this Fri, Apr 18 at 7 pm** where we will reflect on the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. This solemn service invites us to remember His love and the depth of His grace. Come and experience a powerful time of worship and contemplation.

## **Easter Cantata | this Sat, April 19**

**Dinner | 6 pm:** Join us for a dinner of tortellini soup and bread. There is no charge for this meal but a love offering is greatly appreciated. Proceeds will go towards our kitchen and music ministries.

**Cantata | 7 pm:** Our Cantata "Five Mystical Songs" by Ralph Vaghn Williams will feature a full orchestra, baritone soloist and our choir. During the program, a love offering will be taken to support our music ministry.



## **Easter Sunday | Sun, April 20**

*Breakfast will be served by the Men's Group in*

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*the Fellowship Hall following the Sunrise service until the 10 am service. There is no charge but a basket will be available for any love offerings.*

**First Light of Easter Sunrise Service | 7 am:** Weather permitting, we'll gather around a fire (known as the First Light of Easter) and sing hymns. We will then process together into the sanctuary where we will continue our Easter Sunrise Celebration.

**One Worship Service | 10 am:** Join us as we rejoice in the hope and joy of Christ's victory over the grave! Our service will include a brass ensemble, a dramatic reading of the resurrection story and more! All are welcome—come and share in the celebration!

**Easter Egg Hunt | 10 am:** Check in for the Egg Hunt and a craft activity after the Children's Message on **Easter Sunday, Apr 20 at 10 am.** Kids will return for Communion with their families in the Sanctuary during the service. Donations of wrapped candy is welcome. Leave your items in the Bin in the Narthex.

**Easter Mission Offering:** Our Easter Offering supports our general missions as well as local relief. If giving by check, please write "Easter Offering" in the memo. To give online, visit [stthomasumc.org](http://stthomasumc.org) and click the "Give" button at the top of the page. Thank you for your support.

**Flowering the Cross:** Bring blooms from your garden to church next **Sun, Apr 20**, to add to the cross on the front plaza.

**Church Office Closed:** The church office will be closed on **Mon, Apr 21** in observance of Easter.

**April OWLS Outing:** Our next OWLS (Older, Wiser, Livelier, Seniors) outing will be on **Fri, Apr 25 at 1 pm** at BJ's Brewhouse in Gainesville. Please RSVP on your Connect Card or to Marian Ludlow or Lynn Furlong by **Tues, Apr 22**. OWLS is open to everyone age 55+.

**Mark Kroos Concert:** Join us on **Fri, Apr 25, at 7 pm** for an unforgettable evening of music with Mark Kroos! Known for his incredible talent on the double-neck guitar, Mark's unique playing style and heartfelt melodies create a captivating and inspiring experience.

**St Thomas Has Talent Show:** Mark your calendars for **Sat, Apr 26—Dinner at 5 pm, Talent Show at 6 pm.** Dinner will be provided by the Front Porch Team. There is no cost for the meal but a love offering is appreciated.

**Youth Sunday:** We hope everyone will join us for this one worship service, on **Sun, Apr 27 at 10 am**, led by the youth of our church. If you are a 6th-12th grader who would like to participate, please sign up for our practices on the Events page of our website. If you are 6th-12th grader who would like to participate, visit the Events page of the website to sign up.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

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### Mon, Apr 14—Sun, Apr 20

Activities marked with an (\*) occur in Hybrid Format. If you do not have the access code for ZOOM, please call the church office.

#### Mon, Apr 14

7:00 PM UWF Executive Board \*

#### Tues, Apr 15

##### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

8:30 AM Arise & Pray Group

5:00 PM Tuesday Night Dinner | Dine-In

5:30 PM Tuesday Night Dinner | Curbside

6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:40 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

8:30 PM AA Meeting

#### Wed, Apr 16

10:00 AM Quilts4Kids

7:00 PM START Team

#### Thurs, Apr 17

3:30 PM Staff Meeting \*

7:00 PM Holy Thursday Service

#### Fri, Apr 18

7:00 PM Good Friday Service

#### Sat, Apr 19

8:00 AM Men's Group \*

9:00 AM Food Pantry | Clothing Closet

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Cantata

#### Sun, Apr 20

7:00 AM First Light of Easter Service

8:00 AM Breakfast served

10:00 AM Easter Worship Service

Easter Egg Hunt

## PRAYER CHAIN

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*We invite you to pray for those in our church family who requested prayer for illness or other needs. If you would like to be added to our Prayer Chain, please indicate so on your Facebook registration.*

Perry Bailey

Martha & Jeff Barlow

Janie Crompton

Ron Grabloski

Marcia & Steven Greenberg

Nancy Huntington

John Newlove

Mary Summers

John Watkins

Bernadine White & Family

#### Nursing Home Residents

Liz Fontaine | Regency Care

1785 S. Hayes Street, Arlington, VA 22202

## Livestream Worship

To listen to or download today's worship service or previous worship services, visit [StThomasUMC.org/resources/livestream-worship.html](https://StThomasUMC.org/resources/livestream-worship.html) or on the church's Facebook page or on YouTube (search St Thomas UMC Manassas).

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us for Adult Sunday School

- **9:30 am | Meeting Jesus at the Table**  
Led by Paula Renfro
- **10 am | Meeting Jesus at the Table \***  
Led by Earl Amstutz & Pat Dodson



## THE PACK

ST. THOMAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### **PACK YOUTH GROUP & SUNDAY SCHOOL**

#### ***Student Ministry, 6—12th Grade***

All youth are welcome to join the Adult Sunday School classes listed above.

Middle schoolers have the additional option of attending the King's Kids Sunday School class (see more info below).

If you are a high schooler and want to help out with King's Kids you can signup on your Connect Card.

Interested in a Youth Sunday School Class that's just for your age group? Let us know on your Connect Card!



## KING'S KIDS

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### **KING'S KIDS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

***Age 3-5th Grade, Tweens (3rd-5th Grade),  
Nursery (6 weeks-3 years)***

Sunday School is from 10-10:50 am in the Children's Worship Center. For more info, please contact the Children's Ministry Director, [kristi.swanson@stthomasumc.org](mailto:kristi.swanson@stthomasumc.org)



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**Rev. Matt Sergent, Pastor**

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703-368-5161 x 102

*For a complete staff directory and contact information, please visit our website.*

### **How Can I Give to Support Ministry?**

All are invited to contribute their tithes and offerings in whatever way works best for them! You may give electronically by going to [stthomasumc.org/give](http://stthomasumc.org/give); by texting to 833-940-1381 and following the prompts; by mailing a check to the church office, or by placing your offering in one of the offering plates — when you come forward for Communion, or when you enter or exit the Sanctuary.



To give online, you may scan the QR code, which leads to our website's giving portal.