

Easter SUNDAY

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

11 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

Happy Easter and welcome! We are glad we have the opportunity to worship with you today.

May you experience God's blessing upon you.

*** Please stand as you are able**

Gathering Music

Praise Band

* Easter Call to Worship

Christ is alive, **moving among the living.**

Christ is risen, **inviting us to rise in fullness of life.**

Christ is calling, **proclaiming life and hope for all.**

Let us pray: Risen Christ, enter our worship and our hearts this day. As you live and move among us, remind us to proclaim and live the life you offer. Inspire us to walk as children of your resurrection, each and every day. Amen.

* Lighting of the Pascal Candle

The light of Christ rises in glory, overcoming the darkness of sin and death.

Christ is our light!

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* Worship Through Song *“Christ the Lord is Risen Today (He Is Not Dead)”*

Praise Band

“Raise a Hallelujah”

Welcome & Announcements

Deb Crawford

Children's Message

Kristi Swanson

* Song of Preparation

“Living Hope”

Praise Band

Scripture Reading

John 20:1-18 (NRSV)

David Ometz

Message

God's Eternal Yes!

Rev. Matt Sergent

Confession, Pardon, & Peace

Holy and loving God, when we hide away in tombs of death, lead us into life.

When we cower in our fears and regret, encourage us with your mercy and your grace, that we might claim the life you offer. Help us embrace your love and live in your risen presence. In hope and joy, we pray. Amen.

Pastor: We have been raised with Christ! Thanks be to God for this glorious gift.

The Great Thanksgiving

Offering Invitation

*Please place your Connect Card along with your tithes and offerings in the brass offering plates
by the aisle at the front of the sanctuary as you come forward for Communion
(or feel free to give electronically via text).*

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| Sharing the Bread & Cup | <i>"By His Wounds"</i> | Praise Band |
| * Closing Song | <i>"Happy Day"</i> | Praise Band |
| * Dismissal with Blessing | | Rev. Matt Sergent |
| From darkness and despair, we find hope and joy.
Christ is risen! We go forth in joy! | | |
| From doubt and betrayal, we find trust and faith.
Christ is risen! We go forth in faith! | | |
| From suffering and death, we find healing and life.
Christ is risen! We go forth to live! | | |
| Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed.
Alleluia! | | |
| Sending Music | | Praise Band |

WELCOME!

We are glad you are here! 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.

Check out our website, for more information about:

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| Children | Choirs & Music Groups |
| Youth | Sunbeam Children's Center |
| Small Groups | 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.

Livestream Worship

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

Altar Flowers Dedication

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

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God!

If you dedicated flowers you may take them home following the service.



Easter OFFERING

TODAY'S OFFERING SUPPORTS
ST THOMAS MISSIONS & LOCAL RELIEF

50% Supports General Missions
50% Supports Local Relief



TUESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Hawaiian Chicken
Rice Pilaf | Glazed Carrots | Cinnamon Roll
Dessert: Pineapple Upside Down Cake
Kid's: Chicken Nuggets
Cookie of the Month: Pecan Sandies

APRIL 2



YOUTH SUNDAY

April 7 | 9 & 11 am
Guest Preacher Riley Miller

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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 for dinner by visiting the church website or by calling the church office by Monday noon.

This Week's Menu:

Hawaiian Chicken

Rice Pilaf | Glazed Carrots | Cinnamon Roll

Dessert: Pineapple Upside Down Cake

Kid's Menu: Chicken Nuggets

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Easter Offering: Today's 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, please visit stthomasumc.org and click the "Give" button at the top of the page. Thank you for your support.

Easter Egg Hunt Today! During the 9 and 11 am services after the Children's Message, kids will be invited to the Children's Worship Center and playground for an Egg Hunt and lesson.

Office Closure: The church office will be closed, Mon, April 1 in observance of Easter.



Women's Walking Group: This month the Women's Walking Group meets on **Sat, Apr 6 at 9 am**. Meet us Jennie Dean School - rain or shine. From the light at Prince William St and Wellington, park near the ball fields on the right. After our walk we'll find a place for coffee and more fellowship. Add this to your calendars on the first Saturday of each month and look for announcements of the meeting place in the Triumph Newsletter and weekly bulletins. If you have questions, contact Marian Ludlow, 571- 315-6881, marianldlw5@gmail.com.

Ladies Book Club: Join us on **Fri, April 12 at 10:30 am** in room 300 as we discuss "The Girl with the Louding Voice" by Abi Dare. All are welcome even if you haven't finished the book.

Next OWLS Outing: On **Fri, April 26 at 1 pm** the OWLS (Old Wiser Livelier Seniors) will meet for lunch at Forster's Grille, 10266 Bristow Center Dr, Bristow VA. Foster's Grille does offer outside

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dining, which we can choose, weather permitting. Please RSVP via Connect Card or by contacting Marian Ludlow or Lynn Furlong no later than Tue, April 23. OWLS is open to everyone age 55+.

St. Thomas Has Talent! Do you have an hidden talent you want to display? Do you sing in the shower, or maybe dance when no one is watching? Here's your chance to show off your stuff! Whether you're young or old, want to perform solo or as a group, everyone is invited to participate! Auditions will be held Sat, April 6 and Sat, April 13 from 1 to 4pm in room 300/302. The Talent Show is **Sat, April 27 at 6 pm**. Sign up on your Connect Card, on the signup sheet at the Welcome Desk, or by contacting the church office.

VBS 2024: Hero Hotline: Save the date! This year's VBS, Hero Hotline, will take place **Jun 10-14**. Each day at the Hero Hotline Headquarters, superheroes of all ages and abilities answer the call and join the Professor and veteran hero, Super Meer the Meerkat to provide expert assistance and solutions to Hero Teams everywhere. Sign your superhero up on the Events page of the website today!

2024 Summer Camps: Exciting news! Summer camp registration is officially open! Don't miss out on the adventure, fun, and lifelong memories waiting for your child or grandchild this summer. From being a secret agent, a junior chef, creating their own magical creatures and more, our camps offer a diverse range of experiences to ignite your child's imagination and foster new friendships. Visit our website to learn more and sign up today!

Clothing Closet Update: We are now accepting spring/summer clothing. Light jackets, hoodies, short sleeve shirts, shorts. Children's clothing needed, especially sizes 3T - 8 youth sizes. Thank you for your generosity! For questions or to volunteer, contact Renee Kinnear Renee@rrkinnear.com



SUNBEAM
CHILDREN'S CENTER
ST. THOMAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Registration Open for
2024-2025 School Year

Ages 6 Weeks - 6 Years Old
Daycare | Preschool | Kindergarten

Sunbeam Children's Center: Registration is open for the 2024-2025 school year for daycare, preschool and kindergarten. We care for children from ages 6 weeks to 6 years old in an environment of unconditional love, support, and respect to help them grow socially, intellectually, spiritually, emotionally, and physically. For more information about the different programs we offer please visit our website at stthomasumc.org/scc.

CHURCH CALENDAR

CONNECT CARD

Mon, Apr 1 - Sun, Apr 7

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 1 Church Office Closed

Tues, Apr 2

- 8:30 AM Arise & Pray Group
- 5:00 PM Tuesday Night Dinner Dine-In
- 5:30 PM Tuesday Night Dinner Curbside
- 5:30 PM Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 PM Security Team Meeting
- 7:40 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 PM AA Meeting

Wed, Apr 3

10:00 AM Quilts for Kids

Thu, Apr 4

- 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting
- 8:00 PM Children’s Council *

Sat, Apr 6

- 8:00 AM Men’s Group *
- 9:00 AM Food Pantry | USDA
- 9:00 AM Women’s Walking Group - Jennie Dean Elementary
- 10:00 AM Youth Sunday Rehearsal
- 1:00 PM Talent Show Auditions

Sun, Apr 7

Youth Sunday

- 8:15 AM Coffee Hour
- 9:00 AM Traditional Service *
- 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Adult Sunday Schools
- 10:00 AM King’s Kids Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Contemporary Service *
- 6:30 PM Purpose Driven Friends

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

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

Sunday, March 31, 2024

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

I would like to:

Receive Offering Envelopes

Signups:

I'd like to attend the OWLS Lunch

I want to signup for the Talent Show

I'd like more information on
volunteering to help with VBS

I want to learn more about Sunbeam
Children's Center



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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; 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.