



*Drawing on our heritage, centered in Jesus Christ, looking to the future;
Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church reaches out with the Gospel to our community and the world.*

March 2024

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SUNDAY AT DMPC

Worship each Sunday is 
 broadcast live over WDNE 1240 AM
 and live-streamed on
 our Facebook Group
www.dmpc.org

Interim Pastor T. Wes Moore will preach on March 3, 2024, at both churches of our yoked congregations. Here is an excerpt from his recent letter of self-introduction:

My name is Rev. Thomas Wesley Moore, IV, but I go by Pastor T. Wes. I am a 2018 graduate of Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA and have been in various forms of full-time and part-time ministry positions since 2011. My background is in music ministry, but I entered the ministry of Word and Sacrament in March of 2019 and over the years I have come to love preaching and I have discovered my love for transitional ministry.

Born during the gradual decline of church as an institution in the United States and coming of age during 9/11/2001, I see myself as a transitional figure and I continue to lean into it, especially as we still discern a way forward in this new phase of COVID. As a transitional pastor, I have begun to dig deeper into conflict resolution, mediation skills, and family systems theory.

I am married to the Rev. Lauren Voyles, who is a hospice chaplain with Bon Secours in Richmond, VA. Together we have three dogs: Murphy (11), Melodie (4), and Morty (3).

I am looking forward to getting to know HTLC and DMPC over the course of this stage of the transitional period. There will be a lot of blood, sweat, and tears involved by all of us as we move forward, but we know we don't do this alone. In fact, not only do we have each other, we know the Holy Spirit has blazed the trail before us. It's up to us to gratefully respond to the Spirit's leading.

Christ's Peace,

Pastor T. Wes Moore

Rev. Thomas Wesley Moore, IV (he/him/his)
 Minister of the Word and Sacrament
 Presbyterian Church (USA)

NOTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 2024 SESSION MEETING...

At its February 12th meeting, Session attended to the following items:

- * Elder Cupp presented a devotional, "I Shall be Glad".
 - * Approved the Minutes from the January 8, 2024 meeting, which are available upon request from the Clerk.
 - * Treasurer Marstiller reported Elder Everhart is assisting with the Weekly Counting Report in February; Elder Proudfoot volunteered to assist during March.
 - * Voted to accept the Capital Gifts Committee's recommendation of a 3% spending cap on available funds.
 - * Voted to procure a limited-spending/purpose debit card for the custodian to purchase task-related needed materials. Accepted financial reports as presented and discussed. Reports are available from the treasurer upon request.
 - * Approved Lutheran Deacon Mary Sanders, Executive Director Community Lutheran Partners, to fill our Pulpit on February 25th.
 - * About 65 people were served the Common Ground meal this past Saturday.
 - * Our ecumenical Bread & Broth study will begin this Wednesday at noon; the book under study is *The Prodigal God*, by Timothy Keller.
 - * The confirmation class and kids club had their first joint gathering with eight participants at HTLC; the location is a good one and the confirmation students are serious and service minded. Gatherings are tentatively set for every-other Sunday evenings.
 - * The pictorial directory has been delayed, awaiting corrections.
 - * The Fellowship Committee is planning a welcome dinner for incoming Pastor T. Wes Moore, in the White Chapel; providing croissant sandwiches and cake; asking for pot-luck side dishes.
 - * Elected Elder Proudfoot as Commissioner to the Presbytery Zoom meeting on Saturday, February 18th.
 - * Tentatively planned a congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, April 14, 2024.
 - * The next meeting of Session is scheduled for March 11, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Rev. T. Wes Moore will moderate and Rev. Lee will accompany.
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WHAT IS HOLY WEEK?

The week preceding Easter is known as Holy Week. It begins on Palm Sunday and is traditionally a week of somber reflection on the events preceding Jesus' death: his triumphant entry into Jerusalem; his betrayal by Judas; his Last Supper with his twelve apostles; his arrest, crucifixion and death; and his burial in a tomb.

WHAT IS PALM SUNDAY?

On Palm Sunday, Christians celebrate Jesus' procession into Jerusalem, which occurred several days before his death. According to the gospels, the people of Jerusalem spread branches from trees—identified specifically as palm branches in John's gospel—on the road to welcome Jesus as he rode a donkey into the city. Because of this, many Christian churches today offer congregants palm fronds as they enter the church on Palm Sunday. In some denominations, the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and of his death is read in church on Palm Sunday, juxtaposing the welcome Jesus received on one day with his betrayal and arrest a few days later.

WHAT IS HOLY THURSDAY?

On Holy Thursday (also called Maundy Thursday), Christians commemorate the Last Supper—a Passover meal that Jesus shared with his disciples the night before his death. During the meal, Jesus broke bread and offered his followers wine, saying “This is my body, given up for you.” Many Christians consider this event to have been the institution of the [Eucharist](#), which is a sacrament in some denominations.

WHAT IS THE PASSION?

Though today the word “passion” has romantic connotations, it was originally derived from the Latin word *passio*, meaning suffering. In religious contexts, the Passion (often capitalized) refers to the torture, crucifixion, and death of Jesus.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES...

MARCH 25 THRU MARCH 29, 2024

Holy Week Services will be held at First Church of Christ on Worth Ave. (near Davis Medical Hospital). Worship service begins at 12:00 noon with luncheon to follow in their Social Hall.

The Legend of the Dogwood

At the time of Crucifixion the dogwood had been the size of the oak and other forest trees. So firm and strong was the tree that it was chosen as the timber for the cross. To be used thus for such a cruel purpose greatly distressed the tree, and Jesus nailed upon it, sensed this.



In His gentle pity for all sorrow and suffering Jesus said to the tree:

“Because of your regret and pity for My suffering, never again shall the dogwood tree grow large enough to be used as a cross. Henceforth it shall be slender and bent and twisted and its blossoms shall be in the form of a cross – two long and two short petals. And in the center of the outer edge of each petal there will be nail prints, brown with rust and stained with red, and in the center of the flower will be a crown of thorns, and all who see it will remember.”

EASTER LILIES...

The PW will be purchasing Easter Lilies for the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Donations can be made in honor or in memory of someone and will be \$10.00 each. In lieu of lilies, you can make a donation to the PW Scholarship Fund. Forms are due by March 24, 2024

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held immediately after the morning service.

PALM SUNDAY

COFFEE

The Fellowship Committee is hosting a coffee hour after the morning service.

PALM SUNDAY

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE ... MARCH 27, 2024 @7PM

We will hold a joint service with Holy Trinity Lutheran Church here at DMPC.

PW BLANKET PROJECT 2024...

In Memory of:

John C. Allen
Peter K. McKee, Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Butler
Dr. & Mrs. John Braxton McKee
Roberta Dye
Sandy Godwin
Frankie Riemenschnider
Our Parents
Dorothy & Bill Wrangen
Marie & Carey Shultz
Louis H. Stark
Edna & Lou Stark
Catherine Dauber(Mother)
Mathilda Swanson(Mother)
Sandy Godwin
Roberta Dye
My Parents
Pat Bennett
Wanda Marstiller
Howard Marstiller
Rachel Forinash
Alice P. McCutcheon
Brad Gum
Chip Meadows
John Wanless
Marty White
Joan Armbruster
Bryan Hailey
Roy Stalnaker
Zan Hughes(sister)
Bernard & Gladys Hughes(parents)
Robert "Buck" Reilly(husband)
Roberta Dye

By:

Joyce Allen
Julia Elbon
Debra Everhart
Diana Kerr
Sherri & Cliff Marstiller
Robert McCutcheon
Melody Meadows
Gary & Mary Moden
Susan Pell
Margaret Stalnaker
Holly Reilly

My Parents
Who always made sure I had enough blankets!
Faye M Springer(Mother)
Rolland M. Springer(Father)
Rolland M. "Terry" Springer(Brother)
David Wayne Springer(Brother)
Blair & Frances Tolley
Eugene & Josefina Salas

Linda Rudy
Debora L. Springer
Cornelia & Tim Tolley

In Honor Of:

Davis Memorial Presbyterian Women
Louise Greleski(Sister)
JoAnn Talbott
Our grandchildren
Sue Chenoweth
Bernie Bennett
Jo Corey
Julia Elbon
Marlene Kyle
Linda Rudy
Judy Guye Swanson
Barbara Tedford
Grace Sundelin
Melody Meadows
and her choir
Lynn Proudfoot for all she does for the church

Joyce Allen
Diana Kerr
Kerr & Susie Kump
Marlene Kyle
Sherri & Cliff Marstiller
Gary & Mary Moden
Susan Pell
Margaret Stalnaker
Holly Reilly

Donations:

Mary McMahan

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSCORNER...

The following officers were elected to serve as church council officers for 2024:

President – Charles Spanitz,

Vice-President – Nancy Schumacher,

Secretary – Steve Schumacher.

Jane Hazer will serve as our financial secretary and Chip Ramsey will serve as our treasurer.

Other council members are Ric Campbell and Patty Calain.

We look forward to meeting Pastor T. Wes Moore as he begins his one year interim term on March 1.

The second half of our 2023 congregational meeting will be held following our church service on March 10.

The “Bread and Broth” luncheon and discussion began on February 14 at noon. The six weekly meetings will all be held at Holy Trinity. Churches participating include First United Methodist, Davis Memorial Presbyterian and Holy Trinity. Please join us for fellowship and discussion on any of the six weeks.

Holy Week services will be held on March 25-29 at the First Church of Christ. Services begin at noon followed by a luncheon provided by the ladies of several churches in the community.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO WAYNE HINTER ON MARCH 23.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO RUTH AND HAROLD WHITESEL ON MARCH 15.

BLESSING BOX SURPRISE

Each Sunday before Worship, the kids fill the Blessing Box.

Then after the service they are surprised that all the food is gone!

We continue to feed the hungry in our community as they certainly need our help.



Before the Sunday Service



After the Sunday Service!!!



March Birthdays

- 3 Sherri Marsteller
- 6 Allan Swanson
- 11 Robert Georgeson
- 12 Beverly Adriannse
- 12 Greg Jones
- 12 Rob Riddle
- 13 Ann Macomber
- 14 Holly Harper
- 14 Gary Moden
- 14 Tucker Price
- 15 Pat Varchetto
- 19 Kate Somers
- 20 Linda Rudy
- 23 Jo Ann Talbott
- 29 Cass Shockley
- 30 Kim White
- 31 Luna Bear



- March 24 Rob & Betty Legg
- March 29 Phil & Bernice Becker

DATES TO REMEMBER...

- Mar. 3 Noon Welcoming Reception for Rev. Thomas Wesley Moore, IV
- Mar. 5 1:30pm Membership/Dunham Room
- Mar. 6 Noon Bread & Broth @ HTLC
- Mar. 7 10:00am PW Coordinating /White Chapel
- Mar. 10 Daylight Saving Time/Set clocks up 1 hr.**
- Mar. 11 6:30pm Session
- Mar. 13 Noon Bread & Broth @HTLC
- Mar. 14 10:00am Circle 2/White Chapel
1:30pm Circle 1/White Chapel
- Mar. 17 St . Patrick's Day**
- Mar. 19 1:30pm Meals on Wheels/Dunham Rm.
- Mar. 20 Noon Bread & Broth @HTLC
- Mar. 28 1:30pm Property Comm/Dunham Rm.
- Mar. 29 Good Friday Church closed**
- Mar. 31 Easter Sunday**

Tuesdays & Thursdays @4:30pm Piano Lessons

Mondays @6:30pm Boy Scouts

Tuesdays @ 6:00pm Girl Scouts



Daylight saving time, also referred to as daylight savings time, daylight time, or summer time, is the practice of advancing clocks during warmer months so that darkness falls at a later clock time. [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daylight_saving_time)

Date: Sun, Mar 10, 2024 – Sun, Nov 3, 2024

Event Length: 240 [Day](#)

Observed for: 115 years



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Director of Music	Dr. Melody Meadows	CIRCLE MEETINGS
Church Secretary	Marsha Gardner office@dmpc.org	
Clerk of Session	Lynn Proudfoot clerk@dmpc.org	CIRCLE 1 Mina Cupp, Chair March 14 @1:30pm in the White Chapel
Financial Secretary	Dr. Larry Wing	CIRCLE 2 Linda Rudy, Chair March 14 @10:00am in the White Chapel
Treasurer	Sherri Marstiller	
After School Program	Monica Varchetto	
Kids Club	Nate Garver-Daniels	
Custodian	Bob Stottlemeyer	
Church office	304-636-2788	

Join us on [Facebook](#)! Join the *Group* "Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church" to receive current announcements, discuss topics, see our growing photo gallery, and generally stay in touch. Follow our Facebook *Page* "Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church" for live-streaming worship.

