

April 2022



Holy Week 2022

While visiting southern Spain a couple years ago, I learned about the massive celebrations which are held in the streets of cities such as Cordoba, Malaga, and Seville during Holy Week. [Click here](#) to learn about one of the cities, Malaga. Festivals, parades, floats, singing, rejoicing, and all kinds of lavish expressions of jubilation fill the streets. I can only imagine how deeply such celebrations have left their imprint on the people who grew up there as they participated in these city holiday experiences. Thinking about Holy Week celebrations in my teen years, my mind goes back to the Methodist Church in which I grew up, and how moving the choir processional was for me on Easter morning in a packed church while everyone sang Christ the Lord is Risen Today. Easter flowers, fabulous choral pieces, and inspiring sermons all added up to a capstone experience each year remembering the amazing work Christ had done to redeem us.

At my previous church, my appreciation grew significantly for the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services we would hold each year. Those were not really a part of my experience up until that point. Both had a rawness about them that penetrated areas of my heart which needed prodding. They were stark services which led to lamentation for Christ, for the world, and for me. Sin was no longer crouching at my door, but was exposed for what it was, what it does, and the extent our Lord had to go to redeem us from it. Of course, such reflection prompted by these nights of remorseful worship only heightened the joy of Easter morning.

This year's Holy Week services at Triangle Grace Church will be different than those you have experienced in the past. The staff and elders have been gracious to allow me to shape our services to reflect some of which I have noted above. On either end of these seven days, we will have two marvelous gatherings of celebration. Palm Sunday will welcome us to the week with passionate singing, palm waving, and a recognition of our Prince of Peace, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" Rather than having one mid-week service we will hold two - a Maundy Thursday service, and a Good Friday service. The former will offer us the opportunity to remember what transpired the night Jesus was betrayed as we eat the Lord's Supper together. At the end of the service, the church will be stripped. The Good Friday service will be dark, minimal, and moving as we reflect on Christ's death on our behalf. To start Easter morning off, we will continue the tradition of holding an intimate sunrise service by the columbarium followed by a breakfast to lead into the 8:30 service. Easter Sunday services will of course be a blowout celebration with brass, pomp, the Hallelujah Chorus, and a whole lot more. Four youth will also be confirmed!

The four services (five if you get up early on Easter for the sunrise gathering!) should **all** be experienced. If you miss one, you will miss a part of the story. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter will be viewed as one continuous service as we will not pronounce a benediction until after the Easter service is completed. There will be a greater degree of formality throughout the week to remind us of the seriousness of the joyful truth we celebrate as the people of God. Look in the bulletin for specific information about times and childcare for each of the services as well as the special children's program between our Easter morning services. Consider who you might invite out to one or all of these services. Hope you join us on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday!

May the Lord bless you as we remember his death and celebrate his resurrection in the coming days together!

Your Brother in Christ,

Kris Perkins

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JOIN AN ADULT EDUCATION IN-PERSON/ZOOM CLASS AT 9:45 AM!



IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING DISCIPLESHIP HOUR
During Lent, we encourage all of you to participate
In-person or online in our LDI.

LENTEN DISCIPLESHIP INITIATIVE

A Study of Isaiah 53 and the last 24 hours of Jesus' life

It is hard to make sense of suffering and hardship. Yet we read of these realities as one of the central experiences of Jesus. Both the Old and New Testaments speak of Christ as one who “was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.” (*Isaiah 53:3*) He overcame, so that we might overcome.

Join us for our Lenten Discipleship Initiative (LDI) as we consider the sufferings of Jesus during his last 24 hours leading up to the cross from Luke 22 and 23. LDI small groups will meet every Sunday morning in the Family Life Center from 9:45-10:45 am, March 6 - April 10. [Click here](#) to find out more information about the Lenten Discipleship Initiative.

COMING SOON

**Look out for more information to come on Adult Discipleship
Hour offerings following LDI.**

Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesday Nights In person (Fellowship Hall) & via Zoom at 6:00PM

1 Samuel

This class will resume April 20



JOIN US FOR A TGC ORIGINAL
FEATURING OUR
WEDNESDAY CLUBS

Sunday, April 24 at 5:30 PM
Sanctuary



Honoring the season of Lent

As the Season of LENT continues, the Children's team has planned a series of special activities for kids on specific Sundays during Lent, as well as study topics for Children's Worship and Sunday clubs, aligning with the events of Holy Week, the last week of Jesus' earthly life.

April 3rd: Seder tasting and connections between Passover and our Lord's Supper observance (on the big playground weather permitting) during the Discipleship Hour, and Children's Worship time.

April 17th: EASTER

We will host a Resurrection Stations walk through in the Children's wing during the Sunday Clubs hour on EASTER Sunday. Each class will have approximately 20-25 minutes to experience, along with the women, going to the tomb and what they discovered, OR DIDN'T discover there!

As a church family we will celebrate our Risen and Reigning LORD. Children are invited and included in the worship services for Easter Sunday so there will be NO Children's Worship group. **Nursery will be provided for children 3 years and younger.**



Communication opportunities:

Want to receive periodic family ministry updates from Children's team? Please make sure you are on Nancy's mailing list so you can receive the most up to the minute plans. Please register with Nancy by texting 919-630-1851 or emailing at nancy@trianglegrace.org.

Attention families with children ages 3- 5th grade

What could be more fun than messy science experiments?



SCIENCE SATURDAY

April 30 • 9:30 AM
On the Big Playground

Kids will learn spiritual applications as we experience the wonders of God's world together.

Activities will be tailored to elementary school age groups AND will also include preschool friendly options.

Register on our website today!
Registration is \$10/Family

[**SIGN UP HERE**](#)



SAVE THE DATE

You are invited to our outdoor
Summer Vacation Bible School 2022!

Monday, June 20 – Wednesday, June 22
5:30-7:30 pm

Each evening elementary kids and preschoolers will experience Bible stories, life applications, crafts, games and snacks. Our camp bible theme this year is TREASURED: Discovering You're Priceless to God! We will meet outdoors on our TGC campus three evenings from 5:30-7 pm, Monday through Wednesday, allowing folks to have their weekends for family and travel, and focusing on building our community of faith! We are so excited about looking for Jesus and following Him as we travel to different outdoor areas around our property.

You do NOT have to be a member of Triangle Grace to participate.

We have a registration fee of \$15 per child with a \$30 family cap. There are also classes for adults during the same time frame, so we encourage you to stay and join us.

[**REGISTER HERE!**](#)

“Evidence and Action”

Varsity & MLY

April

- 3 3:30 – 5:00 MLY, 5:30 – 7:00 Varsity
- 6 6:30 – 7:30 Varsity Bible Study
- 10 1:15 CropWalk (meet at the church)
Cookout at the Perkins house to follow
- 13 NO Varsity Bible Study
- 17 Easter, Confirmation class joins at 11:00 service
- 20 6:30 – 7:30 Varsity Bible Study
- 24 3:30– 5:00 MLY, 5:30 – 7:00 Varsity
- 27 6:30 – 7:30 Varsity Bible Study



[SIGN UP HERE TODAY!](#)

Contact Pastor Jeff for more info on youth activities.

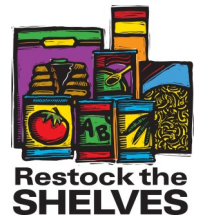
jeff@trianglegrace.org

Discipleship Hour

Both MLY & Varsity Sunday School meets together in- person in the Varsity room at 9:45 AM and will offer a hybrid option as needed each week. Please let us know if you require a zoom link.

Iglesia Food Pantry

We continue to collect monetary donations as well as food for our sister church in north Durham. They recently service almost 600 people. Earmark your checks Food Pantry or give online on our website.



Have you signed up, sponsored or donated yet?

2022 CROP Walk

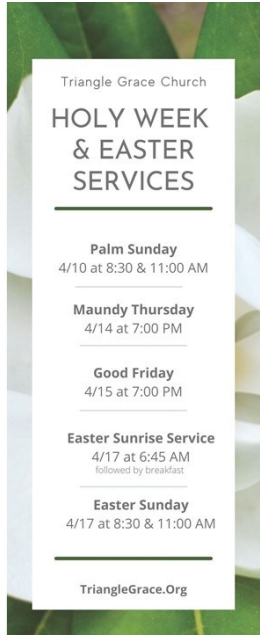


Hunger is one of the greatest injustices facing our world, impacting families in the United States and beyond. But it doesn't have to be that way. Ending hunger is possible, and it is possible in our lifetime.

It is time to get excited about the **48th Annual Durham CROP Hunger Walk**! The 2022 walk will take place on **April 10th** at Duke University. Step-off is at **2:30 p.m.** from Duke Chapel and the route is 5K (new this year). Individuals can also walk virtually if they are not comfortable walking with a group.

Join the TGC walking team or make a donation by using this link: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/triangle-grace-church>. Questions? Contact Jenny Shafer at tandjshafer@gmail.com or 919-423-6653. For those who walk, you are invited to Pastor Kris and Laura's house for a cookout after the walk.

Announcements



JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES AT TGC

Invite a friend, neighbor or family member to join you!

All services except for Sunrise Service will have childcare.

All services except for Sunrise Service and the 8:30 AM worship services will be Livestreamed.



On March 8, the Session approved moving to **Mask Optional** indoors as of March 9, 2022. Children who are 5th grade and under should continue to wear masks indoors in all children's programs (following Durham Public schools) until further reviewed April 12. Like adults, children can be mask optional everywhere except children's programming but please know that we will be providing children's programs/activities outdoors whenever possible allowing for mask breaks. Our staff, leadership and volunteers will do our best to help make sure we are deliberate about reinforcing a loving culture that extends care and respect to all, regardless of individual family choices on masking.



This group is currently meeting monthly via ZOOM. We discuss and share ways to meet the needs of our older loved ones with special focus on how to care for others while providing understanding, support, and fellowship with each other. Anyone is welcome to participate. If you are interested in being on our TGC Care Giver distribution list, contact Beth Murphy at bethmurphy228@gmail.com.

Next meeting is April 24 at 2:00 PM



The JOY group (Just Older Youth) will meet in person for a luncheon on **Thursday, April 7 (Note week change due to Easter)** at 11:30 AM in the **Fellowship Hall**. Come and enjoy this special time of fellowship together. A box lunch will be provided from Honey Baked Ham for \$9/person. Please RSVP by March 8 to Beth Murphy at bethmurphy228@gmail.com.

Finance



February Budget Report

Pledges	Budget	Contributions	Expenses	Net Gain/Loss
\$84,361	\$92,116	\$65,117	\$67,940	(-\$2,823)

Year to Date

Pledges	Budget	Contributions	Expenses	Net Gain/Loss
\$168,722	\$184,233	\$108,594	\$184,969	(-\$76,375)

Birthdays

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|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Marcelle Gible | 15 Horace Grant | 25 Claire Wojoski |
| Carolyn Jerkovich | 16 Eleanor Winfrey | Ella Woodall |
| Jennifer Krantz | 17 Elise Hetland | Anton Jerkovich |
| 2 Jennifer Kirschner | 20 Renee Wesson | 27 Kelsey Doyle |
| 3 Ada Boysen | 21 Warren Saunders | Jamie Dilweg |
| Liesl Rehder | 23 Ledda Rosenberger | 28 David Scott |
| 4 Dena Kornegay | Caleb Woodall | Morgan Shadoan |
| 5 Dottie Taylor | Kenneth Swart | Bert Woodall |
| 6 Noah Upchurch | Katherine Ksor | 29 Logan Bennett |
| 9 Mike Schultz | 24 Cheryl Jeanneret | 30 Perry Hinkle |
| Hank Gates | | |
| 10 Gail McMillan | | |
| Nolan Doyle | | |
| 12 Alex Wilder | | |



Anniversaries

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| 2 Kenneth & Annette Swart | 18 Grant & Hannah Harvey |
| 3 Stan & Retha Newbold | Michael & Karis Jackson |
| Roy & Marilyn Whitmore | 19 Ben & Susan Barker |
| Kris & Laura Perkins | 22 Chuck & Nancy-Ann Potts |
| 12 Walt & Jennifer Brittle | 23 Richard & Ledda Rosenberger |
| Joe & Carol Witt | 28 Will & Emily McAndrew |
| 13 Ray & Leslie Huml | |



April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 ■ 8:30 AM Worship ■ 9:45 AM Discipleship Hour ■ 11:00 AM Worship/Face-book Live ■ 1:30 PM Confirmation ■ 3:30 PM MLY ■ 5:30 PM Varsity	28	29 ■ 6:00 PM Praise Rehearsal ■ 6:30 PM Varsity Bible Study ■ 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	30 ■ 6:00 PM Praise Rehearsal ■ 6:30 PM Varsity Bible Study ■ 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	31 ■ 1:00 PM Blood Drive/FLC ■ 6:00 PM DivorceCare/DC4K	1 ■ 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal/208	2 ■ 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal/208
3 ■ Communion ■ 8:30 AM Worship ■ 9:45 AM Discipleship Hour ■ 11:00 AM Worship/Face-book Live ■ 12:30 PM Youth Parents/FLC ■ 3:30 PM MLY ■ 5:30 PM Varsity	4 ■ 7:00 PM Session/FH	5 ■ 5:15 PM Wednesday Clubs ■ 6:00 PM Praise Rehearsal ■ 6:00 PM Cong Care/100 ■ 6:30 PM Varsity Bible Study ■ 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	6 ■ 5:15 PM Wednesday Clubs ■ 6:00 PM Praise Rehearsal ■ 6:00 PM Cong Care/100 ■ 6:30 PM Varsity Bible Study ■ 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	7 ■ 11:30 AM JOY Group/FH ■ 6:00 PM DivorceCare/DC4K ■ 7:00 PM Facilities/209	8 ■ 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal/208	9 ■ 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal/208
10 ■ 8:30 AM Worship ■ 9:45 AM Discipleship Hour ■ 11:00 AM Worship/Face-book Live ■ 5:30 PM Varsity	11	12 ■ 5:15 PM Wednesday Clubs ■ 6:00 PM Praise Rehearsal ■ 6:30 PM Varsity Bible Study ■ 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	13 ■ 5:15 PM Wednesday Clubs ■ 6:00 PM Praise Rehearsal ■ 6:30 PM Varsity Bible Study ■ 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	14 ■ 6:00 PM DivorceCare/DC4K ■ 7:30 PM Maundy Thursday	15 ■ 7:30 PM Good Friday Service	16 ■ 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal/208
17 ■ 6:45 AM Sunrise Service ■ 8:30 AM Worship ■ 9:45 AM Discipleship Hour ■ 11:00 AM Worship/Face-book Live ■ 3:30 PM MLY ■ 5:30 PM Varsity	18 ■ 6:30 PM Deacons	19 ■ Newsletter Deadline ■ 5:15 PM Wednesday Clubs ■ 6:00 PM Bible Study ■ 6:00 PM Praise Rehearsal ■ 6:30 PM Varsity Bible Study ■ 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	20 ■ Newsletter Deadline ■ 5:15 PM Wednesday Clubs ■ 6:00 PM Bible Study ■ 6:00 PM Praise Rehearsal ■ 6:30 PM Varsity Bible Study ■ 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	21 ■ 6:00 PM DivorceCare/DC4K ■ 6:30 PM Prayer Shawl/100	22 ■ 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal/208	23 ■ 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal/208
24 ■ 8:30 AM Worship ■ 9:45 AM Discipleship Hour ■ 11:00 AM Worship/Face-book Live ■ 2:00 PM Caregiver Support Zoom ■ 3:30 PM MLY ■ 5:30 PM Varsity ■ 5:30 PM Wednesday Clubs Musical	25 ■ 7:00 PM Session	26 ■ 5:15 PM Wednesday Clubs ■ 6:00 PM Bible Study ■ 6:00 PM Praise Rehearsal ■ 6:30 PM Varsity Bible Study ■ 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	27 ■ 5:15 PM Wednesday Clubs ■ 6:00 PM Bible Study ■ 6:00 PM Praise Rehearsal ■ 6:30 PM Varsity Bible Study ■ 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	28 ■ 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal/208 ■ 9:30 PM Science Saturday/FLC	29	30 ■ 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal/208 ■ 9:30 PM Science Saturday/FLC