



March 26, 2023



Community Hour after worship today is in honor of our Inquirers and hosted by the Membership Committee. Stop by Great Hall to meet and greet these new folks and enjoy snacks, coffee, and informal conversation. (You'll find their pictures in the Welcome Folder today.)

Join us for a Palm Sunday Procession and Prayer Walk

Next Sunday, April 2

- Meet at 9:30am on the Hinman Ave. lawn
- Together we will walk around the block with several stops for prayer and reflection: What are the issues and concerns of our neighbors? How can we be supportive?
- Group will return to the church around 10:20am.
- To facilitate our planning, please scan and sign up.



Now Taking Orders for Easter Lilies

Consider ordering an Easter Lily or two in honor or memory of someone. Lilies will beautify the sanctuary on Easter Sunday and can be taken home or donated to a church member after worship.

- \$10 per lily (6 inch pot) - pay via cash, check, or online
- Stop by the office or call the church to order (847)-864-6181
- Orders due April 5



Scan the church calendar for *learning, serving, and fellowship opportunities* for all ages.



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Holy Week and Easter Worship



All services are livestreamed at www.youtube.com/@faithatfirst/streams.

- April 2: Palm Sunday Worship, 10:30am in the sanctuary
- April 6: Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00pm in Tittle Chapel
- April 7: Good Friday "Seven Last Words" Service, 7:00pm in Tittle Chapel
- April 8: Easter Vigil with Baptism and New Members, 7:00pm in Tittle Chapel. Festive reception immediately follows in Great Hall.
- April 9: Easter Sunday
 - 10:30 am Easter Worship Service. Festive Prelude begins at 10:00 am.
 - Festive Community Hour in Great Hall; Eucharist Service in Tittle Chapel immediately following worship
 - Easter Sunday "Eggstravaganza" egg search (outdoors unless raining)

Grief Support Group (online)

Saturdays, April 1, 8 & 15, 2:00-3:00pm on Zoom

Anyone who is grieving a loss is encouraged to participate in this Grief Support Group. Loss may come from death or approaching death, aging, changes in relationships or jobs, financial difficulties, and other challenges we face.

Jim McHolland and Beth Swanick, both First Church members and licensed counselors, will lead this group. Jim is professor emeritus at the Illinois School of Professional Psychology and a practicing pastoral counselor. Beth is a human resources professional and licensed professional counselor, with emphasis in grief counseling. Interested? Email bethswanick@gmail.com.

Invitation to our Lenten Fast (from single-use plastics)

Scan to check out this week's action

