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**First Baptist Church**  
OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON D.C.

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The Love of Jesus is for Everyone

# HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

## PALM SUNDAY

Palms and Praise

**Sunday, April 9**

Worship at 11am.

After-worship Procession with Palms through our neighborhood, accompanied by a mariachi band.



## MAUNDY THURSDAY

Lord's Supper and Foot Washing

**Thursday, April 13**

7pm in the Sanctuary

Childcare provided for infants through kindergarten



## GOOD FRIDAY

Service of Shadows

**Friday, April 14**

7pm in the Sanctuary;

led by the Chancel Choir and other FBC musicians

Childcare provided for infants through kindergarten



## EASTER SUNDAY

Christ is Risen!

**Sunday, April 16**

Worship at 11am;

brass prelude begins at 10:45am



## PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION THROUGH OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

When Jesus entered Jerusalem the crowds came out, shouting and waving scarves like banners and tree branches like flags. I imagine there might have been a drum or two keeping beat with a stringed instrument. And singing. There was definitely singing. What's not to sing and shout about? This teacher who heals the sick, welcomes children, and tells those on the margins that they are loved is coming to town! I imagine people coming out and welcoming Jesus with song and branch was a way of defying the status quo. Making a joyful noise was their way of saying: "The love of God is to be celebrated and we are here to celebrate!"

This Sunday we will celebrate Palm Sunday with a procession through our neighborhood, showing our neighbors that the Love of Jesus is for everyone and is something to celebrate. We live in a city rich in culture and overflowing with musical diversity, and this year a mariachi band will lead our parade, keeping beat with trumpet and stringed instruments.

We'll meet outside the front doors of the church immediately after worship. All are invited to join in. We'll provide the palm branches, you provide the joy! Be sure to wear your parade shoes.



## INCLUSION TEAM TO OFFER TWO BIBLE STUDIES: APR 30 & MAY 21

**9:15-10:30am in Fellowship Hall**

In January and March of this year, adults and youth at FBC participated in "listening sessions" about how we envision our congregation with regard to LGBT inclusiveness, with an eye toward further clarifying who we are as a community of Christ-followers. The prevailing hope with these conversations was to get the FBC family to talk to, and learn from, each other and reach an outcome that ensures all of us feel heard, valued, and loved.

Our next step together is to engage biblical texts that inform this conversation. The Inclusion Team is planning to offer two special Sunday morning Bible study opportunities on **April 30** and **May 21** in Fellowship Hall. **Please note the earlier starting time: 9:15 - 10:30am.** In addition to Bible study we'll hear brief personal stories from a few of our pastoral and lay leaders. **All adults and youth are invited to participate on both Sundays.** These two sessions will be led by the FBC pastors and Inclusion Team. Please keep praying as we lean into God and one another through this conversation.

## ANNUAL MEETING MAY 7



Every year in May, our congregation gathers to celebrate what God has done in and through FBC in the past program year, and to talk about opportunities ahead of us. Join us for this informative, fun (that's right... door prizes!) gathering after worship on May 7, during the "First Sunday" potluck luncheon. Newcomers welcome. Reports from officers and committee chairs are due **Friday, April 21**. Please forward (in Word format) to Administrator D'O Dillard at [ddillard@firstbaptistdc.org](mailto:ddillard@firstbaptistdc.org).

## DEACON ELECTION

On **April 23, 2017**, immediately following the worship service, First Baptist Church members will be asked to submit the names of six church members you believe would serve the church well as deacons. *Nominees, as well as those nominating, must be full members of FBC.* A copy of the current FBC directory is available in the Library and in the Narthex.



This selection of deacons is to fill terms ending in 2017, 2018, and 2019. A ballot will be provided in the Sunday worship folder on April 23. Absentee voting is permitted by sending your nominations to FBC by regular mail in a sealed envelope with your signature over the seal, or by email to [office@firstbaptist.org](mailto:office@firstbaptist.org). Absentee nominations must be received by 4pm on **Friday, April 21, 2017**.

More info: <https://goo.gl/bl0VwC>



FBC YOUTH

# CASCARONE MAKING!

Saturday April 8, 2017

11:00AM - 1:00PM

in the Fellowship Hall

## YOUTH CASCARONES MAKING ON SAT

If you've been saving egg shells for Cascarones, be sure to drop them off with Alyssa Aldape before April 8th!

Saturday April 8th from 11am-1pm the youth and all who are willing and able are invited to meet in Fellowship Hall and make cascarones for Easter Sunday! Come join us as we make some memories together and hopefully not too much of a mess!

## PASSPORT BASE CAMP - SPRING CLEANING

We continue scratching things off our PASSPORT to do list as we prepare for our summer guests! Spring cleaning being our big to do. Alyssa asks that you continue to pray for our church folks as they make space for our guests and also pray for the students and chaperones who will experience DC life and the many ways God is at work in the city.



## ALLIANCE OF BAPTISTS - ANNUAL MEETING

Our connection with the Alliance of Baptists runs deep. In 1989- two years after the Alliance was founded- Stan Hastey was hired as the Executive Director of the Alliance and First Baptist Church of DC became its headquarters. For twenty years we housed the Alliance of Baptists and together we continued to grow as people of faith, answering God's invitation to see the hand of God at work in the world. This year, our partners in faith celebrate 30 years of ministry! So who better to send than our associate pastor Alyssa Aldape who also turns 30 this year to join the Alliance in celebrating their work in the world?

The annual meeting will be held at Pullen Memorial Baptist Church in Raleigh, NC April 28th - 30th, 2017. If you are interested in attending, information and registration link can be found here. <https://goo.gl/auatrr>



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## LEADERSHIP & VISION WORKSHOP: PART TWO SATURDAY, JUNE 3

FBC is hosting Part Two of our congregational Leadership & Vision Workshop (the initial workshop took place last October). Mark Nishan and Geoff Abbott from the SEC College of Leadership Development are returning to facilitate our exploration of shared Christian values which will inform the Vision and Mission of our Church, as well as work we will do as a congregation.

The workshop is set for Saturday, June 3rd, from 9am to 3pm in Fellowship Hall. Refreshments and a light lunch will be served.

Remember - these workshops are not just for "official" church leaders. ALL who call First Baptist their church home, who care about how we align our works with God's dreams for us, are invited to attend:

- If you attended the first workshop, please plan to participate! We need your continuity.
- If you could not attend last fall for any reason, please plan to participate! We need your ideas.
- If you are new to the FBC congregation, please plan to participate! We need to get to know one another and learn together.



If you have a student graduating from high school or college this spring, please send their info and a picture of them to Alyssa Aldape- our associate pastor to youth by April 28th, 2017!



**Friday, April 28, 2017** - Verse and Vision is a festival of poetry, showcasing and promoting the use of poetry in communities of faith. It includes a Friday evening concert of music and poetry at Western Presbyterian Church, and Saturday poetry readings and discussions, workshops on reading and writing poetry, and poetry-infused worship at the Church of the Pilgrims. Special guest poets E. Ethelbert Miller and Tania Runyon will be joined by other area poets and worship leaders in giving readings and leading workshops.  
More: <http://www.verseandvision.org/>

**Pastor Julie will read two original poems** at Friday night's Concert of Music and Poetry at Western Presbyterian Church. (\$10 Admission Fee)

## YOUNG ADULTS GATHER FOR "ORDINARY TIME"



*Thursdays @ 6pm*

Young adults from FBC gather every Thursday at 6pm for friendship and conversation at Capitol City Brewing Company (corner of 11th St. & H, NW). Join us as we seek the presence of God in the ordinary spaces. Questions? Contact Associate Pastor Alyssa Aldape [aaldape@firstbaptistdc.org](mailto:aaldape@firstbaptistdc.org). Come when you can and as you are!

MATTERS of

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&  
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*If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ~ Romans 14:8*

*April 16* EASTER SUNDAY  
The death of death  
*1 Corinthians 15:20-22, 51-57*

*April 23* why we hate death  
*1 Corinthians 15:20-26*

*April 30* TO LIVE ON PURPOSE  
*Psalms 90:1-6, 10, 12*

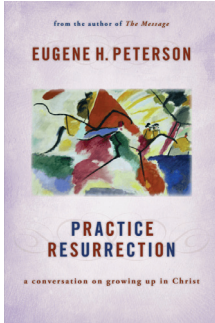
*May 7* faith in the first half of Life  
*Luke 15:11-31*

*May 14* faith in the second half of Life  
*Luke 15:11-31*

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**Practice Resurrection:  
A Conversation On  
Growing Up In Christ, by  
Eugene Peterson  
Young Adult Bible Study  
Fellowship—Sundays @  
9:45am (Dawson Room)**



Does the resurrection of Jesus make any real difference in how we live? Starting this Sunday, FBC young adults are raising this

question, and more, through the lens of the New Testament book of Ephesians. Eugene Peterson, transformational pastor and author of more than 20 books, will help us express our ideas, raise questions and talk about challenges we face when trying to live in the power of the resurrection of Jesus. Bring your faith, your doubts and your questions. All are welcome!

**FBC Choir Members to Sing  
in The Magic Flute  
Sunday, April 9 @ 6pm**



Kelly Curtin, Aurelio Dominguez and Antony Zwerdling will join other professional

and emerging opera artists to bring Mozart's wonderful operatic fairytale to life in a staged and costumed production with orchestra. Admission: \$25. Children & Students with ID: Free. Wilson High School Visual & Performing Arts Center, 3950 Chesapeake St NW, WDC. Presented by the Aria Club of Greater Washington.

**Traffic Advisory**

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has temporarily closed the rush-hour curb lanes at 17th and Rhode Island, NW, (two blocks from our church; adjacent to the old YMCA building) for a construction project which is scheduled to last 18 months.

Covered walkways have been constructed to provide safe accommodation for pedestrians (17th Street NW, south of the alley on the westside and on the northside of Rhode Island Avenue). The intersection remains open. Motorists should anticipate moderate-to-heavy delays due to the lane closures. Drivers are advised to stay alert while traveling through these locations.

**Beauty and the Beast:  
Annual Benefit for NCCF**

Please help to support the National Center for Children and Families while enjoying a dinner and performance on Sunday, May 7, at Toby's Dinner Theatre of Columbia, MD. Tickets, including dinner, show, and gratuity are \$56 per person (\$10.00 tax deductible).



The NCCF (formerly Baptist Home for Children) is a private, non-profit agency serving the national capital area. The residential programs serve homeless families, victims of domestic violence and vulnerable adolescents. Checks should be made payable to the "Board of Church Representatives, NCCF". Questions? Contact FBC member Bonnie Jorgensen, who serves on the Board of Church Representatives for NCCF (bonnie.jorgensen@gmail.com, 240-418-2788).

**GIVE TO MISSIONS**

 **American Baptist Churches USA**  
America for Christ/World Mission Offering  \$\_\_\_\_\_

 **Cooperative Baptist Fellowship**  
Offering for Global Missions  \$\_\_\_\_\_

 **Southern Baptist Convention**  
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering/  
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering  \$\_\_\_\_\_

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**Easter Missions Offering  
2017**

At FBCDC, one of the ways we help turn faith into deeds is by supporting Baptist organizations at work in the USA and in the world. In this season before Easter we invite you to give to one or more of these missional partners. Missions envelopes are available in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall and office welcome area.

**Serving at Christ House**

You are invited to serve breakfast on Sunday, April 9th at 7am at Christ House, located at 1717 Columbia Road, NW in Adams Morgan. Contact Dinh Tran for more information: dinaford@gmail.com.

**Save the Date!**

FBC's Annual Cook-out is set for Saturday, October 21, location TBA.



## EVENTS

### Sunday, April 9

- 9:30am:** Church School for All Ages
- 10am:** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Rm 312)
- 11am:** Worship (Sanctuary)
- Noon:** Procession through the neighborhood with palms and mariachi band
- 2pm:** Worship in Spanish (Dawson Room)

### Thursday, April 13

- 6pm:** Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
- 7pm:** Lord's Supper and Footwashing (Sanctuary)

### Friday, April 14

- 6pm:** Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
- 7pm:** Service of Shadows with FBC Choir (Fellowship Hall)

## DEACONS ON-CALL: WEEK OF APRIL 9:



Rob Marus

## WEEK OF APRIL 16:



Jean Bell

*The on-call deacon is your lay contact for prayer concerns during their week of service.*

## FBC PRAYER & CARE

### Sympathy:

...to the family of long-time FBC member Leone Rhee, who died Friday, March 31, 2017. The viewing is Thursday, April 6, 7-9pm, at Pumphrey's Colonial Funeral Home, 300 W. Montgomery Avenue in Rockville, MD (Route 28 just off I-270 exit 6-A). Service Friday, April 7 at 11am at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 13801 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD. Private interment, followed by a reception from Noon-3pm at Manor Country Club, 14901 Carrolton Road, Rockville, MD.

### Prayers:

...to Glenn Bratcher, recovering from rotator cuff surgery

...to Shelby Livingstone (Brad & Linda's daughter) having surgery on Thursday for a torn ACL

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