

Prayer Corner

Prayer of the Month:

"Move Toward the Light"

T. Anne Daniel-Africana Worship Book (Year C)

Dear God, reveal to us this day what our eyes look for but cannot see; what our ears hear and cannot understand. Shine your light on the pages of our lives. In the places where we share the dark, everyone looks bright, and everything looks right. We are not anxious to move out of our darkness where we are fooled. In the darkness, our motives are not clear, our ideas are voiced, and our relationships are not questioned/ But when your light shines, everything is like an open window. We see clearly. Help us to move on with you, Light of Lights. We praise you and pray in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Prayer Requests

- Alton Campbell
- Gordon Edmond (Brother of Stacey Swain & Joel Edmond)
- Melvin Henderson
- Dr. Joi Lewis
- Gary Martin
- Sharon Martin
- Willie P. McCoy, Jr.
- Carlton McQuirter (Brother of James McQuirter)
- Karen Morgan
- Calvin Morgan
- Wynfered Neal
- William Watkins, Jr.

Seniors and Homebound

- Verlene Booker
- Glenice Booker-Butler
- Margaret Carter
- Dr. Charles Crutchfield
- James Cummings
- Ginnie Dennis
- Doris Douglas
- Charlotte Drake
- Johnette Houston
- Pat Jemie
- Barbara Wulf



Loving God. Loving People.

April 13, 2025 | 10 am



Steadfast Love - A Lenten Playlist | Palm Sunday

Welcome to Camphor!

We are an open, welcoming, and affirming congregation, intentional and inclusive of all God's people. Camphor worship services are filmed, recorded and broadcast on line. Whoever you are – you are safe here.

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- † All stand
 - * Please be Seated
- Where indicated, speak or sing the words in **bold**

Centering Moment: Our Daily Bread

Check out today's passage from "Our Daily Bread" to get centered for Worship.



† Prelude

† Acolyte

† Processional

Welcome/Announcements

Mary Louise Archer

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Louise Archer

One: Rejoice, people of God—our King comes with mercy and power.

Many: We lift our voices and wave our palms—Hosanna in the highest!

One: Yet even as the crowd cheers, Jesus turns toward the cross.

Many: He prays in the garden, heavy with sorrow, yet faithful to the call.

One: This is no ordinary King—this is a Savior who drinks the cup for us.

Many: We come with praise and reverence, to worship the One who saves. Amen.

† Opening Prayer (In Unison)

O God of Hosanna and Gethsemane, we come into this sacred space with mixed hearts—shouting praise, yet aware of the cross. On this Palm Sunday, we remember that glory and grief walk hand in hand. Jesus, You did not turn away from the cup of suffering, but drank deeply so we might live. As we worship today, give us courage to follow You fully, even when the road is hard. Let this hour be filled with gratitude, humility, and hope. In the name of the One who saves, we pray. Amen.

(Adapted from Church Assistant: Liturgy, Bible Study, Prayer)

This Week at Camphor UMC

- Tuesday, April 15th** 6 pm- Admin Council Meeting (Zoom)
- Wednesday, April 16th** 10 am- UMM Weekly Bowling (Flaherty's)
4 pm- Mass Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- Friday, April 18th** 6:30 pm- Seven Last Words Service (Sanctuary)
Good Friday
- Saturday, April 19th** 9 am- Walking for Fitness (Lg. Sunday School Rm)
12 pm- Easter Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
1 pm- Mass Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- Sunday, April 20th** 8:45 am- Adult Sunday School (Conf. Room)
Resurrection Sunday 10 am: Worship (Sanctuary and Live-Stream)

Camphor Bulletin Board

Ministry Team Highlight: Christian Education

We at Camphor want to highlight the various ministries we have and provide an opportunity to learn more and join if you're interested.

Christian Education | Leader - DeAnna Conover

The Christian Education ministry at Camphor Church creates opportunities for spiritual growth and faith development through intentional teaching. Rooted in Scripture, this ministry supports members of all ages in their journey of discipleship. Sunday sessions offer engaging learning experiences that encourage reflection and deeper understanding.

For more information or to get involved, please contact DeAnna Conover.



Prayer of Intercession

Rev. William Petty

Lord’s Prayer (In Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

(Worshippers May Enter)

Passing of the Peace

Rev. William Petty

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation, peace, and love. Saying, to our neighbors, **“the peace of Christ be with you,”** the response is, **“And also with you!”**

(Worshippers May Enter)

Stewardship Moment

Rev. William Petty

Offertory

† The Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

(Worshippers May Enter)

Palm Sunday Presentation

Chorus

Hosanna, Hosanna, the King is here!

Riding on a donkey, his love draws us near.

Palm branches swaying, hearts full of grace,

Jesus, our Redeemer, in this holy place.

Ministry of Music

Sanctuary Choir

† Scripture Lesson

Matthew 26:36-46 (NIV)

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36 Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” 37 He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. 38 Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.” 39 Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.” 40 Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Couldn’t you men keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter. 41 “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” 42 He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.” 43 When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. 44 So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing. 45 Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. 46 Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

(Leader: The Word of God for the People of God/ All: Thanks be to God)

Ministry of Music

Sanctuary Choir

The Sermon

“A Cup Only a Savior Could Drink From”

Rev. William Petty

Invitation of Christian Discipleship

Rev. William Petty

(Those who desire prayer or anointing with oil may come at this time.)

† Benediction with Blessings

Rev. William Petty

**Let the Church say Amen,
Let the Church say Amen
God has spoken, Let the Church say Amen**

(Worshippers may depart. Go in Peace)

Join us in the narthex after service for “Healthy Smiles, Healthy Lives ” with Dr. Grace Warren—plus free books, bulbs, power strips, and more!