

# START FRESH

## PALM SUNDAY

Sun, Apr 13, 8:30AM and 11:00AM  
in the sanctuary

## GOOD FRIDAY

Fri, Apr 18, 7:30PM  
in the sanctuary

## EGG-STRAVAGANZA

Sat, Apr 19  
10:00AM to 1:00PM

## SUNRISE SERVICE

Sun, Apr 20, 6:30AM  
on the front steps

## EASTER SERVICES

Sun, Apr 20, 8:30AM and 11:00AM  
in the sanctuary

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# welcome

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## NEW HERE?

We are so glad that you are joining us today! We would love to connect with you and care for you in whatever situation you are in.

Infant (birth to 1 year old) and Toddler (1 to 3 years old) Nurseries and Junior Church (3 years old to 5th grade) are available at the 11:00am Worship Service. Please visit the Welcome Desk.

We would like to invite you to stop by the Welcome Center for a little gift to say thank you for joining us!

SERVE WITH US



## GIVE

	GENERAL	MISSIONS
2025 Budget:	\$623,569	\$141,808
YTD Budget Need:	\$179,876	\$ 40,906
Expenses:	\$148,269	
Income:	\$148,655	\$ 39,242



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## OUR VISION AND MISSION

We seek to be a Christ-centered, diverse community, caring for EVERY generation in EVERY situation.

We make a difference by connecting, worshipping, and growing together.



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# PALM SUNDAY



EXAMINE YOUR ALLEGIANCE  
EPHESIANS 5:1-6

APR 13, 2025

# MORNING SERVICE

## Examine Your Allegiance

Ephesians 5:1-6 (page 919 of the pew Bible) | Dr Alfonso Javed

*Palm Sunday is the celebration of the triumphal entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. However, the dramatic shift in the crowd's allegiance on that first Palm Sunday from crying out "Hosanna! (Save Us!)" to "Crucify Him!" a few days later serves as a stark reminder that our outward expressions of faith can be fleeting and our words can lack true depth.*

*The tragic turn of events during Holy Week underscores the daily and deliberate nature of our allegiance to King Jesus. It reminds us that our allegiance to Jesus is not a one-time declaration but a continuous choice.*

*Ephesians 5:1-6 does not recount the events of Palm Sunday, but it does address the heart issue and provides timeless guidance on how to cultivate a genuine and lasting allegiance to Jesus.*

1. By Following a \_\_\_\_\_ for Imitation (v1-2)

Application

2. By Following a \_\_\_\_\_ for Motivation (v3-5)

Application

3. By Following a \_\_\_\_\_ for Exaltation (v6)

Application

Appeal

Action Step

Message Notes on YouVersion



# THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 13

Palm Sunday

- 8:30am Early Morning Worship Service | Sanctuary
- 9:45am Sunday School | children, teen, adult | Rooms & Zoom
- 11:00am Late Morning Worship Service | Sanctuary & Online
- ~11:20am Teen Service | Room 210
- 1:00pm Renovate Young Adults | Surprise Me Sunday Lunch
- 1:00pm Small Group | Ed & Dina O'Connor | Room 206

Tuesday, April 15

- 2:00pm Lenten Pop-In Prayer | Chapel
- 7:00pm Easter EGG-Stravaganza Popcorn Bagging | Conference Room 105
- 7:00pm Small Group | Renovate Young Adults | Third Floor Café
- 7:30pm Small Group | Bruce & Mindy Emerson | Room 208

Wednesday, April 16

- 7:00pm Youth Group | grades 6-12
- 7:30pm Midweek Service | Room 105 & Zoom

Thursday, April 17

- 10:00am Small Group | Morning Ladies Bible Study | Conference Room 105
- 6:00pm Easter EGG-Stravaganza Setup (until 8:00pm)
- 7:00pm Easter EGG-Stravaganza Basket Making | Conference Room 105
- 7:00pm Small Group | Evening Ladies Bible Study | Residence
- 7:30pm Small Group | Pastor Alfonso & Sarah Javed | Residence
- 7:30pm Small Group | Wayne & Marilyn Langhoff | Residence
- 8:00pm Small Group | Pastor James Miller | Zoom

Friday, April 18

- 10:00am Easter EGG-Stravaganza Setup (until 7:00pm)
- 7:30pm Good Friday Service | Sanctuary

Saturday, April 19

- 8:00am Easter EGG-Stravaganza Setup
- 10:00am Easter EGG-Stravaganza
- 1:00pm Easter EGG-Stravaganza Cleanup

Sunday, April 20

Easter Sunday

- 6:30am Sunrise Service
- 8:30am Early Morning Worship Service | Sanctuary
- 9:45am Brunch | Gym
- 11:00am Late Morning Worship Service | Sanctuary & Online
- ~11:20am Teen Service | Room 210

# PRAY WITH US



Visit [FBCOnline.org/small-groups](https://FBCOnline.org/small-groups) for the full list of groups and more

**MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK**

**KEVIN & KAORI LAVERMAN**  
WorldVenture | Japan



- Church Planting in Kawasaki, Japan
- 3 Christian college students on a cross-cultural internship (Jan-May)
- Began worship services at Kosugi Chapel on Christmas Eve 2024
- Groups: Kids English Club, Joyful Kids Gospel, two Joyful English Café groups, Bible Café (new believers), and Beginners Bible (not-yet-Christians)



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