



April 1, 2026

Good Friday is a solemn day of reflection, centering on the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ, whose suffering on the cross is seen as a victory over sin rather than a defeat. It is a time for believers to confront the weight of human injustice, pain, and mortality while acknowledging God's voluntary solidarity with suffering.

A Message of Love and Sacrifice: The cross is recognized as the ultimate expression of love, where Jesus, took on the suffering and sins of humanity. It represents a "hard reboot" for the soul, urging believers to embrace silence and reflection.

- **Solidarity in Suffering:** Jesus's passion shows that God is not distant from human anguish but is present within our pain and despair, as highlighted in reflections from Franciscan Media.
- **The Transformation of the Cross:** A central theme is the transformation of a symbol of shame and defeat into a symbol of divine victory. It is a day of repentance and gratitude, recognizing the costly price of redemption.
- **A Call to Carry Our Own Cross:** The day calls on believers to "carry our cross" and follow Jesus, recognizing that life and hope emerge from the suffering. Ultimately, Good Friday is not a day for hopelessness, but a moment to trust in God's plan, acknowledging that even in the profound darkness of this day, the light of Easter is coming.

You are all welcome to attend this Friday's Good Friday service at 10:30. Communion will be offered by intinction. All are welcome to come and eat and drink of the body of Christ in remembrance of how He died to cleanse us all from sin.



Worship Calendar

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| Apr. 3 | Watching the Tomb | Gospel of Matthew | Rev. Eric Lee |
| Apr. 5 | Terrified, Yet Filled with Joy | Matthew 28:1-10 | Rev. Eric Lee |
| Apr. 12 | Resurrection Grace That Holds Us Together | Ephesians 4:1-3 Colossians 3:12-14 | Rev. Eric Lee |



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Green Family Welcomes Baby Thatcher

Nancy and Ken Green's son Michael and his wife, Jenn, are proud as punch to announce the arrival of Thatcher William Green. He was 9.1 pounds and according to Nancy, "is a relaxed wee soul who just wants to eat and sleep. He was 50 cm tall and has large hands and feet to carry a good-sized man one day. We are thankful and filled with joy with the arrival of our first grandchild."

Common Scents

Please be advised that our church has a scent-free protocol. It seems that some of our dear parishioners feel unwell due to heavy floral smells. Please be considerate of those in our congregation who are affected by strong smells and odors and refrain from perfumes or colognes when coming to worship on Sunday mornings. Thank you one and all.

Soup By Dave Luncheon

Outreach is pleased to announce that we will be hosting the 5th "Soup by Dave" Luncheon on Tuesday, April 14th at 11:30 AM in the downstairs hall. Chef Dave Taylor will be preparing beef and barley soup. Given Dave's track record, the demonstration will be entertaining, and the soup will be delicious. Every guest will receive a copy of his recipe. We are glad that Chef Dave will once again generously share his culinary

expertise with us in an engaging presentation. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the front foyer. Please plan to attend and invite your friends to join you. Free-will offerings will be gratefully received.

Loonies for Lent

This year the Outreach Committee is asking you to set aside loonies and toonies or other monetary donations in order that we may send a large donation to the St James Food Basket. The money that we send will be used to purchase such basics as tuna, canned tomatoes and pasta which will be distributed to their client families. Each year the number of people relying on food banks continues to grow and the current uncertain times are adding to this need. Outreach is asking our church family to send their monetary donations (loonies/toonies in containers, cash, cheques or e-transfers) to the church to support this initiative. Please mark your envelopes for "Loonies for Lent, Outreach" and include your name and envelope number. We would appreciate receiving your contribution by April 5th.

Good Friday Hot Cross Bun Breakfast

Outreach will be hosting a Hot Cross Bun Breakfast on Good Friday, April 3rd at 9:30 am. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please let us know if you will be attending so that we will have lots of food available. We hope to see many of you on Good Friday morning.

A Spring Devotional Update (March 22)

A **new** edition of **These Days** (April/May/June), as well as the current edition of **Our Daily Bread** (March/April/May) are available on the table in the church vestibule and in the devotional box on the church porch.

Lenten Candle Liturgy Readers

Apr. 3 – Susan & Evelyn



Coffee Sign-Up

It is that time of year again when we are looking for volunteers to serve coffee and tea after worship. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Adamson Lounge.

April – Outreach Team
May 3 _____
May 10 _____
May 17 _____
May 24 _____

May 31 _____

Thank you to all of you who have given so willingly of your time and efforts. We appreciate you!!



PRAYER REQUESTS AND PASTORAL CARE

* Pray for the people of war-torn countries (Iran, Ukraine,) who are living in fear and uncertainty. Pray for those close to home who need your special love and guidance during trying times. Pray for our country, Canada.

* Pray for Ali Tavosoli's family who resides in Iran.

* **Also, please keep these people in your prayers:**

Shirley Pollock's daughter Nancy, Ruth Ann Ross, Bob Woolley, Giulietta Ponzini, Ryan Jory, Harold Hussey, Teresia Njoki, Roman and Adrian P., Ed Lattimore, Margaret Munene's brother Simon, Lenore Carty, Sheila Thomas' grandson, Carter, the Jarvis family (Wayne, Shannon and Dale), Olive S.

Please keep these folks, and indeed, everyone in our church family and people around the world, in your prayers.

Note from your editor...could you please advise me from time to time on the status of your loved ones so that updates can be recorded and shared to prove that the power of prayer does work miracles.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- * Tuesdays @ 11:00 AM – Walking Group – All are welcome to walk and enjoy Centennial Park
- * Thursdays @ 2:00 PM – Worship service at Centennial Park Place
- * Thursday, Apr. 2 @ 2:00 – 4:00 PM – Stations of the Cross in the sanctuary where one can quietly contemplate our Saviour's sacrifice with silent reflection and prayer
- * Friday, Apr. 3 @ 9:30 AM – Hot Cross Buns served before Good Friday service which will begin at 10:30
- * Tuesday, Apr. 14 @ 11:30 AM – Soup by Dave (Beef & Barley Soup) details are printed above
- * Monday, Apr. 20 @ 6:30 PM – Mission Team meeting
- * Sunday, Apr. 26 @ 10:30 AM – Mission Awareness Sunday (This will be led by our Mission Team)

*Tuesday, May 19 @ 6:30 PM – Session Meeting

*Friday, Sept. 11 @ 2:00 PM – Music & Worship meeting



A Lifelong Journey

And he opened his mouth and taught them. —Matthew 5:2 (ESV)

Jesus call us to be lifelong learners, to keep following Him and growing in our faith. He wants us to develop new skills and wisdom to face life's challenges gracefully. Ask God, what beautiful lesson will You teach me today?

Lord Jesus, deepening my faith is a blessed lifelong journey. Thank You for being the greatest Teacher of all time.



Prayer/Reader/Announcements for 2026

Prayer Roster

Lay Readers

Welcome and Announcements

Apr. 3 (Good Friday)

Chris Parr & Nancy McPherson

Apr. 5 Pastor Eric

Vi Lobodowsky

Nancy McPherson

Apr. 12 Bob Twynam

Nancy Green

Susan Chopp

Apr. 19 Nancy Green

Anna Cherniak

Bob Twynam

Apr. 26 Mission Team

Mission Team

Mission Team

May 3 Susan Chopp

Harry Learoyd

Kathy Twynam

May 10 Maureen Screen

Chris Parr

Susan Chopp



WEEKLY SMILE

Just as the graveside service finished, there was a distant lightning bolt accompanied by a tremendous burst of rumbling thunder. The little old man looked at the pastor and calmly said, "Well, she's there and it's His problem now."

Thanks to Kathy Twynam for sharing this.



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APRIL

2026

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|-----------|--|--|----------|
| | | | 1 | 2 Stations of the Cross 2:00 – 4:00 PM | 3 Good Friday Communion Watching the Tomb Rev. Eric Lee | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 Walking Group 11:00 | 8 | 9 Service @ CPP 2:00 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 Terrified, Yet Filled with Joy Rev. Eric Lee | 13 | 14 Walking Group 11:00 Soup by Dave 11:30 AM | 15 | 16 Service @ CPP 2:00 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 Resurrection Grace That Holds Us Together Rev. Eric Lee | 20 Mission Team Meeting 6:30 PM | 21 Walking Group 11:00 | 22 | 23 Service @ CPP 2:00 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 Mission Awareness Sunday 10:30 AM | 27 | 28 Walking Group 11:00 | 29 | 30 Service @ CPP 2:00 | | |

