



# HOW TO BE OR NOT BE *the church*+

TO THE CHURCH IN SMYRNA - BEING FAITHFUL

**April 21, 2024**

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# 9:00am Worship Service

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Welcome & Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn & Entrance of the Light of Christ

*"Because He Lives"*

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Confession of Faith | The Apostles' Creed

*We join the church in history by confessing this basic statement of what Christians believe.*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy worldwide church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Praises and Prayers

Congregational Prayer

Choir Anthem

**Mt. Zion Choir**

*"He's Callin' My Name"*

**Patsy Ford Simmons**

Scripture Reading

**Revelation 2:8-11**

Children's Time

Sermon Hymn

*"Through It All"*

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Message

*"To the Church in Smyrna - Being Faithful"*

**Rev. Jenn Tabor Osterfeld**

Response to the Word

\*Doxology

*"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*

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The Lord's Prayer

**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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn

*"Thine Be the Glory"*

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Benediction

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## Participants

Greeters:

Acolytes:

## Today

Denise & Eddie Toney

Ashley & Owen

## Next Week

Denise & Eddie Toney

Nick & Bailey

## **Prayer Concerns**

### **April 21 thru April 28**

Wendy Hensley - recovering from knee surgery replacement  
Nancy Lane - South River Healthcare Center, Edgewater  
Sherrie Lofton - skin cancer surgery  
Al MacDonald - leg pain  
Joanna Mauck - surgery on hand and arm to work on tendons and manipulate movement  
Marilyn Mishou - recovering from knee surgery  
Janet & Kurt Sears family - loss of home due to a fire  
Jen Simmons - partially torn MCL in left knee  
Pastor Heath & Julie Wilson & family - loss of Julie's grandmother

### **Our Extended Prayer Concerns – Family & Friends**

Leslie Ellis - health and healing  
Steve Ellis - health and healing  
Susan Fox - pancreatic cancer, showing improvement, but still more chemo  
Jeff Fullerton - recovering from a recent stroke  
Dougie Greenwell - 17-year-old with cancer  
Heather Katz - prayers for a good follow-up appointment with neurologists  
Kenzie - tumor is growing, being admitted to John Hopkins  
Melissa Kilpatrick – continued strength  
Brian Lawler - cancer, too weak to continue treatments  
Michael Lowe - early stage of Alzheimer's  
Marshall family - loss of Stuart Marshall from cancer  
Martha - Praise! baby has some issues but is getting stronger, to be born in April  
Matt Mattlock - Praise! knee surgery went well, pray for continued healing  
Gina Richardson - home from rehab prayers to gain strength from surgery  
Harold Schlemmer - cancer has spread, new treatments, IV infusion  
Mark Smith - recovering from triple bypass surgery  
Jimmy Talbert - cancer  
Mike Wilkins - treatments for throat cancer  
Linda Wright - cancer of the kidneys

# **Announcements**

## **Card Care Ministry**

I am sure by now most have seen the rotating card rack in the foyer. Thank you to Kim Magruder for donating the rack and the beautiful assortment of cards.

Please feel free to choose any cards you would like to share with family or friends, including our Mt. Zion family. There is a donation box and any donations received will be used for our monthly “Lunch Bunch” luncheons.

## **Thursday, April 25 - 5:30pm - New Members Conversation**

Pastor Heath and Rev. Jenn will be having a “New Members Conversation” on Thursday, April 25 at 5:30pm. Dinner is being provided and there will be youth available to hang out with kids. If you are interested in attending for the evening or being baptized, please email [pastorheath@mzumc.com](mailto:pastorheath@mzumc.com) or [revjenn@mzumc.com](mailto:revjenn@mzumc.com).

## **Wednesday, April 24 - 12:00pm - Lunch Bunch Luncheon**

The first Lunch Bunch in March was a success so we are going to continue with a monthly Wednesday luncheon at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a signup sheet in the foyer for the April Luncheon in the next few weeks. Shepherd Pie will be the main dish provided and you can bring a side dish or dessert if you would like.

## **Sunday, April 28 - 4:30pm - Prince of Egypt Movie Night**

Bring the family and join us in the Fellowship Hall at 4:30pm to watch the movie “The Prince of Egypt”. Snacks will be served.

## **Church Council Meeting, Monday, April 29 at 6:30pm**

## **Saturday, May 4 - 8am-1pm - Yard Sale on the Field of Grace**

There will be a Yard Sale on Saturday, May 4 from 8am – 1pm on the Field of Grace. This is a fundraiser for our ASP trip this summer. Space rentals are \$20 for a 10x10 foot space. You can rent tables for the space at \$10 (limited supply). To reserve a space, go to [mzumc.com](http://mzumc.com). The ASP team will also take donations of smaller items (*no larger furniture please*) to sell at a “church table”. If you have items you would like to donate, please contact Joe Harrison at 410-562-6010 or at [joshwharr@comcast.net](mailto:joshwharr@comcast.net) to arrange drop off or pick up.

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**Birthday: 4/21 Teresa Seibel; 4/22 Rev. Jenn; 4/24 Vicki Lerch & Daniel Noell**