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Holy Week & Easter at First Church!

Maundy Thursday Dinner and Communion

Thursday, March 28, 6pm
In the Chapel

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Worship

Thursday, March 28, 7pm
In-person and on YouTube

Maundy Thursday Vigil

Thurs. March 28, 8pm – Fri. March 29, 5pm

Good Friday at The Table

Fri., March 29, 6:30pm Worship & Dinner

Easter "Son-Rise" Worship

Sunday, March 31, 6:30am
Burlington Waterfront with CSCC
(north of the Echo Science Museum)

Easter Festival Worship

Sunday, March 31, 10am
In-person and on YouTube
Reception and Activities
in the Chapel after Worship

Visit bit.ly/holyweekfccb for
additional info!

UPCOMING:



Save the Date Sunday, April 7th Vermont String Quartet "Skylark"

featuring Jane Kittredge, Ben Lively, Ana Ruesink, and
John Dunlop will lead music during the 10am worship.



The Table, Good Friday starting at
6:30pm with a light dinner in the
Dining Room If you are interested in
helping, please email [Ava Bilton](mailto:Ava.Bilton).

Just a few spots left!



**Sign up for Maundy Thursday
Vigil at First Church:** After the
Maundy Thursday service, until 5pm
on Good Friday, sign up for a one-
hour slot to hold a silent vigil in the
Sanctuary bit.ly/thursdayvigil2024

or visit the Church Office TODAY.

You are invited to participate in the
Easter Flower & Mission Offering – see
the printed insert or learn more online
at: bit.ly/easterflowermission2024

Silent Vigil for Racial Justice: All
are invited to stand in solidarity for
racial justice **Sunday, April 7th from
11:30am – 12pm.** Donations of
individually packaged snacks for the
Elmwood Community Shelter are
invited at this event.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt on the second
floor after worship **NEXT SUNDAY!**



All are invited to
gather in solidarity

Silent Vigil

for
**Racial
Justice**
April 7
11:30am - noon

WORSHIP:

Sunday Morning Worship: We also livestream, with a recording available: www.youtube.com/FirstChurchBTB

MUSIC: To offer your musical gifts, vocal or instrumental, or to learn more about First Church music programs
contact us at music@firstchurchburlington.org.

- Our **Sanctuary Choir** rehearsals are at 7pm Thursdays and 9:15am Sundays. All are welcome to sing!
- **Alleluia Choir is for youth in 3rd – 8th grade.** Contact music@firstchurchburlington.org for more info.
- **Cherub Choir is for children in Pre-K-2nd grade,** they meet following worship with Laura Elder-Connors.
- **Bell Choir** rehearsals are from 6:45 – 8:15pm on Wednesdays at First Church. New ringers are always
welcome! For details contact Jennie Coleman, jcoleman@firstchurchburlington.org.

READERS: Interested in reading during worship? Contact info@firstchurchburlington.org to let us know!

PARKING: The First Church parking lot is most needed and reserved for - our first-time visitors - and those with
limited mobility only. Drivers are invited to drop off passenger(s) before using street parking or the garage (both
FREE on Sundays). Please do not park on the lawn as it damages the grass.

FLOWERS: The calendar for donating Sunday flowers is available in the Narthex of the Sanctuary. You can create an
arrangement or order one. We will contact you with details. Questions? Email: office@firstchurchburlington.org

SERVICE:

Meals On Wheels: We deliver two Wednesdays a month, contact Al Weldon to learn more at alweldon@aol.com.

The **Joint Urban Ministry Project (JUMP)** is open in person at First Church, Thursday and Friday mornings at 9am, providing hospitality and valued assistance to thousands of individuals each year. For more info: www.jumpvt.org

Teams and Committees: Want to find a way to get involved? To use your gifts in a meaningful fashion? Talk to Susan Ellwood, President, Donal Dugan, Deacons co-Chair, or Elissa, about opportunities to serve. We really DO need you!

Pledges & Gifts of Self: Stewardship gifts are invited throughout the year! Stewardship info is available in the Office.

Sunday Breakfast and Friday Dinner Help: Please visit bit.ly/march24breakfast to sign-up to help with Sunday breakfast or email Louise Brester, lrbrewster@gmail.com to sign-up to help with Friday dinner.

LEARNING AND CONNECTING:

Bible Study: You are welcome – no experience necessary! Rev. Elissa Johnk’s Thursday morning Bible Study is at **8:30am on Zoom:** bit.ly/BibleStudy2024.

Fellowship Breakfast will meet at First Church on **Tuesday, April 2nd at 7am**. Please email Baki Nelson, fn.info@icloud.com for more information and to participate.

Women’s Book Group is meeting on Zoom, **Monday, March 25th at 7pm** to discuss *When Everything Changed: The Amazing Journey of American Women from 1960 to the Present* by Gail Collins; with Penny Rieley facilitating. To receive e-updates, contact Janice Clements: janclem25@gmail.com.

Faith Formation Opportunities:

- We are *always* eager for volunteers to work with staff in our classrooms! Email Hilah to let us know you’re interested.
- Here with kids? Visit the **"Faith Formation Kiosk"** in the midway prior to worship to sign in.



Scan this QR Code to learn more about children and youth programming at First Church!

WELCOMING:

NAME TAGS help build community: Forms and completed name tags are available in Sanctuary Narthex.

New to First Church? Please fill in your contact information on the welcome cards provided in the pews and return it in the offering plate. We’d love to know you’re here and say hello! Our online Welcome form: bit.ly/fccbwelcomecard

The Church E-News: Sign up on our website, in the Church Office, or complete a Welcome Card in your pew. To receive a mailed newsletter, sign up in the Church Office.

Fellowship Hour: Every Sunday after worship, in the chapel. Chat about worship and life and enjoy a beverage!

Sunday Morning Welcomers & Ushers! Friendly faces are needed to greet or usher! Contact our Office Manager!

SUNDAY 3/24	8:45-9:45am – Drop-in community breakfast in the Dining Room! 9:45am – Nursery care opens 10:00am – Palm Sunday Worship 11:00am – Fellowship in the Chapel with refreshments for all!
Monday 3/25	6:00 – 7:30pm – Tai Chi: White Cloud Arts (Dining Room) 7:00pm – Women of the Church Book Group (Zoom)
Tuesday 3/26	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS 7:00pm – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday 3/27	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS + Possibility Shop Open 6:45pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm – AA (Chapel)
Thursday 3/28	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS 8:30am – Bible Study with Rev. Elissa Johnk (Zoom) 9:00am – JUMP Drop-In Center Open 6:00pm – Maundy Thursday: <i>Dinner</i> (Chapel) 7:00pm – Maundy Thursday: <i>Tenebrae Worship</i> (Sanctuary) 8:00pm – Hourly, Maundy Thursday Vigil (Sanctuary)
Friday 3/29	Possibility Shop CLOSED 9:00am – JUMP Drop-In Center Open 10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS 6:30pm – Good Friday at The Table: <i>Worship & Light Dinner</i>
Saturday 3/30	8:00am – Small Potatoes free community breakfast
SUNDAY 3/31	6:30am – Easter “Son-rise” Worship at the waterfront with College St. Church 8:00am – Drop-in community breakfast in the Dining Room! 9:45am – Nursery care opens, NO Kidz Lab 10:00am – Easter Festival Worship, children in worship 11:00am – Fellowship and Activities in the Chapel with refreshments for all!