

NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

Jesus Must Die: Four Special Sundays

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves.

² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. -Matthew 17:1-2

Since the beginning of January we have been journeying with Jesus through Matthew's Gospel. In the first three weeks of our **Jesus Must Die** sermon series we have learned that Jesus was rejected by the people in his hometown of Nazareth and that the religious elites wanted to destroy him. We have heard the sordid story of how Herod Antipas executed John the Baptist, the one who came to prepare the way for the Messiah. Last Sunday, Jesus promised to build his Church on Peter, the Rock, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. Jesus also said that he must go to Jerusalem to suffer greatly, be killed, and on the third day be raised.

Over the course of the next four Sundays, we will take a closer look at four of the most important moments in Jesus' life: his transfiguration, his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, his passion and death on the cross, and his resurrection from the grave. These events of Jesus' life have been so important to Jesus' disciples throughout the centuries that they each have a special Sunday in the liturgical calendar. Jesus' transfiguration on a mountaintop is usually remembered on the Sunday before Lent. Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and his passion and death are usually remembered on Palm/Passion Sunday one week before the celebration of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Our journey through Matthew's Gospel has given us the opportunity to see the events of Jesus' life and ministry in chronological order. This Sunday, as we will observe **Transfiguration Sunday**. The transfiguration of Jesus is a lot like a preview at the movies; it is a foretaste of the glory to come. It is our last chance to see Jesus in his glory before we see him suffer on the cross. When we see him shining on the mountain, we are sure that he is the Son of God. When we see the dark red blood streaming down his face, we aren't always so sure.

We will celebrate **Palm Sunday**, one week earlier than usual, on March 21, so that we can take the time to understand why Jesus' parade into Jerusalem and his cleansing of the Temple threatened the powers that be. Our children will wave palm branches, and Michael Wylder will sing "The Holy City."

On March 28, we will observe **Passion Sunday** by remembering Jesus' passion and death on the cross and consider what Jesus' death means for us. To truly feel the joy of Jesus' resurrection, we must encounter the cross, because it is here that we see the depth of God's love for us.

We will celebrate Jesus' resurrection on **Easter Sunday**, April 4. I believe in my heart that people need the hope that Jesus offers us. I invite you to pray for someone you know who does not have a church home and find an opportunity to invite them to worship with us in person or online on Easter Sunday.

I look forward to worshipping with you on these four special Sundays.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, March 14

Daylight Savings Time Begins
In Person and Online Worship
Services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.



Monday, March 15 through Friday, March 19

The Learning Center Closed

Monday, March 15

Women's A. A. Group at 5:30
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 16

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace
University at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 17

Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday, March 21

In Person and Online Worship
Services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Passion Sunday, March 28

In Person and Online Worship
Services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 1

In Person and Online Worship
Services at 6:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 2

In Person and Online Worship
Services at 6:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 4

In Person and Online Worship
Services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt at 10:15 a.m.

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Chancel Flowers

March 14: The chancel flowers are given by Tim and Christie Baker in honor of their 28th wedding anniversary.

March 21: The chancel flowers are available.

Mission Candle

March 14: The mission candle is available.

March 21: The mission candle is available.

Acolytes

March 14: Scarlett Hoffman, Gabriel Ireland, Avery Smith, Collier Vaughn

March 21: Gabriel Ireland, Regan Miller, Avery Smith, Charlotte Smith

Tithes and Offerings

Your gifts and tithes make a Christian difference and help us share the ministry of Jesus Christ with people in our church and in our community.

Checks may be mailed to

1212 Bedford Drive,
Nichols Hills, OK 73116.

To make an online donation,
visit www.nicholshillsumc.org.

To set up an electronic funds transfer
contact the Church Office.

Thank you for your generosity and
faithfulness.

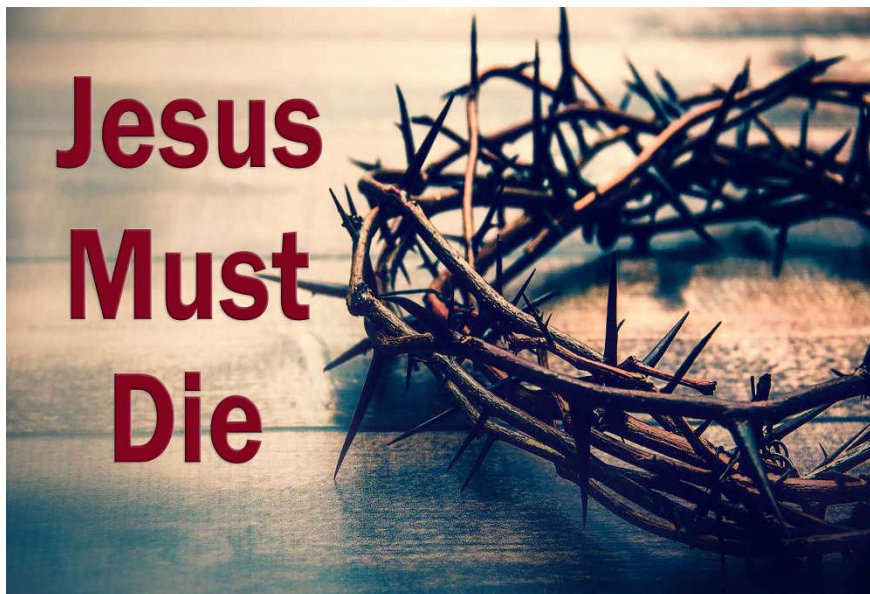


Worship Online or In Person

We would love for you to join us for in person worship on Sunday mornings at 8:30 or 10:50.

We also are streaming online. You can view our worship services on Facebook every Sunday morning at 8:30 and 10:50? Our Facebook page is [facebook.com/nicholshillsumc](https://www.facebook.com/nicholshillsumc). Don't have a Facebook account? No worries. You can view our livestream without having an account. You can also view the worship service throughout the week. If you do have a Facebook account, we encourage you to send us a message and let us know you are participating.

We also post the Sermon Notes and the Prayer and Study Guide on Facebook as well as our website, www.nicholshillsumc.org. We look forward to worshipping with you in-person or online!



Jesus Must Die

The Scriptures say: **Jesus Must Die.**

God's plan for salvation was clear: **Jesus Must Die.**

Jesus' adversaries were adamant: **Jesus Must Die.**

Jesus' disciples didn't understand why **Jesus Must Die.**

Join us this Lent as we turn to Matthew's Gospel to journey with Jesus to the cross and learn why **Jesus Must Die.**

March 14 *Transfigured*

March 21 *Cleansed*

March 28 *Died*

April 4 *Rose*

Online Worship: [facebook.com/nicholshillsumc](https://www.facebook.com/nicholshillsumc)

Maundy Thursday—April 1 at 6:00 p.m.

Good Friday—April 2 at 6:00 p.m.

Easter Eggs

Easter is on April 4th, and it is quickly approaching. The Children's Ministry has started planning for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We will need lots of plastic eggs and prefilled plastic eggs to make this a memorable event for our children and the families in our community as well.

Our Girl Scouts have volunteered to fill our Easter Eggs on Sunday, March 28 during their normal scheduled meeting. If you can donate candy, plastic eggs, or prefilled plastic eggs, please place them in the wagon in the Narthex by Monday, March 22.





Claire Fraley,
Director of
Children and
Family Ministry

Children's Ministry

We have been blessed to have "Scout Sunday" two Sunday's in a row! On February 21, our Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts helped lead worship in both church services – highlighted with a guitar solo from Jackson Burghart. They all did a fantastic job and it is so special to have such a committed group. The next Sunday, February 28th, our Girl Scouts helped lead worship in both services – as well as sell and donate cookies. We had a total of 32 boxes donated to our John Marshall teachers. If you would like to buy or donate a box of cookies, go to: <https://DigitalCookie.GirlScouts.org/scout/troop22-563>. (Cookies bought and donated online will be sent to Local Heroes).

Thank you to all of our Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Girl Scouts for being so faithful and fun. We love having you guys here!

Blessings,
Claire

Holy Week

<p>Maundy Thursday, April 1 In Person or Online Worship Service: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Good Friday, April 2 In Person or Online Tenebrae Service: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Easter Sunday, April 4 In Person or Online Worship Service: 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.</p>

Join us online at facebook.com/nicholshillsumc

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,
T.L.C. Director

Spring time is in the air and the children can feel it. Going outside has so many benefits that we often refer to the playground as the third teacher. Our two playgrounds offer challenges for our children to grow their physical skills. We limit the challenges to provide a safe but fun and attractive environment. Our playgrounds have riding toys, swings, push and pull toys, dump trucks and sensory areas. They provide physical development opportunities and social experiences as well. Learning to take turns and verbalize their own desires are big milestones for children.

Our teachers will often sit under the trees and read to the children. Often you will see neighborhood children playing on our large climber in the evening or weekends. We are proud of our play spaces and enjoy them daily.

We are now in the process of enrolling children for the summer session. It looks like it is going to be very busy in June!

-Denise

Birthdays

- 03/10 Kati Miller
- 03/11 G. T. Blankenship
- 03/11 Lauren Heflin
- 03/13 Christi Coyle
- 03/15 Lydia Hunt
- 03/15 Gordon Ryan
- 03/16 Kathryn Guerra
- 03/18 Mark Michael
- 03/19 Mary Ann Carmichael
- 03/20 Keely Buxton
- 03/20 Caleb Magness
- 03/21 Jacob Robertson
- 03/21 Becky Sims
- 03/22 Stephanie Henry
- 03/24 Dick Graves
- 03/24 Helen Sullivan
- 03/24 Russell Walker
- 03/27 Buzz McDaniel
- 03/28 Layton Hill, IV
- 03/28 Drake Parsons
- 03/28 Bruce Rosier
- 03/28 Della Walker
- 03/28 Dick Webber
- 03/29 Ann Brown
- 04/03 Jim Buchanan, III
- 04/03 Amy Hall
- 04/05 Avery Robinson
- 04/07 Jake Huchton
- 04/08 Mason Heflin
- 04/08 Leigh Love
- 04/09 Calli Heflin
- 04/09 Nell Johnson
- 04/10 Olivia Miller
- 04/10 Jean Webber
- 04/11 Robert Sullivan
- 04/13 Avery Smith
- 04/14 Alivia Rogers
- 04/15 Emily Ellis
- 04/16 Olivia Brien
- 04/16 Delaney Sheffield
- 04/17 Cathy Betterton
- 04/17 Casey Miller
- 04/18 Thad Butler
- 04/20 Carter Cloud
- 04/20 Louis Fraley
- 04/20 Griffin Jones
- 04/20 Jim Jones
- 04/21 Bernadene Moore
- 04/22 Claire Fraley
- 04/26 Kery Mueller
- 04/29 Marty Margo
- 04/30 Colin Anderson

Cares and Concerns

Town Village

Bette Harris

The Fountains at Canterbury

Anita Dahlgren

StoneCreek

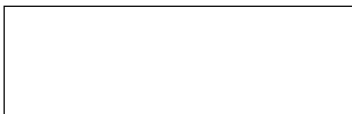
Lynn Greene

At Home

Roger Etling, Frances Lewis,
David Mueller

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Sunday School Classes - Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

The Brew Class: *Meets in The Conference Room* - Bring your coffee and join “The Brew” as we gather for fellowship and an in depth study of the *God and the Pandemic*. For more information about “The Brew” contact Tim Baker (405) 209-5467 or Christie Baker (405) 922-5154.

KIVA Class: *Meets in the Parlor* - Join us as we learn from speakers on various topics. Leaders: Dennis and Delores Bradford.

Reveille Class: *Meets in the Library* - Do you like to see how your faith impacts your everyday life? Join us for a discussion of how the Bible speaks to the current events in our lives. Teacher: Tom Fraley.

Open Circle Class: *Meets in the Archives Room* - Join us as we gather for fellowship and a meaningful study. Our Circle is always Open.

Youth Class: *Meets in the Youth Basement* - Join us for fun, fellowship, and a lesson that will bring you closer to God.

First Graders through Fifth Graders: *Meets in Room 124*. Join us for a fun time with your friends as we grow closer to God and each other.
Leader: Claire Fraley

Children’s Class: *Meets in the Children’s Area*. - Join us for a child-friendly lesson, snacks, and crafts as we learn about the Bible together.
Leader: Claire Fraley

Dr. Trevor Smith, Senior Pastor

Michael Wylder, Director of Church Music

Delaney Sheffield, Director of Communications

Claire Fraley, Director of Children’s Ministries

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