

WELCOME HOME

Our vision: Experience and share the love of Jesus.

"... looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."

Hebrews 12:2 (RSV)

CHURCH-WIDE STUDY

Final subject: "Follow Me." **Did you like the study?** Give us feedback on Facebook about your experience or write to elder.lifegroups@commpres.com.

BAKERS NEEDED

Share your gift of making **yummy treats** with all our guests on **Resurrection Sunday**. Bring your baked goods to the church office in disposable containers.

RESURRECTION WEEK

There are two special services you won't want to miss: **Maundy Thursday, April 18 at 7:30 PM** with the CommPres Choir and Don Baker. **Good Friday, April 19 at 12:00 PM**.

SUNRISE SERVICE

Join us and others from the Celebration community for our beautiful annual tradition at **Celebration Lakeside Park, Resurrection Sunday, April 21 at 6:30 AM**.

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

Celebrate the resurrection of our Savior with us. This year's theme is "**Resurrection Life**." Be challenged by a candid Gospel message. **Sunday, April 21 at 8, 9:30 and 11:11 AM**.

FAMILY PICTURES

Dress your best on Resurrection Sunday for **free family digital portraits**. Come before the service and make a treasured memory. **Sunday, April 21 at all morning services**.

PRAYER WALK

Join others as they **walk around the church to pray**. **April 27 at 8:00 AM**. RSVP to Lucy Hensinger: knitsandknotscreations@yahoo.com.



Palm Sunday
Flashback
2018

April 14, 2019

Hymn: 300 & 368

services

Sun 8:00 am Traditional
Sun 9:30 am Contemporary
Sun 11:11 am Blended
Sun 6:00 pm Encounter
Thur 7:30 pm Contemporary

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A Note from the Pastor Rev Dr William A Lewis

Most kingdoms will do anything they can to protect their king. This is the unspoken promise of the game of Chess. When the king falls, the kingdom is lost, therefore the king must be protected at all costs.

Another notable example comes from the Allied invasion of Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944. British Prime Minister Winston Churchill desperately wanted to join the forces and watch the invasion from the bridge of the battleship in the English Channel. U.S. General Eisenhower attempted to stop him for fear that the Prime Minister might be killed in battle. When it became apparent that Churchill would not be dissuaded, Eisenhower appealed to King George VI. The King informed Churchill that if it was the Prime Minister's duty to witness the invasion, he could only conclude it was also his duty as King to join him on the battleship. At this point Churchill reluctantly agreed to back down, for he knew that he could never expose the King of England to such danger.

King Jesus did exactly the opposite. With royal courage He surrendered His body to be crucified. On the cross He offered a King's ransom; His life for the life of His people. He would die for all the wrong things they had ever done—completely atoning for all our sins. The crown of thorns, meant to make a mockery of His royal claims, proclaimed His kingly dignity, even in death.

This selfless lifestyle that cares about others was illustrated in 1982 when Air Florida flight 90 iced over upon takeoff and crashed into frigid waters. As a rescue attempt was made for the survivors trading water, among them was Arland Williams.

Five different times a helicopter dropped a rope to save Williams and five times Williams passed the rope to other passengers in worse shape than he. When the rope was extended to Williams a sixth time, he could not take hold of it and succumbed to the icy waters. Williams made the choice to deny himself so that others might live.

Jesus laid down His life so we might live forever with God. He asks us to lay down our lives: our own inclination to be concerned only about me, myself and I, and invest ourselves in others being saved from separation from the God who loves them.

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