



Sunday, March 22nd, 2026

2668 Marlboro Church Rd.
Sophia, NC 27350

Christ is at the center of
Marlboro Friends Meeting
Directing our members to grow in the Spirit,
To worship Him through our lives,
And to set an example
By ministering to the needs of those We
meet in our daily walk.

Worship Theme 2026:
“Speak the Truth in Love”

Theme Verse: Ephesians 4: 15 - 16

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Marlboro Friends Meeting Order of Worship for Sunday March 22nd, 2026

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10:00 to 10:30am – **Greeting Time** - for all attending the Drive-in Service

Drive – In Worship - Please tune your radio to **94.3** for the worship service.

Scripture and Opening Prayer

Zechariah 13: 7 – “The Lord Almighty declared, ‘Strike the Shepherd and the sheep will be scattered.’”

Prelude	“Lamb of Glory”	Kathy Walden
Call to Worship	“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”	Marlboro Choir
Welcome and Announcements		Ministry & Counsel
Congregational Hymn # 258	“At the Cross”	

Friendly Communion

Psalm 122: 1 – “I rejoiced with those who said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord.’”

Offertory “Were You There?”

Children’s Message Terry & Paige Linthicum

Praises and Prayers

Special Music “Precious Memories” Kimberly Farlow and Kathy Walden

Open Worship

Scripture Readings Zechariah 13:7, Matthew 26: 1 – 5 & Matthew 26: 31 – 56

Easter Sermon Series – The Passion Week

Message “Disown and Desert or Follow in Faith” Ray Luther

Congregational Hymn # 254 “Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley”

Closing Prayer

Postlude “Change My Heart, O God” Kathy Walden

Enter Prepared to Worship. Leave Prepared to Serve.

Scriptures for Today

Zechariah 13: 7

The Shepherd Struck, the Sheep Scattered

⁷ "Awake, sword, against my shepherd, against the man who is close to me!" declares the Lord Almighty.

"Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn my hand against the little ones.

Matthew 26: 1 - 5

The Plot Against Jesus

¹When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, ² "As you know, the Passover is two days away—and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified."

³ Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, ⁴ and they schemed to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him. ⁵ "But not during the festival," they said, "or there may be a riot among the people."

Matthew 26: 31 - 35

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

³¹ Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' ³² But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

³³ Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will."

³⁴ "Truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."

³⁵ But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.

Matthew 26: 36 - 46

Jesus at Gethsemane

³⁶ Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ³⁷ He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

³⁹ Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

⁴⁰ Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping.

"Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. ⁴¹ "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.

The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

⁴² He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."

⁴³ When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

⁴⁵ Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners.

⁴⁶ Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

Daily Scripture Readings for The Week

To enhance our spiritual growth, we will be sharing daily passages from the International Sunday School lessons to read and study to grow your faith as you spend time with the Lord.

Mon. March 23rd – John 18: 28 – 38

Tues. March 24th – Numbers 6: 22 – 26

Wed. March 25th – Psalm 46

Thurs. March 26th – Amos 9: 7 – 12

Fri. March 27th – Revelation 21: 21 – 27

Sat. March 28th – Isaiah 2: 1 – 5

Sun. March 29th – Acts 17: 22 – 28

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