

We Gather to Worship God

Today we hear Peter's confession of faith in Mark's gospel--"You are the Messiah". Peter stumbles over Jesus' words about his own coming death. But Jesus is anointed (the Messiah) and for Mark's gospel it is the only way to the cross. In baptism, we are anointed with the sign of the cross.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Praise the Lord, the Almighty
Chamber Orchestra

George Strombeck

* INTROIT

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 152

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

Forest Green

* OPENING DIALOGUE

I was glad when they said to me,

"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

We gather to worship God!

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried,
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

* THE GLORIA PATRI No. 70

Meineke

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.
(silence is kept for reflection)

Source of all life,
**we confess that we have not allowed
your grace to set us free.**
We fear that we are not good enough.
**We hear your word of love freely given to us,
yet we expect others to earn it.**
**We turn the church inward,
rather than moving it outward.**
Forgive us. Stir us.
**Reform us to be a church powered by love,
willing to speak for what is right,
act for what is just,
and seek the healing of your whole creation.**
Amen.

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven! Amen.

* THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

**All may exchange signs of peace.*

~ *WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD* ~

THE FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 1:20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.
At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
"How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?
Give heed to my reproof;
I will pour out my thoughts to you;
I will make my words known to you.
Because I have called and you refused,
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,
and because you have ignored all my counsel
and would have none of my reproof,
I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when panic strikes you,
when panic strikes you like a storm,
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon you.
Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.
Because they hated knowledge
and did not choose the fear of the LORD,
would have none of my counsel,
and despised all my reproof,
therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way
and be sated with their own devices.
For waywardness kills the simple,
and the complacency of fools destroys them;

but those who listen to me will be secure
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."
This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

THE ACT OF PRAISE

Psalm 19

McKee

*God's law is perfect and gives life,
Revives the weary soul;
His testimonies all are sure,
Wisdom for all to hold.*

*The statutes of the Lord are just
And gives the heart delight;
His precepts are direct and pure
And gives the eyes clear sight.*

*The fear of God is always clean,
Enduring as the sun;
The judgments of the Lord are true
And righteous, every one.*

*And even more to be desired
Than gold, the finest gold,
And sweeter than the honeycomb,
The words he spoke of old.*

THE SECOND LESSON

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

Alice Parker

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to

tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS *Getting to Know Jesus* Rev. Kyle
*Children ages three through first-grade may go to Children's Church in room 123.
 Nurseries provided for infants through 3 years in rooms 118 & 120.*

SERMON *Stumbling Blocks* Rev. Kyle Randle

~ **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD** ~

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 415 *Germany*
Take Up Thy Cross

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Strombeck*

My Jesus, I Love Thee
 Chamber Orchestra

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS *Doxology No. 95*

~ **WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD** ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 159 *Crucifer*
Lift High the Cross

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Henry Purcell*

Rondo

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
 and in honor of our little ray of sunshine,
 Ty James Hudson
 for his first birthday, September 13
 by G-Pa and Mimi
 (aka Jimmy and Lynn Hammond)

Serving This Sunday, September 16

Altar Guild: Frances Driggers, Sue Dusenbury, Sylvia Richardson,
 Lois Sayre

Acolytes and Crucifer: Ross Fallaw, Charley Levy, Annie Cecil

Children's Church: Amy Hickman

Counting Committee: Sallie Goldfinch, Lynn Hammond

Bus Duty: Daniel Hunnicutt

Trustee Duty: Debbie Jenkins, Tyler Thomas

Sound Technicians: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks, Dave Carey

Ushers: Brad Todd (Chairman), Kent and Will Bitting, Mark Brooks,
 Tucker Gore, William Goldfinch, Britt Stiltner, Bill Taylor, Alex Todd,
 Johnny Vaught, Mark Woodward.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, September 16

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 9:30 a.m. New Adult Study / Family Life Center / Room 101
 9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary
 3:00 p.m. Acolyte Training / Sanctuary
 4:15 p.m. FUMC Players Drama Team / Sanctuary
 5:30 p.m. UMYF High School / Family Life Center (FLC)
 5:30 p.m. UMYF Middle School / FLC
 5:30 p.m. Bridge Group/ FLC

Monday, September 17

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing

Tuesday, September 18

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Educations Wing
 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting / Room 213
 6:00 p.m. Cocaine Anonymous (CA) Meeting / FLC Room 102
 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC Room 104
 8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101

Wednesday, September 19

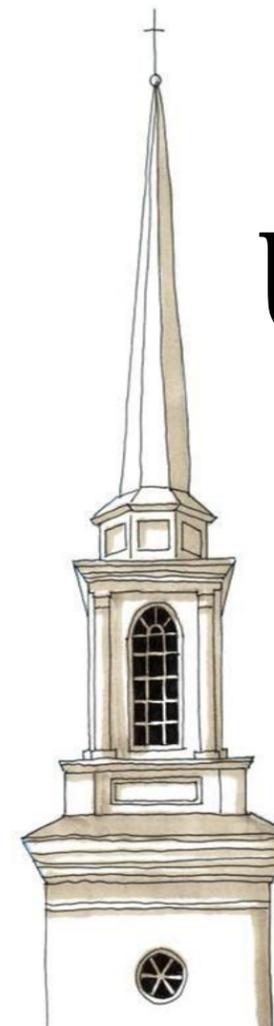
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
 3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Activities / FLC
 4:00 p.m. Asbury Ringers Rehearsal / Room 211
 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / Education Wing Room 123
 4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
 4:30 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / Room 211
 5:00 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
 5:15 p.m. Voices in Bronze / Room 211
 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
 6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Room 205
 6:15 p.m. Ladies Bible Study Fellowship / Room 216
 6:30 p.m. Disciple Fast Track Adult Study / Room 218
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

Thursday, September 20

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC Room 104
 6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting / Commons

Friday, September 21

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
 10:00a.m. UMW Executive Meeting / FLC Room 101
 7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC Room 102



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Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
 September 16, 2018
 10:30 a.m.



Welcome to First United Methodist Church

Out of a broken and sinful world, all people are welcomed into the body of Jesus Christ at First Church. As children of God, together we join in worship to experience the transforming love of our Savior.

We are here this morning to worship God. Through our songs, words of praise, prayers and scripture reading, we give honor and glory to God. Wondrous things happen as we worship. Lives are changed. The presence of God brings hope, comfort, healing, and joy. Let us worship in gladness. Jesus, the Lord of Life is with us.