

We Gather to Worship God

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides us a time and a tradition in which to seek the face of the Lord again.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Johannes Brahms

O God, Thou Faithful God

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 116

Leoni

The God of Abraham Praise

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who brings us out of captivity into freedom, out of the wilderness into the promised land, out of death into life.

We gather in the presence of God and of one another.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Merciful Father, we have sinned against heaven and before you. We do not fully live as your sons and daughters. We use your gifts to our own ends. Forgive us and restore us, that we may resist all that draws us away from you, and be at peace with one another. Amen.

We are reconciled to God through Christ; for his sake, God does not count our trespasses against us. God clothes you in the finest robe of all, the righteousness of Jesus Christ, forgiving all your sins and making of you a new creation. Amen.

* RESPONSE No. 482

Lord, Have Mercy

Kriewald Kyrie

Repeated phrases are sung first by the leader and then by all.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

*All may exchange signs of peace.

The passing of the peace is an invitation for the worshiping assembly to share the gift of Christ's peace with one another. Exchanging the peace after confession and pardon is a gesture of love and blessing. We invite you to turn to your neighbor and offer blessing by saying, "Peace be with you."

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Ella Jane Powell,

infant daughter of Justin and Ashley Powell

Brothers and sisters in Christ: through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

I present Ella Jane Powell for baptism,

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

Will you nurture this child in Christ's holy church, that your teaching and example she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

We will.

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Ella Jane with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her service to others. We will pray for her that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe 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, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Declare his works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and one who receives it, to wash away her sin and clothe her in righteousness throughout her life, that, dying and being raised with Christ, she may share in his final victory.

All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever. Amen.

Ella Jane Powell, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Holy Spirit works within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Now it is our joy to welcome our new sister in Christ.

Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as members of the family of Christ.

* BAPTISMAL HYMN No. 92

Dix

For the Beauty of the Earth

Sts. 1, 4, 5 & 6

THE FIRST LESSON Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

OT Pg. 12

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Song of Hope

Argentine Folk Melody

Wesley Treble Choir, Ross Fallaw, djembe

THE SECOND LESSON Philippians 3:17-4:1

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ANTHEM

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Maurice Bevan

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 13:31-35

NT Pg. 76

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Rev. Kyle

Lost and Confused

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY No. 451

Slane

Be Thou My Vision
Sts. 1 and 2

SERMON

Rev. Kyle D. Randle

Gathered and Shaped

HYMN OF RESPONSE TFWS No. 2267

Taste and See
Taste and See

~ *WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD* ~

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Toccata in E minor

J.S. Bach

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology No. 95

~ *WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD* ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 295

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Rathbun

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata (from Suite Gothique)

Leon Boellmann

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of
Ella Jane Powell's baptism
by her grandparents, Cathy and Ralph Welton.



NOTES FOR WORSHIP

Numbers by the hymns, Affirmation of Faith, and Doxology are from the United Methodist Hymnal and The Faith We Sing Hymnal (TFWS) found in the pew racks. Old Testament and New Testament scripture readings are from the New Revised Standard Version, located in the pew. Page numbers for the readings are listed in the order of worship.

Serving This Sunday, February 21

Altar Guild: Churchill Jenkins, Betty Smith, Bobby Stilley,
Woodie Woodward

Counting Committee: (Sunday) Ike Locklair / Blake Martin
(Monday) Karlene Rudolph / Nancy Stiltner

Acolytes and Crucifer: Colin Hucks, Anna Kate Nelson, Emma Chanaca

Trustee Duty: Janet Martin, Ben Yenicek

Bus Duty: David Jordan

Sound Technicians: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks

Ushers: Phil Thompson (Chairman), Duc Watts (Co-Chairman)

Jack Driggers, James Hammond, Jimmy Jones, Blake Martin, George Martin,
Dick Sayre, Ernie Turnes

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, February 21

9:30 a.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary
3:00 p.m. Safe Sanctuary Class / FLC
3:00 p.m. Festival Rehearsal / Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Festival of Hymns / Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC

Monday, February 22

7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting / FLC

Tuesday, February 23

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120
11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting / Room 214
6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting / Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 24

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120
12:00 p.m. Lenten Organ Mediations / Sanctuary
12:30 p.m. Soup and Sandwich Fellowship / FLC
3:00 p.m. Children's Snack Time / FLC
4:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Activities / FLC
5:00 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 105
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 205
6:30 p.m. Lenten Bible Study / Rm. 216
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 105

Thursday, February 25

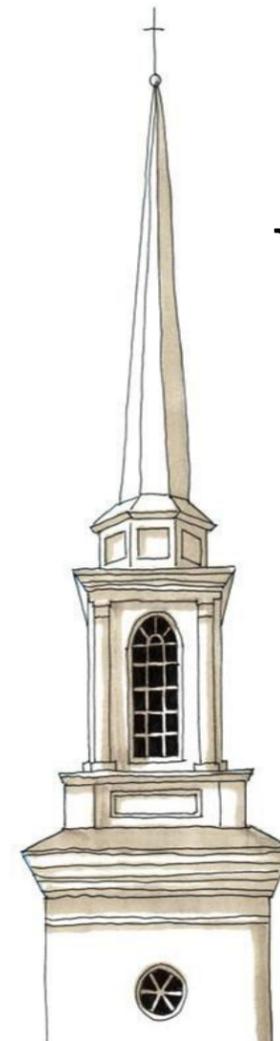
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120
12:00 p.m. First UMC Hosts the Lenten Luncheon / Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop Meeting / FLC

Friday, February 26

7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC
Youth 30 Hour Famine / FLC

Saturday, February 27

4:00 p.m. Kyzer/Zeigler Wedding / Hut Chapel
Youth 30 Hour Famine Concludes / FLC



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Second Sunday in Lent
February 21, 2016
11:00 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.