

We Gather to Worship God

Today's festival is a bridge between the close of the Epiphany season and the beginning of the Lenten season that begins on Wednesday. On the mount of transfiguration Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. At the conclusion of worship today, we join in the tradition of the Church in putting aside the alleluia until Easter.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Alleluia!

Wolfgang Mozart

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 173

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Ratisbon

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God touches the world,
and the world changes.

God touches us,
and we are transformed.

In the brightest of day,
in the deepest of night,
on mountain,
in valley,
everywhere.

**In this time, together,
we invite God
to open our eyes
to the transformation
of our lives.**

And through the change –
we worship God.
Alleluia!

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Loving God, we confess that we have turned from your way
to follow our own ways.

Forgive us for the times
we have spoken or acted too quickly;
we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us;
we have hurt those we have yet to know;
we have thought more about ourselves than others;
we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.
Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,
so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven. Amen.
Your sins are forgiven. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.

*All may exchange signs of peace.

ANTHEM

African American Spiritual

Wade in the Water
Wesley Treble Choir

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Carly Mae Hunsucker

infant daughter of Colby and Mary McKellar Hunsucker

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 Carly Mae Hunsucker 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 through 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.

Leader Address the Congregation

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 Carly Mae 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 the 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.

BAPTISMAL HYMN No. 191

Jesus Loves Me

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Carly Mae Hunsucker, 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 a member of the family of Christ.

~ WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON Exodus 24:12-18

OT Pg.70

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

ANTHEM

Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven

John Purifoy

THE SECOND LESSON 2 Peter 1:16-21

NT Pg. 236

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Thanks be to God.

* THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION No. 2043 (TFWS)

Alleluia (sing twice)

Celtic Alleluia

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 17:1-9

NT Pgs. 18-19

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* THE GOSPEL RESPONSE No. 2043 (TFWS)

Alleluia (sing twice)

Celtic Alleluia

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Rev. Kyle

God Loves You

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 Rev. Randle

The Power of Transformation

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

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 158 *Spanish Hymn*

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our Prayer.

OFFERTORY *Hallelujah* Leonard Raney

Carillon Handbell Choir

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

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

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 103 *St. Denio*

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY William Walton

Coronation March

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of
George H. Martin, Sr. and Bennie Land, for their birthdays
by Julia Land and Family.

The rosebud on the altar is in celebration of the birth of
Kelsi Lee Roberts
with proud parents Kaitlin and Mark
and big brother Mark Daniel.

In Memoriam

Betty Jo Huggins
1931-2017

A Graveside Service was held
Monday, February 20, 2017

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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 26

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

Acolytes and Crucifer: Caroline Todd, Jackson Hagen, Matthew Daly

Counting Committee: Sallie Goldfinch, Sarah Staub

Bus Duty: Jimmy Ward

Trustee Duty: Anna Barnhill, Cathy Senn

Children's Church: Mark and Jenny Chanaca, John and Lauren Sawyer

Sound Technicians: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks

Ushers: Phillip Thompson (Chairman), Jack Driggers, James Hammond,

Jimmy Jones, George Martin, Blake Martin, Dick Sayre, Ernie Turnes,

Duc Watts

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, February 26

9:00 a.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM

9:30 a.m. Methodist Study / Family Life Center - Senior Room

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary

5:30 p.m. The Bridge / Family Life Center

5:30 p.m. UMYF / Family Life Center

Monday, February 27

7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Meeting / Family Life Center (FLC)

Tuesday, February 28

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Rooms 117 & 120

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting / Room 215

5:30 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Celebration / Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Cocaine Anonymous (CA) Meeting / FLC

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Meeting / Family Life Center

Ash Wednesday, March 1

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Rooms 117 & 120

12:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service / The Hut Chapel

3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Program / FLC

4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

5:00 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service / Sanctuary

Thursday, March 2

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Rooms 117 & 120

Friday, March 3

7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / Family Life Center

Prayer Concerns

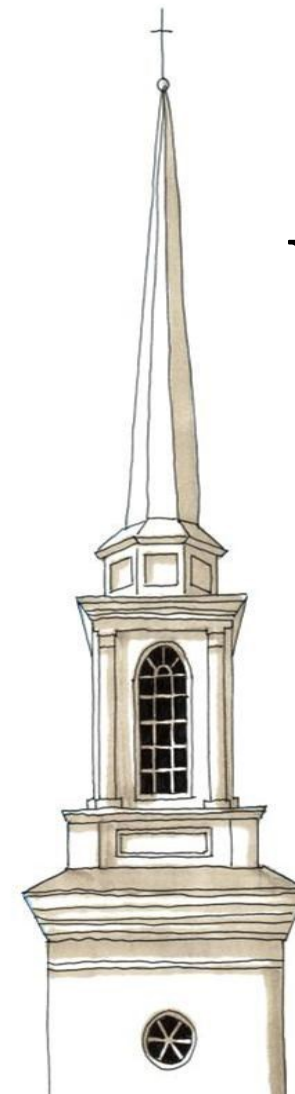
Assisted Living/Rehab Facilities: Brookdale: Bobbie Davis, Harriett Edwards;

Agape: Mary Hucks, **Carolina Gardens:** Irby Koon; **Conway Manor:** Edith

Lewis, Mary T. Foxworth; **Martinez, GA:** Helen Wakefield; **Mt. Prospect, IL:** Faye

Perrault

At Home: Judy Gladson, Catherine Causey, Julia Land, Carl Harris, Val Dunham, Lois Sechriest, Tommy Jordan, Lynn Koon, Myron and Maxine Dunn, Eugenia Benton, Sylvia Avant, Rebecca Howell, Betty Folks, Gwen Mishoe, Billy Joe and Irene Calhoun, Ruth Thomas, Lois Vaught, Ted Boyd.



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Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany
Transfiguration Sunday
February 26, 2017
10:30 a.m.

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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.