

We Gather to Worship God

The third covenant in our Lenten readings is central to Israel's history: the gift of law to those God freed from slavery. The ten commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Andante (from **Concerto No. 1**)

G. F. Handel

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 295

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Rathbun

* OPENING DIALOGUE

*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 PARDON

During this season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.

*Merciful God,
you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost.
**We confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your way.
We fail in love, neglect justice,
and ignore your truth.
Have mercy on us and wash away our sin.
Create in us clean hearts
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.***

*Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to eternal life. **Amen.***

* RESPONSE No. 482

Lord, Have Mercy

Kriewald Kyrie

Repeated phrases are sung first by leader and then my all

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

* THE PEACE

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

*All may exchange signs of peace.

ANTHEM

*Ubi Caritas
(Where Love Abides, God is There)
Cherub Choir*

Jacques Berthier

~ WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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

Thanks be to God.

THE ACT OF PRAISE

Psalm 19

Crimond

*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 I Corinthians 1:18-25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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ANTHEM

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley
Ross Fallaw, soloist

American Folk Hymn

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Toys Everywhere

Mr. Blake

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

Divine Cleaning

Blake Martin

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 395

Take Time to Be Holy

Holiness

THE PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Andante Sostenuto (from **Sonata VI**)

Felix Mendelssohn

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

How Firm a Foundation

Paul Koch

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology No. 95

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 577

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM Rhondda

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Julia Irene Calhoun for her birthday, March 2
by Billy Joe Calhoun, daughters Pam Frye and Renee Altman.

Today we welcome Blake Martin to lead us in worship. Rev. Kyle and Josh are away with the youth participating in a retreat at Epworth-by-the-Sea, St. Simons Island, GA. They will return later this afternoon. Let us lift up Blake, the youth, and the adult volunteers in our prayers today.

WELCOME TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Newcomers and Guests

Welcome! We are grateful that you have chosen to worship with us today. We hope that you will receive a blessing from the service. If you don't already have a church home, it is our hope that you will consider letting First Church fill that need.

All worshipers are asked to sign the Attendance Pad at the end of each pew and pass it along to your neighbors. Rev. Randle will contact you later in the week.

We welcome children into our worship!

Children are part of the family of God. They learn how to worship God by seeing other people worship. Children are welcome in the church to worship with their parents or caregivers. We understand that sometimes it is hard to be present in worship with young children. If you choose, we have a nursery for infants and toddlers.

The Nursery is located on the first floor of the Education Wing in Rm. 118. Our nursery is staffed with paid professionals and loving volunteers. Parents are asked to sign in their children and check out a pager, so that we may contact you should the need arise during worship. An usher will direct you to the nursery.

Have a hard time hearing?

If you can't hear the service, please let an usher know. We have hearing assist devices which will help even the most hard of hearing to participate in the service!

A restroom is located in the Narthex, the Parlor, and the first floor of the Education Wing. Baby Changing Stations are located in the Nursery, Rm. 118.

In the hustle and bustle of getting ourselves ready for church, it is easy to forget to turn off our cell phones. We offer this gentle reminder to please turn cell phones off so that the worship service is not disrupted by them.



Daylight Saving Time Begins
Be sure to set your clocks **ahead** one hour
before going to bed on Saturday March 10th

Serving This Sunday, March 4

Altar Guild: Wilmarie Boatwright, Callie Timbes, Peggy Turnes
Acolytes and Crucifer: Laurel Edwards, Collin Hucks, Samuel Hickman
Counting Committee: Sallie Goldfinch, Lynn Hammond
Trustee Duty: Kent Bitting, Joe Hunter Hyman
Bus Duty: William Goldfinch
Children's Church: Daniel and Laura Hunnicutt
Sound Technicians: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks, Dave Carey
Ushers: Mark Brooks (Chairman), Kent Bitting, Tucker Gore, William Goldfinch, Billy Jones, Britt Stiltner, Bill Taylor, Brad Todd, Alex Todd, Johnny Vaught.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, March 4

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Youth return from weekend retreat / FLC Parking Lot

Monday, March 5

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
11:00 a.m. Henry/Rogers Circle / FLC Senior Room
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC

Tuesday, March 6

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting / Room 213
10:00 a.m. Burroughs/Collins Circle / FLC
11:30 a.m. Jimmy Hammond / FLC
6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC Senior Room

Wednesday, March 7

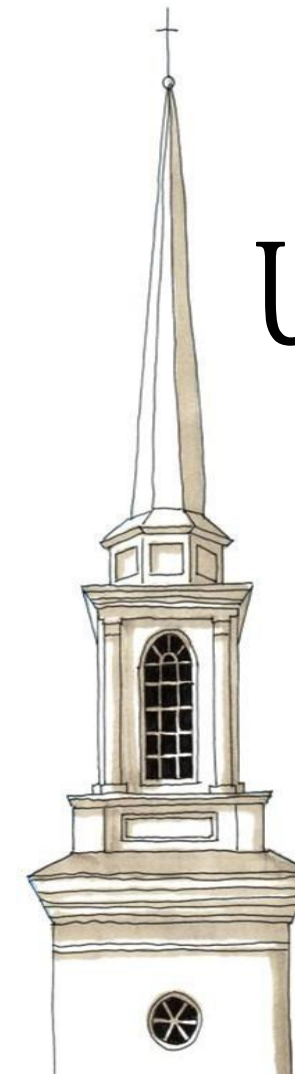
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
12:00 p.m. Lenten Organ Meditation / Sanctuary
12:30 p.m. Soup and Sandwich Fellowship / FLC
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Programs / FLC
3:45 p.m. Children's Activities / FLC
4:30 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / Room 211
4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
5:10 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
5:10 p.m. Voices in Bronze Rehearsal / 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 Study: *Daniel-Lives of Integrity* / Room 216
6:15 p.m. *Becoming Disciples* / Room 217
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
7:00 p.m. Sonshine "Sunday" School Class / Commons

Thursday, March 8

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
12:00 p.m. Lenten Luncheon / First Baptist Church
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting / Commons

Friday, March 9

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC



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Third Sunday in Lent
March 4, 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.