

# We Gather to Worship God

*It is the age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

J. S. Bach

*Toccatà and Fugue in E minor*

### \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### \* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 139

*Lobe den herren*

*Praise the Lord, the Almighty*

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Come all that are weary, all that are carrying burdens so heavy  
**Jesus will give us rest***

*Come, take what Jesus has to offer: love, grace, and forgiveness*

**Christ will give us peace**

*Come, find rest and learn from Jesus*

**For our Jesus will give us rest in our souls**

*Come, let us worship our God*

**Let us follow our Savior, who leads us into life.**

### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Eternal God our creator, in you we live and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. Amen.*

### \* 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

Parker Brooks Insley

infant son of Matthew and Dusty Insley

*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 Parker Brooks Insley 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 he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself, to profess his 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 Parker with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his service to others. We will pray for him that he 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 his sin and clothe him in righteousness throughout his life, that, dying and being raised with Christ, he 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*      *Jesus Loves Me*  
Vs. 1

*Parker Brooks Insley, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*The Holy Spirit work 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 brother 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      Genesis 28:10-19a      NT Pg.25

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

ANTHEM      Robert Powell

*O Holy City Seen of John*

THE SECOND LESSON      Romans 8:12-25      NT Pg. 158

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

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43      NT Pgs. 14-15  
"Thy word is very near to you; it is your mouth and in your heart" Deut. 30:14

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Rev. Kyle

*God's Love Is Always*

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. Kyle D. Randle

*This God Saves Us!*

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

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 388 *St. Michael*

*O Come and Dwell in Me*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Lord, in your mercy.*

**Hear our Prayer.**

OFFERTORY David German

*Festive Trumpet Tune*

\* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

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

\* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 545 *Aurelia*

*The Church's One Foundation*

\* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Theodore Dubois

*Toccata in G*

\* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and  
in honor of Jimmy Hammond for his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday  
by his family!

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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, July 23

**Altar Guild:** Lynn Hammond, Amy Hickman, Betty Huggins,  
Glenda Sweet, Kim Wright

**Acolytes and Crucifer:** Jacob Johnson, Ben Chanaca, Nathan Nelson

**Counting Committee:** Sallie Goldfinch, Sarah Staub

**Trustee Duty:** Dawne Clonts, Randy Wood

**Bus Duty:** Blake Martin

**Children's Church:** Phil and Penny Davis

**Sound Technicians:** Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks

**Ushers:** Phil Thompson (Chairman) Will Chappell, Danny Clonts,  
Travis Dannelly, Bo Ives, Sammy Johnson, Richard Jordan, Ken Senn,  
Frank Watts, Chris Wright

### This Week at FUMC

#### Sunday, July 23

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

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

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary

#### Monday, July 24

8:30 a.m. Summer Camp / Education Wing

6:00 p.m. United Methodist Men Meeting / Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting / Commons

#### Tuesday, July 25

8:30 a.m. Summer Camp / Education Wing

9:30 a.m. UMYF Beach Day / Leaving the FLC

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

6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study / FLC

8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC Senior Room

#### Wednesday, July 26

8:30 a.m. Summer Camp / Education Wing

9:00 a.m. Sandwich Making / FLC

6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

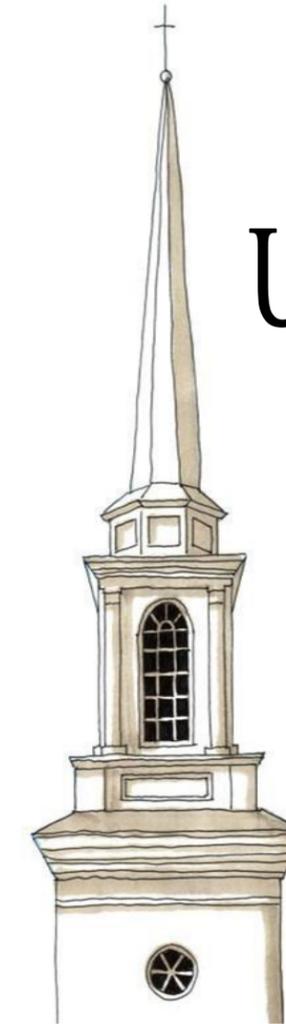
#### Thursday, July 27

8:30 a.m. Summer Camp / Education Wing

#### Friday, July 28

8:30 a.m. Summer Camp / Education Wing

7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC



# First United Methodist Church

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
July 23, 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.