

# 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 Louis Clerambault  
*Trumpet in Dialogue*

## \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 57 Azmon  
*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*  
**And also with you.**  
*The risen Christ is with us.*  
**Praise the Lord!**

## \* 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

Aurora Lily Thompson  
daughter of Cole and Karishma

*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 Aurora Lily Thompson 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 Aurora 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 Jesus Loves Me  
Vs. 1

*Aurora Lily Thompson, 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 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 Genesis 45:1-15 NT Pg.42

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

ANTHEM Malcolm Archer  
*Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester*

THE SECOND LESSON Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 NT Pgs. 160-161

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

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 15:10-28 NT Pg. 17  
*"Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom and cured every sickness among the people." Matt. 4:23*

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Mr. Josh  
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  
*Making More Room*

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 548 McKee  
*In Christ There Is No East or West*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER  
*Lord, in your mercy.*  
**Hear our Prayer.**

OFFERTORY George Frederic Handel  
*Air in F*

\* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95  
~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

\* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 547 Ellacombe  
*O Church of God, United*

\* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Benedetto Marcello  
*Psalm XIX*

\* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and  
in honor of Johnny Vaught for his birthday  
by Margaret Ann, Emily and John Kelly.

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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, August 20

**Altar Guild:** Dawne Clonts, Freda Jones, Susanne Owens, Amelia Wood  
**Acolytes and Crucifer:** Jade Edwards, Anna Kate Nelson, Caroline Daly  
**Counting Committee:** Sallie Goldfinch, Sarah Staub  
**Trustee Duty:** John Sawyer, Cathy Senn  
**Bus Duty:** Jack McCutcheon  
**Children's Church:** David and Ginger Jordan  
**Sound Technicians:** Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks  
**Ushers:** Duc Watts (Chairman) Jack Driggers, James Hammond, Jimmy Jones, Blake Martin, George Martin, Dick Sayre, Phillip Thompson

#### This Week at FUMC

##### Sunday, August 20

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

##### Tuesday, August 22

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting / Room 215  
5:00 p.m. Capital Campaign Ministry Team / Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m. Cocaine Anonymous (CA) Meeting / FLC  
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC Senior Room

##### Wednesday, August 23

5:00 p.m. Capital Campaign Ministry Team / Fellowship Hall

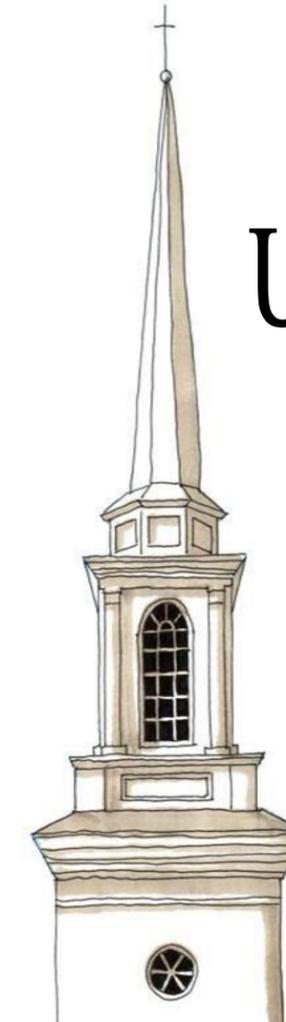
##### Friday, August 25

7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

#### Prayer Concerns

**Assisted Living/Rehab Facilities: Brookdale:** Bobbie Davis, Harriet Edwards; **Anderson Oaks:** Mary T. Foxworth; **Agape:** Mary Hucks, **Mt. Prospect, IL:** Faye Perrault; **Martinez, GA:** Helen Wakefield

**At Home:** Marie Newman, David Reimschuessel, Sammy Johnson, Jan Kyzer, Frankie Hardwick, Irby Koon, Julia Land, Lois Sechriest, Myron and Maxine Dunn, Eugenia Benton, Rebecca Howell, Betty Folks, Gwen Mishoe, Billy Joe Calhoun, Ruth Thomas, Lois Vaught, Ted Boyd.



# First United Methodist Church

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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
August 20, 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.