

We Gather to Worship God

Remember the Sabbath day. Call the Sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Johann Walther
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

INTROIT

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

*We may be thirsty and parched,
like an un-watered garden,
so we come into God's presence:
The Divine One is a spring of water!*

*We may be weary from worry and work
so we come into God's presence:
The Holy One offers us Sabbath rest!*

*We may be lost or confused
so we come into God's presence:
The Wise One offers us welcome and guidance!*

*We may be bent over with struggle or pain
So we come into God's presence:
The Healing One empowers us to stand strong!*

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881
The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And 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, dead and buried,
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and
sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he
shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*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. Amen.*

* GLORIA PATRI No. 70

Meineke

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Just and gracious God, we come to you for healing and life. Our sins hurt others and diminish us; we confess them to you. Our lives bear the scars of sin; we bring these also to you. Show us your mercy, O God. Bind up our wounds, forgive our sins, and free us to love, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Jesus says to you, "Your sins are forgiven." Be at peace, and tell everyone how much God has done for you. 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."

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

All students with their backpacks along with all teachers and other school personal are invited to come forward and kneel along the Chancel Rail for the Blessing.

Today, we have before us backpacks to be carried to and from school by the children and youth gathered here. These backpacks will contain work to be done, work that's been returned, books to be studied, tools to complete homework. Notebooks, pencils, pens, crayons, rules, scissors, glue sticks and other items used for school work will find their way in and out of these backpacks.

Some days, so much stuff will fill these backpacks that the student may find it difficult to walk. Other days, they will be light and nearly empty. But on each and every day, these backpacks represent work required of the students gathered here. And, as in every aspect of our life, we bring these before God for blessing at this time.

*Let us pray: **Gracious God, we lift to you today, these students. They stand here ready to receive your blessings and they commit themselves to study and learning in the school year ahead. We ask your blessing on each of them.***

Further, we ask your blessing on these backpacks. They will hold the school work of each student and will be carried from home to school and back again. As these students carry these backpacks, may they be reminded of the love and care of this congregation that surrounds them each school day.

We pray as well for the teachers and administrators in our schools. May they also be sustained by your blessing. May they be reminded that this congregation embraces their call to teaching and learning and surrounds them with love and care as well. We pray in the name of Jesus who we seek to follow day by day. Amen.

~ WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD ~

ANTHEM *Southern Harmony*
Bound for the Promised Land
Janet Lawrence, Tim Lawrence, John Case, Lee Hickman

THE FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 1:4-10 OT Pg. 698
*This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.*

THE ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 71:1-6 *McKee*
*I find my refuge in you, Lord;
Let me not be dismayed;
But in your justice set me free;
Hear me, come to my aid.*

*Be my strong rock, my stronghold, crag,
My castle safe, secure;
Deliver me from wicked hands
And from the evildoer.*

*You are my confidence, Lord God,
My hope since I was young;
And from the womb, since I was born,
Your praise has been my song.*

THE SECOND LESSON Hebrews 12:18-29 NT Pg. 227
*This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.*

ANTHEM *Eric Thiman*
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 13:10-17 NT Pg. 76
*This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS *Rev. Kyle*
Let's Pray
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*
Fear and Grace

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 273 *Au Clair de la Lune*
Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Bourree* George Frederic Handel

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Carlton Young*
Be Thou My Vision

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS *Doxology No. 94*

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

- * THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 733 *Marching to Zion*
Marching to Zion
- * BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE
- * CHIMING OF THE TRINITY
- * CLOSING VOLUNTARY Paul Manz
Improvisation on *CWM Rhondda*
- * CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in memory of our beloved teacher and founder
"Mr. John"
and our present day teachers Blake Martin, Blake Hewitt,
Delan Stevens and Lynn Stevens,
by the members of the John McCutcheon Sunday School Class.

The rosebud on the altar is in celebration of the newest addition to First Church!
Emma Quin Nelson, was born on August 11
to proud parents Jill and William and siblings Drew and Grey.



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.

THINGS TO KNOW WHILE WORSHIPING AT FIRST UMC

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.

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.

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.

Serving This Sunday, August 21

Altar Guild: Dawne Clonts, Freda Jones, Susanne Owen, Amelia Wood
Acolytes and Crucifer: Colin Hucks, Anna Kate Nelson, Emma Chanaca
Counting Committee: (Sunday) Blake Martin, Justin Roof
(Monday) Sallie Goldfinch, Sarah Staub
Trustee Duty: Randy Wood, Mike Thomas
Bus Duty: Jimmy Hammond
Children's Church: Justin and Amanda Roof
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 21

- 8:30 a.m. Back to School Pancake Breakfast / Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
- 9:30 a.m. Promotion Sunday / Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary

Monday, August 22

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

Tuesday, August 23

- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Meeting / Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Cocaine Anonymous (CA) Meeting / FLC

Wednesday, August 24

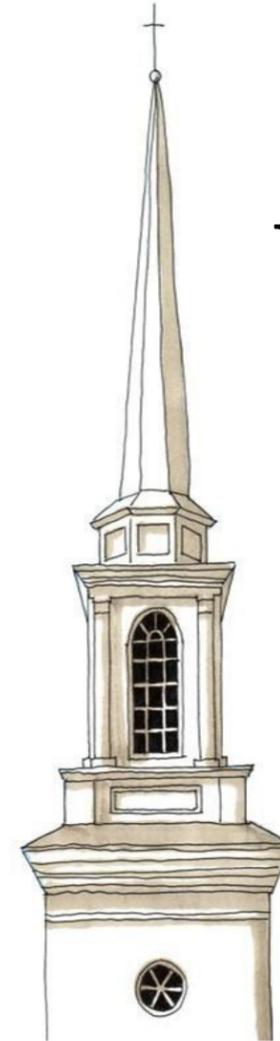
- 4:30 p.m. Wednesday Work Day / Meet in the Commons
- 5:30 p.m. Pre-school Open House / Commons

Friday, August 26

- 7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

August Worship Schedule

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship



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August 21, 2016
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.