

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 John Stanley
"Voluntary V"

INTROIT

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 731 Austria
"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

* THE GREETING

From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.
And also with you.

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the only Sovereign, who dwells in light; Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners; the Holy Spirit, who lives within us. *Amen.*

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
God of overflowing grace,
We come to you with repentant hearts. Forgive us for shallow thankfulness. Forgive us for passing by the ones in need. Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures. Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness. Bring us home from the wilderness of sin, and strengthen us to serve you in all that you do and say; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

By the grace of God in Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven and you are made free. *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

Dear God, as we start another year in school, we ask for your blessing on these backpacks, and especially on these children who will wear them. As they do the very important work of being students, bless them with:

eagerness to learn, that their world may grow large;
respect for teachers and students,
that they may form healthy relationships;
love for nature, that they may become caretakers of your creation;
happiness when learning is easy
and stick-to-it-iveness when it is hard;
faith in Jesus as their best teacher and closest friend.

We ask that you would protect these, your own children. Watch over them and keep them safe as they travel to and from school. As they learn, help them also to discover the different gifts that you have given each of them to be used in your work in the world. As they hear the many voices that will fill their days, help them to listen most carefully for your voice, the one that tells them you will love them always, no matter what. We ask this in Jesus' name. *Amen.*

~ WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD ~

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

THE PSALTER Psalm 103:1-6 *Festal Song*
*O bless the Lord, my soul;
O bless his Name indeed;
Let all that is within me know
How he has met my need.*
*The Lord forgives your sins
And heals your wickedness;
He crowns your life, saved from the grave,
With loving faithfulness.*
*He fills you with good things;
The Lord renews your youth;
For all who are oppressed, the Lord
Brings righteousness and truth.*

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

* 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 "Welcome" Rev. Kyle
Children ages three through third-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
"On the Road Again"

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM No. 39

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 Savannah Rose Seremet 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 by 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.

The pastor addresses the congregation.

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

The pastor addresses the congregation.

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 Savannah with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her trust of God, and be found faithful 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.

The pastor addresses all:

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 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.

Savannah, 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 members of the family of Christ.

* THE HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 395

Waterlife

"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

1. "I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
 3. "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was
 5. "In the mid - dle ag - es of your life, not too
 7. "I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
 there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
 there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the
 old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you
 there when you are old, I re - joiced the day you
 were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.
 liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.
 were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold."
 2. I was there when you were but a child, with a
 4. If you find some-one to share your time and you
 6. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you
 faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
 shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have
 wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell.
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

After each petition, please respond

Lord in your mercy;
Hear our prayer.

OFFERTORY

G.F. Handel

"Interlude" (from **Water Music Suite**)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Robert Powell

"O Holy City Seen of John"

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology No. 95

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

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 117

St. Anne

"O God Our Help in Ages Past"

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Fanfare"

Paul Dukas

* CONGREGATION STANDING



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11:00 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.