

# We Gather to Worship God

*Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world, but to offer our bodies as living sacrifices, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY G.F. Handel  
*Andante (from Organ Concerto in G minor)*

## \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 545 Aurelia  
*The Church's One Foundation*

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*We gather to give thanks to You, O Lord,  
**with all our heart!**  
 We will sing Your praises before all creation,  
**and rejoice in Your steadfast love!**  
 You have created us O Lord, and made us for Yourself,  
**In You we become everything You have made us to be!***

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* No. 881

*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

*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."

## 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 ~

THE FIRST LESSON Exodus 1:8:2-10 OT Pg. 49  
*This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.***

THE SECOND LESSON Romans 12:1-8 NT Pgs. 161-192  
*This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.***

ANTHEM Mary Lynn Lightfoot  
*Sing Joyful Praise*

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 16:13-20 NT Pg. 18  
*"You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Matthew 16:16*

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS *One Block at a Time* Rev. Kyle  
 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 *FUMC Rocks* Rev. Kyle D. Randle

## ~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 368 *The Solid Rock*  
*My Hope Is Built*

THE PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *19<sup>th</sup> Century Melody*  
*Amazing Grace*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM John Ness Beck  
*Offertory*

\* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

## ~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

\* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 571 *Lancashire*  
*Go, Make of All Disciples*

\* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Theodore Dubois  
*Toccata in G Major*

\* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God,  
 and in honor of  
 Aurora Lily Thompson's baptism and 1<sup>st</sup> birthday  
 and in memory of our loved ones,  
 by the Thompson Family.



### 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.

### 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.

We wish to invite you to contact one of our staff members if you would like more information about FUMC:

- Kyle.Randle@fumconway.org (Pastor)
- Billy.Fallaw@fumconway.org (Dir. of Music)
- Josh.Tietje@fumconway.org (Dir. of Christian Ed. and Missions)
- Danny.Clonts@fumconway.org (Accountant)
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### Serving This Sunday, August 27

**Altar Guild:** Dawne Clonts, Freda Jones, Susanne Owens, Amelia Wood  
**Acolytes and Crucifer:** Caroline Todd, Laurel Edwards, Annie Cecil  
**Counting Committee:** Sallie Goldfinch, Sarah Staub  
**Trustee Duty:** John Sawyer, Cathy Senn  
**Bus Duty:** Hunter Jenkins  
**Children's Church:** William and Robin Hardwick  
**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 27

9:00 a.m. Back to School Doughnuts/ Fellowship Hall  
 9:30 a.m. Promotion Sunday / Fellowship Hall  
 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  
 11:30 a.m. Cookout Fellowship / Fellowship Hall

#### Monday, August 28

10:15 a.m. Wonderful Wednesday Planning Meeting / Commons  
 6:00 p.m. United Methodist Men's Meeting / Fellowship Hall  
 6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting / Family Life Center (FLC)

#### Tuesday, August 29

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting / Room 215  
 6:00 p.m. Cocaine Anonymous (CA) Meeting / FLC  
 8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC Senior Room

#### Wednesday, August 30

6:00 p.m. Preschool Open House / Commons

#### Thursday, August 31

3:30 p.m. Capital Campaign Ministry Team / Fellowship Hall

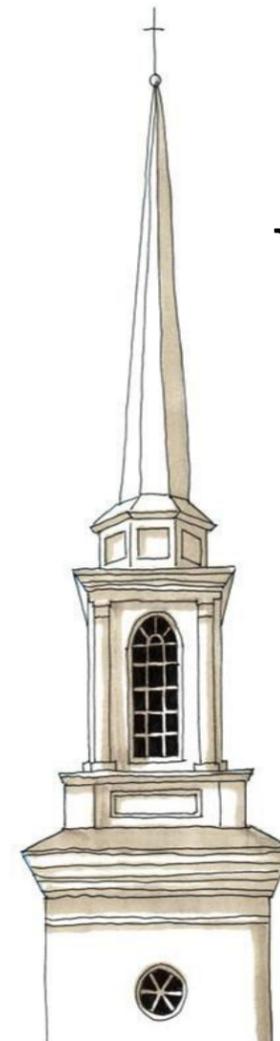
#### Friday, September 1

7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

### Prayer Concerns

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

**At Home:** David Reimschuessel, Sammy Johnson, Frankie Hardwick, Irby Koon, Julia Land, Lois Sechrist, 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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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
 August 27, 2017  
 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.