

We Gather to Worship God

When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Aaron Copeland
Fanfare for the Common Man

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 64 Nicaea
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship this morning from different places.
O God, do not be far from us.
We come to worship this morning for different reasons.
O God, do not be far from us.
We experience the presence of the spirit in different ways.
O God, do not be far from us.
We hear Jesus' words with different ears.
O God, do not be far from us.
"Deny yourselves."
O God, do not be far from us.
"Take up your cross."
O God, do not be far from us.
"Follow Me."
Draw near to us, O God, in this place in our lives.

* 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

Source of all life, we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new in the name of Jesus Christ. 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 worshipping 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."

~ WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON Exodus 3:1-15 OT Pg. 50

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

ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 105:1-8 Azmon

*Give thanks to God, make known his Name,
His deeds, to everyone;
Sing praise, sing praise to him and tell
The wonders he has done.*

*Rejoice in him, all hearts seek
To know his Name and grace;
Search for the Lord and all his strength,
And ever seek his face.*

*Recall the marvels God has done,
The judgments of his mouth,
O Abraham's children, Jacob's heirs,
Whom he has chosen out.*

*The Lord is God, throughout the world
His righteous laws prevail;
His covenant and promises
He keeps and will not fail.*

THE SECOND LESSON Romans 12:9-21 NT Pg. 162

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ANTHEM Lift High the Cross Paul Christiansen

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 16:21-28 NT Pg. 18

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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 Preparedness Rev. Kyle D. Randle

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 2137 (TFWS) Kingsfold
Would I Have Answered When You Called

OFFERTORY Gerald Near
Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION No. 13

*Taking the Bread and Cup
*The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer
Giving the Bread and Cup

All are invited to the Lord's Table at the direction of the ushers. There will be three serving stations. Communion will be received by intinction. The bread will be placed in your hand for you to dip into the Cup. You are invited to kneel and pray at the Chancel Rail after receiving the elements. (The pastor's station offers gluten-free bread.)

The offering received at the Chancel Rail during Communion will be given towards UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) for Hurricane Harvey.

COMMUNION HYMNS

No. 2254 *In Remembrance of Me* Red
No. 338 *Where He Leads Me* Norris

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 92 Dix
For the Beauty of the Earth

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Paul Manz
God of Grace and God of Glory

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of our grandchildren, Addison, Maddox and Jackson; and our children, Mekewn, Brandi, Travis and Kim. And for our 47th Wedding Anniversary, By Bud and Wendy Dannelly



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:

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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, 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.

Serving This Sunday, September 3

Altar Guild: Frances Driggers, Sue Dusenbury, Sylvia Richardson, Lois Sayre

Acolytes and Crucifer: Samuel Hickman, Ben Chanaca, Chad Steinfield

Counting Committee: Sallie Goldfinch, Sarah Staub

Trustee Duty: Kent Bitting, Johnny Vaught

Bus Duty: Jan Gawith

Children's Church: Jan Gawith

Sound Technicians: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks

Ushers: Brad Todd (Chairman) Kent and Will Bitting, Mark Brooks, Tucker Gore, William Goldfinch, Britt Stiltner, Bill Taylor, Alex Todd, Johnny Vaught

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, September 3

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Animate Faith Adult Study / Family Life Center
9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. UMYF and Bridge Meeting / FLC

Monday, September 4

Church Office is Closed for Labor Day

6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / Family Life Center (FLC)

Tuesday, September 5

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting / Room 215
10:00 a.m. Burroughs/Collins Circle / FLC Senior Room
6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC

Wednesday, September 6

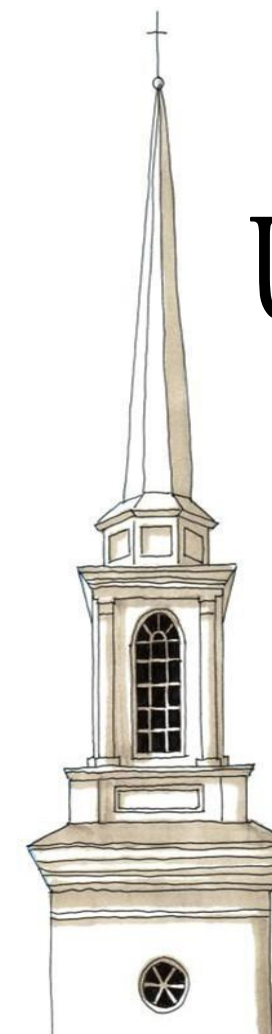
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Activities / FLC
4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Room 105
4:30 p.m. Chime Choir (Grades 1 & 2) / Room 211
5:10 p.m. Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5) Rehearsal / Room 211
5:10 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Room 105
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. "Seamless" Ladies Bible Study / Room 216
6:15 p.m. "Soul Shift" Bible Study / Room 217
6:15 p.m. Adult Handbells Rehearsal / Room 205
7:00 p.m. Sunshine Class Meeting / Parlor
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Room 105

Thursday, September 7

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC

Friday, September 8

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC



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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 3, 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.