

# *We Gather to Worship God*

*Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them an actual child. We are called to welcome the particular children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

J. S. Bach

*If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee*

### \* INTROIT

### \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### \* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 439

*Paderborn*

*We Utter Our Cry*

### \* OPENING DIALOGUE

I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

**Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.

**We gather to worship God!**

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*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.

### \* THE GLORIA PATRI No. 70

*Meineke*

### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.  
*(silence is kept for reflection)*

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.**

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven! Amen.**

### \* THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*\*All may exchange signs of peace.*

~ **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD** ~

### THE FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 31:10-31

A capable wife who can find?  
She is far more precious than jewels.  
The heart of her husband trusts in her,  
and he will have no lack of gain.  
She does him good, and not harm,  
all the days of her life.  
She seeks wool and flax,  
and works with willing hands.  
She is like the ships of the merchant,  
she brings her food from far away.  
She rises while it is still night  
and provides food for her household  
and tasks for her servant-girls.  
She considers a field and buys it;  
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.  
She girds herself with strength,  
and makes her arms strong.  
She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.  
Her lamp does not go out at night.  
She puts her hands to the distaff,  
and her hands hold the spindle.  
She opens her hand to the poor,  
and reaches out her hands to the needy.  
She is not afraid for her household when it snows,  
for all her household are clothed in crimson.  
She makes herself coverings;  
her clothing is fine linen and purple.  
Her husband is known in the city gates,  
taking his seat among the elders of the land.

She makes linen garments and sells them;  
she supplies the merchant with sashes.  
Strength and dignity are her clothing,  
and she laughs at the time to come.  
She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.  
She looks well to the ways of her household,  
and does not eat the bread of idleness.  
Her children rise up and call her happy;  
her husband too, and he praises her:  
“Many women have done excellently,  
but you surpass them all.”  
Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,  
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.  
Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,  
and let her works praise her in the city gates.  
This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### THE ACT OF PRAISE

Psalm 1

*Canonbury*

*Happy are those who have not walked  
With the ungodly of the land,  
Nor lingered in the sinners' way,  
Nor sat with those who mock God's hand*

*Like fruitful trees by flowing streams,  
With leaves that never fade or fall,  
Are those who serve God day and night;  
They find prosperity in all.*

*The wicked are not so, they seem  
Like chaff the wind will blow away;  
They have no place with the elect  
Nor can they stand on Judgment Day.*

*Then praise our God who knows so well  
The way in which the righteous go;  
The path which the ungodly walk  
Shall perish; this God's people know.*

### THE SECOND LESSON

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures....Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.  
This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *Be Thou My Vision* Alice Parker

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 9:30-37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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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 *The Wise and the Vulnerable* Rev. Kyle Randle

~ **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD** ~

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 2166 *Bunessan*

*Christ Beside Me*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY Gerald Near

*Blessed Jesus at Thy Word*

\* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

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

\* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 159 *Crucifer*

*Lift High the Cross*

\* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Henry Purcell

*Rondo*

\* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 4th birthday of our son, Elias Ward Case. Mama, Daddy and Bubba love you so much! You make us so proud!

### Serving This Sunday, September 23

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

**Acolytes and Crucifer:** Laurel Edwards, Anna Claire Roof, Jackson Hagen

**Children's Church:** Sallie Goldfinch

**Counting Committee:** Sallie Goldfinch, Lynn Hammond

**Bus Duty:** Delan Stevens

**Trustee Duty:** Debbie Jenkins, Tyler Thomas

**Sound Technicians:** Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks, Dave Carey

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

### This Week at FUMC

#### Sunday, September 23

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. New Adult Study / Family Life Center / Room 101  
9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. Chamber Orchestra Rehearsal / Sanctuary  
2:00 p.m. Trinity UMC Worship / Sanctuary  
3:00 p.m. Acolyte Training / Sanctuary  
4:15 p.m. FUMC Players Drama Team / Sanctuary  
5:30 p.m. UMYF High School / Family Life Center (FLC)  
5:30 p.m. UMYF Middle School / FLC  
5:30 p.m. Bridge Group/ FLC

#### Monday, September 24

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing

#### Tuesday, September 25

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Educations Wing  
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting / Room 213  
6:00 p.m. Cocaine Anonymous (CA) Meeting / FLC Room 102  
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC Room 104  
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101

#### Wednesday, September 26

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Activities / FLC  
4:00 p.m. Asbury Ringers Rehearsal / Room 211  
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / Education Wing Room 123  
4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105  
4:45 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / Room 211  
5:15 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105  
5:15 p.m. Voices in Bronze / Room 211  
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall  
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Room 205  
6:15 p.m. Ladies Bible Study Fellowship / Room 216  
6:15 p.m. Disciple Fast Track Adult Study / Room 218  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

#### Thursday, September 27

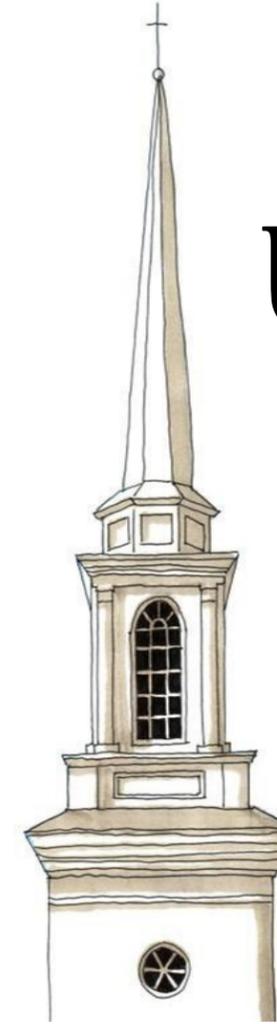
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC Room 104

#### Friday, September 28

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC Room 102

#### Saturday, September 29

4:00 p.m. Pumpkins Arrive / Courtyard



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Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
September 23, 2018  
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.