

We Gather to Worship God

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God, such as prostitutes and tax collectors going before others into God's kingdom. In the reading from Ezekiel the people question whether the ways of the Lord are unfair; instead they are to repent and turn to the Lord. We are called to offer our lives for the sake of the needy world.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Wm. Boyce
Allegro (from Symphony in D)

INTROIT

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 117 St. Anne
O God Our Help in Ages Past

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Our God calls us to worship.

We are here, God, we are here.

We have made a choice to be here today.

We are here, God, we are here.

It is a joy to gather in sacred community, to sing our praises together.

We are here, God, we are here.

* 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.*

* THE GLORIA PATRI No. 70 Meineke

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Loving God, we thank you for your patience with us. Yet we ask you to challenge us, too. When we have become complacent, or when we are not sure what to say or do, give us courage to speak out and stand up for what is right. When we want to turn away from being loving, just, and fair, bring us back to that. Shape us into your people: loved, forgiven, and called to do and say what is right.. Amen.

Hear the good news: through the living Word, Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven and we are given a new heart and spirit. 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."

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

ANTHEM Come and Sing
King's Singers; Amy and Lee Hickman, *Handbells*

THE FIRST LESSON Exodus 17:1-7 OT Pgs. 64

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 78:1-7 Old 100th

*Hear, O my people, what I say,
Incline your ears to learn my ways;
I will declare a parable,
The mysteries of ancient days.*

*What our forefathers told to us,
And that which we have heard and known,
The mighty works which God has done,
Their children also must be shown.*

*We will recount to those to come,
The power of God and deeds he wrought;
He gave a law to Israel,
Which now their children must be taught;*

*That generations still to come
And children yet unborn be told,
So they might trust God, not forget,
But keep his judgments as of old.*

THE SECOND LESSON Philippians 2:1-13 NT Pg. 197

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Cindy Berry
At the Name of Jesus

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 21:23-32 NT Pgs. 23-24

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

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.

ANTHEM *The Weeping Tree* Joseph M. Martin
Lila Myers, *soprano*

THE SERMON Tim Whitten

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 467 *Trust and Obey*
Trust and Obey

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

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *I Should Have Been Crucified* Gordon Jenson
Jimmy Brown, *tenor*; Janet Mayers, *alto*; Lib Wellons, *piano*

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

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

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 438 *Duke Street*
Forth in Thy Name, O Lord

* 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.

The rosebud on the altar is in celebration of the birth of
Elias Ward Case
to proud parents, John and Ashlee
and grandparents, Tim and Janet Lawrence,
with great grandfather, Joe Daniels.

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NOTES FOR WORSHIP

Numbers by the hymns, Affirmation of Faith, Doxology, are from the United Methodist Hymnal 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.

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

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A full listing of the staff may be found in the Announcements inserted in the bulletin or online.

Prayer Concerns

Emory Atlanta: Betty Smith, **CMC:** Betty Woodward
Assisted Living Facilities: Emeritus: Bobbie Davis; **Conway Manor:** Edith Lewis; **Kingston:** Ruth Coy; **Cornelius, NC:** Helen Wakefield; **Mt. Prospect, IL:** Faye Perrault,

At Home: Jean Timbes, Sylvia Avant, Betty James, , Betty Folks, Mary T. Foxworth, Jane Gore, Gwen Mishoe, Diana Rodwell, Tootsie Atkins, Tommy Jordan, Irene Calhoun, Ruth Thomas.

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

Acolytes and Crucifer: Laurel Edwards, Savannah Seremet, Caroline Todd

Counting Committee: (Sunday) Kelly Cooper, Jan Bitting
(Monday) Maxine Dunn and Margaret Thompson, Nancy Stiltner

Children's Church: William and Robin Hardwick

Trustee Duty: Jim Edwards, Janet Martin

Sound Technician: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks

Ushers: Brad Todd (Chairman), Mark Brooks (Co-Chairman)

Jim Edwards, William Goldfinch, Thomas Harper, Alex Todd, Johnny Vaught

This Week at First United Methodist Church

Sunday, September 28

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM
10:00 a.m. Swiss Melody Bell Rehearsal / Rm. 117
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary
4:45 p.m. King's Singers / Choir Room 105
5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC

Monday, September 29

2:15 p.m. Cooking at the Shepherd's Table / TST
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC

Tuesday, September 30

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting / Rm. 215
7:00 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting / FLC

Wednesday, October 1

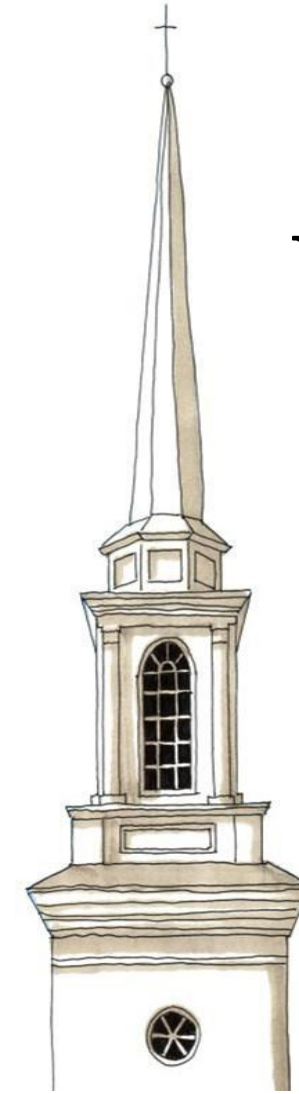
2:00 p.m. DAR Meeting / Hut Chapel
2:30 p.m. Children are picked up from school
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Activities
3:15 p.m. Cherub and Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Room 105
5:30 p.m. Church Family Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Room 205
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study / Rm. 122
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Room 105

Thursday, October 2

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC

Saturday, October 3

12:00 p.m. Voce Angeli Concert / Hut Chapel
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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 28, 2014
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.