

We Gather to Worship God

Jesus denounces the scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widow's houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarahemnah who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Jesus Love Me
Melody Bell Choir

William Bradbury

INTROIT

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Beecher

* OPENING DIALOGUE

God welcomes everyone with open arms.

No one stands outside of God's circle of mercy and love.

And so for this endless, limitless grace ...

... we come to give thanks.

Through the power of your spirit, God ...

... open our eyes to see your handiwork all around us.

Open our minds to be receptive to your wisdom.

Open our mouths to give you praise.

* 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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,

who calls us into an everlasting hope,

who guides us to springs of the water of life,

who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom. **Amen.**

One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

(Silence for reflection)

O God, our merciful redeemer,

we confess the ways we live only for ourselves.

We fail to see you in our neighbor's face.

We turn our ears from voices that cry out.

We pass by the hungry and the oppressed.

In you great mercy, forgive our sin

and strengthen us for service to all in need;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the name of almighty God,

Jesus Christ was given to die for you

and for his sake, God forgives all our sin.

Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad,

beloved people of God. **Amen.**

* THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

**All may exchange signs of peace.*

ANTHEM

Bless the Lord, My Soul

Jacques Berthier

Cherub Choir; Kim Carey, *flute*; Lee Hickman, *string bass*

~ WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON

I Kings 17:8-16

⁸Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ⁹“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

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

Thanks be to God.

THE ACT OF PRAISE

Psalm 127

Woodworth

Unless the Lord should build the house,
The builders' work cannot endure;
Unless the Lord keep watch above,
The city cannot be secure.

It is in vain that you should rise
At dawn and such late hours keep;
Vain, too, to eat the bread of toil
For he gives his beloved sleep.

Children are an inheritance
From God, such fruit a gift in truth;
Like arrows in a warrior's hand
Are all the children of one's youth.

Happy indeed the man who has
his quiver well filled with the same;
When in the gate he comes to face
His foe, he shall not be ashamed.

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 9:24-28

²⁴For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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ANTHEM

Offertory

John Ness Beck

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 12:38-44

³⁸As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” ⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Giving All

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 *But Why?* Rev. Kyle D. Randle

~ *WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD* ~

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 643 *Gift of Love*
When Love Is Found

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Meditation* Charles Gounod
Kim Carey, *flute*; Melinda Hyman, *piano*

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95
~ *WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD* ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 422 *Azmon*
Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Benedetto Marcello*
Psalm XIX

* CONGREGATION STANDING

This morning in recognition of Veteran's Day and the 100th Anniversary of the end of WWI, we will be participating in the "Bells of Peace: A WWI Remembrance." We will pause at 11:00 am and join with churches and other institutions across the USA in tolling our Tower Bell in remembrance of those who served and sacrificed.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of O.D. Emery
by the Tietje Family.

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.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, November 11

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
9:40 a.m. Melody Bells Rehearsal /
10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Chamber Orchestra Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
11:45 a.m. Christmas Musical Cast Rehearsal / Sanctuary

Monday, November 12

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

Tuesday, November 13

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

Wednesday, November 14

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 / Room 105
5:15 p.m. Voices in Bronze Rehearsal / 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 BSF / Room 216
6:15 p.m. Disciple Fast Track Study / Room 218
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Room 105

Thursday, November 15

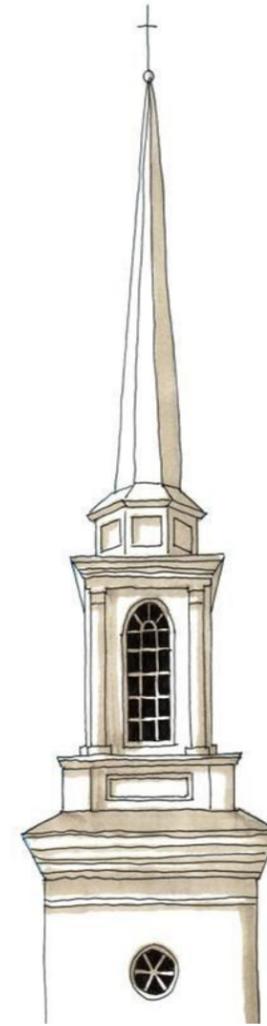
7:15 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast / Chick-Fil-A Conway
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
5:15 p.m. Prestige Mgmt. Group / FLC Gathering Room
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC Room 104
7:00 p.m. Trinity UMC Family Activities / Education Wing

Friday, November 16

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
10:00 a.m. UMW Executive Meeting / FLC Room 101
7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC Room 102

Saturday, November 17

9:00 a.m. Voices in Bronze Handbell / Room 211
11:00 a.m. Jackie Taylor (Trinity UMC) / FLC Gathering Room



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Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
Veterans Day
November 11, 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.