

Welcome

We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for worship this Sunday. Members of this congregation have been gathering here to worship since 1804. Over the past two centuries our congregation has changed, but our mission remains the same: to make disciples of Jesus Christ. We are inspired by the words of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, who encouraged believers to "do all the good you can, in all the ways you can."

Attendance

Please let us know of your attendance this morning by completing the pew pad.

Newcomer Orientation

We invite you to learn about the life of our church, ways you can get involved, and how to become a member by attending Newcomer Orientation, which is held every second Sunday of the month at 9:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School

We offer Sunday school for children age 2 through adult each Sunday from 9:45–10:45 a.m.

Children

At Athens First United Methodist Church, we invite families to worship together. Children's Church is held for children in kindergarten through grade 2 most Sundays during the 11:00 a.m. service.

Financial Report

Budget for 2016 | \$2,789,339 Amount Given YTD | \$1,930,122 Goal for August | \$199,742 Amount after 2 Sundays | \$122,516

Attendance on August 21

Total Worship | 1222 8:30 a.m. | 179 9:45 a.m. | 432 11:00 a.m. | 510 Online | 101 Sunday School | 438

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Find us on Facebook at Athens First United Methodist Church.

athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

The Worship of God

8:30 a.m.

THE PRELUDE

"You Are Before Me, Lord" | Alfred Morton Smith
Sung by the Worship Team
Psalm 139:7-12

Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Matthews, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. James B. Matthews III and family.

*THE CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP

TFWS 2272 "We Are Standing on Holy Ground" | HOLY GROUND

We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around. Let us praise Jesus now. We are standing in His presence on holy ground.

*THE 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 GLORY OF GOD | The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Linsey Jarrett, Director of Weekday Preschool

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

92 "For the Beauty of the Earth" | DIX

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING AND THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Wisdom and Grace (Psalm 90)" | Sandra McCracken Sung by the Worship Team

*THE DOXOLOGY | The Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE SERMON

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

402 "Lord, I Want to be a Christian" | I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN Verse 4

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Matthew 26:17-19, 26-29

The Prayer of Preparation

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to partake of this Sacrament of thy Son Jesus Christ, that we may walk in newness of life, may grow into his likeness, and may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Anthem Lyrics
Teach us to number our
days that we may apply
our hearts to Your ways.
Teach us to number
our days with wisdom
and grace. You've been
our home and our
dwelling our place in all

dwelling our place in all generations. Before the earth or the mountains were formed, Lord, You were God. Now the span of our lives, it is made of sorrow and labor, as the days pass away like the grass how soon we are gone. May the work of our hands bring you praise. Set Your favor upon us. O establish the work of our hands. May

Your kingdom come!

The Receiving of the Elements of Communion

At Athens First United Methodist Church, all are invited to commune at Christ's table. If you need to be served in your pew, please call this to the attention of an usher. Glutenfree communion elements are available at the center station in the front of the sanctuary.

The Music During Communion
"Be Still My Soul" | Katherine von Schlegel
Sung by the Worship Team

*THE BLESSING AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Standing on the Promises" | R. Kelso Carter

Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let his praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God. Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

* THE POSTLUDE

"I Am Bound for the Promised Land" | Gamby

The Worship of God

9:45 & 11:00 a.m.

Gathering

Flowers

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"Psalm 19" | Bish

THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"O Be Joyful in the Lord" | John Yarrington
Sung by the Sanctuary Choir

Praise & Thanksgiving

*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

73 "O Worship the King" | LYONS

*THE 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

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

11:00 a.m. | Harper Marie Benson, daughter of Danielle and Reese Harper, Harper, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you too. We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be. Harper, Harper, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | 11:00 a.m.

Linsey Jarrett, Director of Weekday Preschool

At the 11:00 a.m. service, children in kindergarten through grade 2 will go to Children's Church on the third floor where they may be picked up at the end of the service.

Proclamation of the Word

Anthem Lyrics

I am a pilgrim, a pilgrim of sorrow. I'm left in this wide world, this wide world alone! Ain't got no hope, got no hope for tomorrow. Trying to make it, make heaven my home. Sometimes I'm tossed and I'm driven, Lord. Sometimes I just don't know which way to turn. I heard of a city, a city called heaven. I'm trying to make it, make heaven my home.

THE OFFERING AND THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"City Called Heaven" | Josephine Poelinitz

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir; Matthew Lawing, soloist

*THE DOXOLOGY | The Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE SERMON

Sending Forth

* THE HYMN

557 "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds" | DENNIS

*THE BLESSING AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"We Receive Your Blessing"

We receive your blessing, we receive your grace as we walk in the light shining from your face. May the peace that you give change the way that we live. We receive your blessing as we leave this place.

* THE POSTLUDE

"I Am Bound for the Promised Land" | Gamby

The Steeple

TODAY!



Churchwide BBQ

Sandy Creek Park | 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Join us for our annual Churchwide BBQ today at 5:00 p.m. at Sandy Creek Park! We will enjoy music, great barbecue, and fellowship with our church family. We will have a variety of kid-friendly activities available for children, including a moonwalk, wiffle ball, and other outdoor games. Entry into Sandy Creek Park will be free for the BBQ. We hope to see you there!

athensfirstumc.org/bbq

Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Ferris Harmon and his family in the loss of his brother, Wendell Harmon, on August 14.

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Terry Jones and his family in the loss of his father, Philip Jones, on August 19.

New Members

On August 21, we welcomed Ian and Chandler Bahr, Emily Wood and Chip Pride, Rusty and Terry Wood, Sarah Wood, Jan and Steve Finney, Wallace Arnold, Heather and Lee Robinson, Paul and Jennifer Tuggle, Brett and Cindy Ganas, Kate Ganas, Christy and Josh Wages, and Les and Jess McCrary to the Athens First United Methodist Church family.



Connect & Grow Groups

Connect & Grow Groups are small groups of people who meet weekly at church or in homes for fellowship and prayer and to talk about faith. Each week groups share about their relationship with God. To register for a Connect & Grow Group, please visit our website.

We are offering interest meetings for you to learn more about our new Connect & Grow Groups that will start in September. There will be two meetings on Wednesday, August 31. The first will be from 5:15–5:45 p.m. and the second meeting opportunity will be from 6:30-7:00 p.m. All meetings will be in room 222. All are welcome to attend. All of the meetings are identical. These meetings will give

you an overview of what Connect & Grow Groups will offer. There is need to let us know you're coming to an interest meeting; all you have to do is show up!

Register | athensfirstumc.org/connectandgrowgroups

Pickleball

Please join us for fun in a new program called pickleball!
Pickleball is a great sport that consists of ping pong, tennis, and badminton all in one. Instructors will teach the game.
This is a great game for adults young and old. Pickleball will take place Tuesday afternoons from 1:30-3:00 p.m., and will be free for anyone interested. Contact Rusty or Mary Claire if you have questions.

Learn more | athensfirstumc.org/adultrecreation Rusty Wood | rusty@athensfirstumc.org Mary Claire Wills | maryclaire@athensfirstumc.org



Wednesday Night Meals

Our vendors this year include Barberitos, Weaver D's, Dawg Gone Good BBQ, Taziki's Mediterranean Cafe, and Fox's Pizza Den. Dinner will be served from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in Hancock Hall each week. Meals are \$6.

The meal on Wednesday, August 31, is Weaver D's. Join us for fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, and a roll. Advance dinner orders are required. Order your meal online or by calling the church office by Tuesday at noon. Take-out boxes will be available. You and your family, friends, and/or small group are invited and encouraged to eat and spend time together in Hancock Hall.

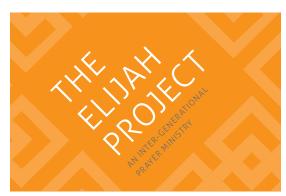
We have several registration options. You may register for the semester which includes every Wednesday in

September through December. Please note that this option does not include the last Wednesday in August. If you do not want to purchase the entire semester, we have options to purchase meals by the month or week by week. For more information, contact Kayla. If you have trouble ordering online, church staff can help you order your meal. Register | athensfirstumc.org/wednesdaynightmeals Kayla Calloway | kayla@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

The Resolution | Men's Study

It's not too late to join this powerful study just for men! Keith Wilson is leading *The Resolution for Men*. This is an inspiring book born out of the film *Courageous*, a film which attempts to challenge men of all ages to become bold and intentional about embracing their responsibilities as leaders of their homes, marriages, and children. This study meets in room 240 on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00 p.m.. The cost is \$8.

Register | athensfirstumc.org/registration Kayla Calloway | kayla@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442



Elijah Project

John Wesley said "Prayer is where the action is." We encourage you to join us in the divine activity of the Elijah Project! ONE Student Ministries will soon begin the fourth year of an inter-generational prayer ministry that has impacted youth and adults through consistent, expectant prayer. Registration for the Elijah Project is open through September 11!

Learn more | athensfirstumc.org/elijahproject Laney Jones | laney@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

Cub Scouts

Pack 1 is an active Cub Scout Pack, focused on teaching and learning outdoor skills, citizenship, and personal development for boys in grades 1-5. The pack is closely connected with Boy Scout Troop 1 and has a fully-trained and devoted leadership team. In addition to occasional pack meetings and annual events like Pinewood Derby and regular service projects, we camp several times each year as dens and as a pack. There is a den for each grade level that meets on Sunday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. in various rooms at the church. Join us on Sunday, September 11, for our New Scout Meeting, or to learn more, contact Cubmaster Nat. Nat Carmack | carmacknat@qmail.com

Defying Gravity

From September 11-October 2 on Sunday evenings from 4:45-6:15 p.m. we will have a book study on *Defying Gravity*, by Tom Berlin. This book examines the difference between "want" and "need" and illustrates how possessions can create an unbearable weight on our lives. This small group will go hand in hand with our stewardship season as our congregation examines what it means to live an abundant life. This study will be in room 224 and all materials are free. For more information, contact Kayla Calloway.

Kayla Calloway | *kayla@athensfirstumc.org* | 706-543-1442

KidCheck for All Families

Our check-in system provides a secure and important level of safety for children in our building. Each family of children, birth through grade 12, should have a current account that includes updated contact and allergy information in addition to any specific notes pertaining to your children. Please consider uploading photos of yourself and your children, as it is helpful for hospitality as well as safety. Learn more | athensfirstumc.org/kidcheck

Financial Peace University

Financial Peace University presents biblical, practical steps to get you from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. In only nine lessons, you will learn how to get rid of debt, take control of your money, spend and save wisely, give generously, and much more! On average, families save

\$2,300 and pay off \$5,700 in debt in the first 90 days! Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University will be offered on Tuesday nights this fall, September 13-November 8, 6:30-8:00 p.m. The materials for this course cost \$100; couples share one kit. Childcare is available with registration. It will meet in room 222. Contact Jack and Joy Davis with questions.

Register | athensfirstumc.org/registration Joy and Jack Davis | joydavis1561@gmail.com



Tijuana Mission Trip Interest Meeting

If you are interested in the Tijuana Mission trip December 27, 2016 through January 1, 2017, please join us for an informational meeting on September 11, following the 11:00 worship service in room 103. A \$200 deposit for this trip will be due September 30. Contact Mary Claire or Betsy if you will be able to attend.

Mary Claire Wills | maryclaire@athensfirstumc.org Betsy Butler | betsy@athensfirstumc.org

Sack Lunch Ministry

If you would enjoy providing sack lunches for people in our community in need of a meal on Sundays, please consider volunteering for Sack Lunch Ministry. This is a great way to serve our community with your family, friends, or small group, and occurs on Sunday mornings while you are at the church for worship. If you would like more information about how to get involved in this ministry, please contact Mary Young or Mary Claire Wills. Dates are available throughout the fall. Please check the website, dates go fast! Register | athensfirstumc.org/sacklunchministry Mary Young | young.macy@gmail.com
Mary Claire Wills | maryclaire@athensfirstumc.org

GriefShare

GriefShare groups are starting at our church! This thirteenweek faith-based curriculum features nationally recognized experts on grief and recovery topics. We welcome Erica Cooper, bereavement coordinator of Gentiva Hospice, who will facilitate both groups beginning the week of September 12 in room 100. Groups will meet through the week of December 12, with a break for Thanksgiving. The Monday group will meet at 6:30 p.m. beginning September 12, and the Wednesday group will meet at 10:00 a.m. beginning September 14. There is no cost to join a GriefShare group, but we ask that you register so that we can have enough materials prepared. Please contact Martha Aenchbacher for more information

Register | athensfirstumc.org/registration Martha Aenchbacher | martha@athensfirstumc.org 678-230-9708

Give a Hymnal

Quite a few of our hymnals in the sanctuary are showing wear and tear and need replacing. If you would like to give a hymnal in honor or memory of a loved one, please complete our online form or contact Stephen Mitchell. Every hymnal purchased will receive an honorarium/memorial bookplate on the inside cover. The cost is \$25 per hymnal. Place order | athensfirstumc.org/musicministries Stephen Mitchell | smitchell@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

Scouting News

Pack 1 Cubmaster Nat Carmack was presented with The Silver Beaver award August 20, 2016, by the Northeast Georgia Council of The Boy Scouts of America. The Silver Beaver is the highest award of honor a volunteer can receive on the council level. It is presented to Scouters who have truly demonstrated outstanding leadership and service in Council program. We congratulate Nat for this most deserving honor.

I came that they
may have life, and
haveit abundantly.

-John 10:10

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The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts; Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him. Psalm 127:3

PARENTING WITH PURPOSE

The Power of Prayer—The Gift of Grace

Our Parenting with Purpose program begins this fall with a showing of the movie *War Room* in Hancock Hall on Thursday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m. Six different weekly opportunities for small-group discussion and study will begin the following week. Groups will focus on the movie's message about the power of prayer, the gift of grace, and strategies for a war room. Please visit our webpage to find the small group that best meets your schedule. Childcare is available for some of the groups. Register today!

athensfirstumc.org/pwp

Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful May the word of God mold me into a person of prayer

This Week

	SUNDAY, AUGUST 28 LUKE 14:1, 7-14
	Confirmation Retreat Camp Glisson
8:30 a.m.	Worship Service SANCTUARY
9:00 a.m.	Fun Gym GYM
9:45 a.m.	Worship Service SANCTUARY
	Adult Sunday School SECOND FLOOR AND SAYE BUILDING
	Preschool Nursery & Sunday School FIRST FLOOR
	Youth Sunday School: First Word YOUTH AREA
	Elementary Sunday School: Holy Ground CHAPEL
	Kindergarten Sunday School: City on a Hill ROOM 311 & 313
10:00 a.m.	Sack Lunch Ministry HULL STREET ENTRANCE
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service SANCTUARY
11:00 a.m.	
	Preschool Nursery FIRST FLOOR
3:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 1 scout HUT
5:00 p.m.	Churchwide BBQ SANDY CREEK PARK
	MONDAY AUCUCT 20 I
	MONDAY, AUGUST 29 JEREMIAH 18:1-11
10:00 a.m.	UMW Executive Board ROOM 226
1:15 p.m.	Disciplines Devotional Bible Study ROOM 200
7:00 p.m.	Community Bible Study, Athens Evening Class HANCOCK HALL
	TUESDAY, AUGUST 30 PSALM 139:1-6
F-20	
5:30 a.m.	Fashion Fitness ROOM 120
9:00 a.m.	Community Bible Study Leaders Council YOUTH AREA
10:30 a.m.	Prayer Shawl PANERA BREAD
1:30 p.m.	Pickleball youth area
5:30 p.m.	Fashion Fitness ROOM 120
6:30 p.m.	Connect & Grow Group Leader Training ROOM 222
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 1 SCOUT HUT
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	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31 Luke 14:25-27
9:30 a.m.	Daniel A Beth Moore Study ROOM 229
3:00 p.m.	Fun Gym GYM
4:30 p.m.	Celebrate Worship Arts Grades 3-4 ROOM 301
	Dance ROOM 145
	Lyric Choir Grades 1-2 ROOM 151
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	Hospitality Room Hang Out HOSPITALITY ROOM
	Prayer Shawl ROOM 200
5:00 p.m.	Route 56: GPS ROOM 120
	Wednesday Night Meal HANCOCK HALL
5:10 p.m.	Celebrate Choir Grades 3 & 4 ROOM 301
5:15 p.m.	Cherub Choir Age 3 ROOM 314 &324
,	Sonshine Choir Age 4 ROOM 325
	Joy Choir Kindergarten ROOM 320
	Connect & Grow Learn More Meeting ROOM 222
F-20	
5:20 p.m.	Lyric Worship Arts Grades 1 & 2 ROOM 301
5:30 p.m.	66 Love Letters Women's Bible Study HULL CONFERENCE ROOM

5:45 p.m. Men's Prayer Group ROOM 226 **6:00 p.m.** Engage Bible Study YOUTH AREA

6:30 p.m. Connect & Grow Groups Interest Meeting ROOM 222

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal ROOM 148
The Resolution Men's Study ROOM 240

7:30 p.m. Youth Worship Team Rehearsal ROOM 148 8:00 p.m. Chamber Ensemble Rehearsal ROOM 148

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 | LUKE 14:28-33

5:30 a.m. Fashion Fitness ROOM 120

9:30 a.m. Community Bible Study HANCOCK HALL

10:00 a.m. Our Daily Bread FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH DOWNTOWN

5:30 p.m. Fashion Fitness ROOM 120

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 | PSALM 139:13-18

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 | PSALM 139:19-24

9:00 a.m. Children's Flag Football CHAPELWOOD UMC

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