

The background features a stylized design with three fish in grey outlines. Two fish are in the upper left, and one is in the lower right. They are connected by thick red lines that form a partial frame around the central text. There are also two solid red circles: one in the top left and one in the bottom right.

ATHENS FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

APRIL 28, 2019
8:30, 9:45, & 11:00 A.M.

Welcome

We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for worship this Sunday. 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."

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 2019 | \$3,338,442

Amount Given YTD | \$998,938

Goal for April | \$256,525

Amount after 2 Sundays | \$108,053

Attendance on April 18

Maundy Thursday | 213

Attendance on April 19

Good Friday | 203

Attendance on April 21

Total Worship | 3,026

7:00 a.m. | 250

8:30 a.m. | 475

9:45 a.m. | 1,119

11:00 a.m. | 980

Online | 452

Sunday School | 334

Contact Us

Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Facebook: @athensfirstumc

athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

CCLI License No.

1097803

Table of Contents

- 1 8:30 a.m. Order of Worship
- 4 9:45 & 11:00 a.m. Order of Worship
- 7 The Steeple
- 12 Calendar

Ministers

Martha Aenchbacher Minister of Congregational Care
martha@athensfirstumc.org | 678-230-9708

Betsy Butler Minister of Missions
betsy@athensfirstumc.org

Chuck Hodges Senior Minister
chuck@athensfirstumc.org | 706-206-5529

Josh Miles Minister of Student Life
josh@athensfirstumc.org

Susan Taylor Minister of Discipleship
susan@athensfirstumc.org

Directors

Katie Elder Director of Route 56
katie@athensfirstumc.org

Jennifer Golden Assist. Director of Children's Ministry
jennifer@athensfirstumc.org

Linsey Jarrett Director of Weekday Preschool
linsey@athensfirstumc.org

Laney Jones Assistant Director of Student Ministries
laney@athensfirstumc.org

Sarah Lawing Director of Children's Music Ministry &
8:30 a.m. Worship Leader
sarah@athensfirstumc.org

Janis Maxwell Director of Youth Music & Organist
janis@athensfirstumc.org

Stephen Mitchell Director of Music
stephen@athensfirstumc.org

Robin Stewart Director of Children's Ministry
robin@athensfirstumc.org

Bob Winstead Executive Director of Administration
bob@athensfirstumc.org

Rusty Wood Director of Recreation Ministries
rusty@athensfirstumc.org

The Worship of God

8:30 a.m.

Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon McAdams, David McAdams, and Barbara and Hal McAdams by the McAdams family

THE GATHERING MUSIC

“Holy Spirit” | Brian and Katie Torwalt

Holy Spirit, you are welcome here. Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere. Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for—to be overcome by your presence, Lord.

OPENING PRAYER | Susan Taylor

*HYMN OF PRAISE

UMH 111 “How Can We Name a Love” | TERRA BEATA

*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 PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE | Robin Stewart

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE | Josh Miles

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.

Anthem Lyrics

This old ground, tomb
of my love, heart torn
apart. Calm me God,
soften the soil, tend all
the scars. Open, your
love breaks us open,
resurrects a garden.
Love, you said, poured
out like wine, broken
like bread. Waken
us, enliven our minds,
unearth the dead. Rend
this heart of stone and
mend it into flesh. Let
your love bring me to
life. Yield this hardened
earth until a garden
spills the ground. Bring
us back to life. Love is
bringing me to life, it's
bringing me to life.

THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Garden” | Aaron Purdy

***THE DOXOLOGY** | THE OLD IOOTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 5:22-23 | p. 179 NEW TESTAMENT

THE SERMON

“An Orange Never Bears a Lime” | Chuck Hodges

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

UHM 408 “Gift of Love” | GIFT OF LOVE

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Here and now, God’s Spirit is at work. The Spirit nurtures us around this table made for sharing. Through our communion with Christ and with one another, we are being made new. Let us pray.

God of new beginnings, because you come among us to make us whole, we approach your table with delight and expectation: glad to be comforted, ready to be challenged, knowing your generous love for all. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Creator God, holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. He prayed that we might be one as he is one with you, and he asked that we might be known by the love we have for one another. On the night...

We celebrate God’s love for us in Jesus Christ. As we remember Christ’s offering through this Holy Sacrament, we live out the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Loving God, who in Jesus Christ gives us our salvation, consecrate by your Holy Spirit these elements of Holy Communion. Bless us as we receive them this day that we may bear the gift of your love to the world. In our Risen Savior’s name we pray. **Amen.**

THE RECEIVING OF THE ELEMENTS

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. Gluten-free elements are available at the center station in the front of the sanctuary.

THE MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

"No Fear in Love" | Steffany Gretzinger

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*THE BLESSING

*THE CLOSING HYMN

UMH 664 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" | THE ASH GROVE
**Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.**

*THE POSTLUDE

"Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven" | Don Hustad

Lyrics

Stir in me a love that's
deep, a love that's wide,
a love that's sweet. Help
me, Lord, to never keep
it to myself. If my heart
should dimly burn, and
if my feet should fail to
run, call my name and
I will come right back
to you, 'cause there's
no fear in love. I want
to stay close to you, it's
really that simple. I want
to stay close to you, just
as simple as this song.
I want to stay close to
you my whole life long.

The Worship of God

9:45 &
11:00 a.m.

Gathering

Flowers

The flowers on
the altar are given in
memory of Mr. and
Mrs. Spurgeon
McAdams, David
McAdams, and Barbara
and Hal McAdams by
the McAdams family

THE PRELUDE

“Jesus Shall Reign” | Wilbur Held

THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done”

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir

THE PRAYER | Susan Taylor

Holy and gracious God, you call us to ventures that cannot be foretold, to paths we do not know. Be our guide, through your word, and feed us with your assurance that your way is truly the path of love, joy, and peace. Amen.

Praise & Thanksgiving

*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

UMH 549 “Where Charity and Love Prevail” | ST. ANNE

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Martha Aenchbacher

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.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE | Robin Stewart

Proclamation

Anthem Lyrics

The text for this anthem
can be found on page
408 of the UM Hymnal

THE OFFERING AND THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“The Gift of Love” | Hal Hopson

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir; Miles Adams, soloist; Eunice Kang, cello

*THE DOXOLOGY | LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts; praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts. Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 5:22-23 | p. 179 NEW TESTAMENT

THE SERMON

“An Orange Never Bears a Lime” | Chuck Hodges

Response

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, who is love, whose love is manifest in all Creation, in our lives, and in all people. We follow Christ, who embodied God’s love. In his life and ministry, his death and resurrection he filled us with that love as well. We live by the Spirit, the presence of God’s love in us. In that love we participate in the Church, Body of Christ, in loving God by loving our neighbors through our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service. Love is our faith, and it is a gift from God. We thank God, and ask God’s blessings, that we may love in the name of Christ and the power of the Spirit, to God’s glory. Amen.

Sending Forth

*THE CLOSING HYMN

UHM 557 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” | DENNIS

***THE BLESSING AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

AURELIA

**Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.**

***THE POSTLUDE**

"Praise My Soul the King of Heaven" | Don Hustad

Notes

The Steeple

Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Mark Ellison and his family in the loss of his mother, Dr. Lois Taylor Ellison, on April 20.

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Ellen Bryson and her family in the loss of her mother, Geneva Bryson, on April 21.



Souper Supper | Thank you

Thank you for a Souper Suppers season well served! This year we have had amazing groups of volunteers that have made a big difference in our community by sharing love and hope in and through our church. Over these 16 weeks we have served over 3,000 plates of food to our neighbors, and we could not do this without the love and generosity of our congregation and volunteers.

Wednesday Night Meals

The meal on Wednesday, May 3, is provided by Fresh Air BBQ. Join us for barbecue pork sandwich, macaroni and cheese, Brunswick stew and chips. Order your meal online or by calling the church office by Tuesday at noon.

Register | athensfirstumc.org/wednesdaynightmeals

Cindy McKoy | cindy@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442



Honoring Our Zimmer Pipe Organ May 5

Many of you were members here in 1973 when the current Zimmer Pipe Organ was installed. That organ was lovingly donated by members of the Griffith and Prescott families. As we prepare for the new pipe organ, our current one will need to be removed from the sanctuary. This will likely happen in early Fall 2019.

For 46 years, we have been faithfully served by our current instrument. Her pipes, pedals, and chimes have accompanied thousands of Sunday services, weddings, and funerals, adding sweet music to baptisms, confirmations, and communion.

We will celebrate the service of the current pipe organ with a special service of singing and music on Sunday, May 5, at 4:00 p.m. Join us in the sanctuary as we play favorite hymns and organ pieces one last time with this instrument, honoring the years of faithful service music.

Janis Maxwell | janis@athensfirstumc.org

Interfaith Hospitality Network May 5-12

We will be hosting several Interfaith Hospitality families who are experiencing homelessness and in need of our love and support. Athens First United Methodist Church has been partnering with this organization for over 15 years. We would love for you to consider serving in May.

Sarah Beth Barger | sarahbeth@athensfirstumc.org



GriefShare | New Group Begins May 7

GriefShare will meet again during the summer of 2019! This thirteen-week faith-based curriculum features nationally recognized experts on grief and recovery topics. GriefShare groups are for people grieving the death of a family member or friend. We are offering two groups this semester. We will meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in Room 100 from May 7 through July 30. Please register online so that we will have materials prepared for you. There is a \$20 fee to pay for your workbook. You may pay that fee online when you register, or bring a check with you to the group meeting. Learn more and register | athensfirstumc.org/griefshare
Martha Aenchbacher | martha@athensfirstumc.org
678-230-9708



The Ark's Adopt-A-Mom

If you are interested in supporting hard-working mothers and grandmothers for a Mother's Day they won't forget, then consider the Ark's Adopt-A-Mom program. Financial

contributions provide loving Mother's Day gifts for mothers and grandmothers in our community. For more information, go to www.athensark.org/adopt-a-mom
Sarah Beth Barger | sarahbeth@athensfirstumc.org



Volunteer at Vacation Bible School June 10-13

We need many hands to help make VBS a powerful experience for children to learn about the love of Jesus. During worship, we promise to support our children in growing up in the faith. Join a team to share this good news with our children. This is the last week for children and volunteers to order a t-shirt!

Learn more and register | athensfirstumc.org/vbs

Epworth Youth Mission Trip July 18-21

ONE Student Ministries is excited about our Epworth mission trip this July for youth in grades 7-12 which begins on Thursday morning, July 18, and ends on Sunday afternoon, July 21. This mission trip takes place through Epworth by the Sea, on St. Simons Island, Georgia, and includes two days of mission work, evening worship and activities, morning devotionals, small group times, beach and pool fellowship time, and dinner out in downtown St. Simons. We are capping this mission trip at 36 total students, so the earlier you register, the better. Registration is open until May 22. Please visit our webpage for more information and to register.

Learn more | athensfirstumc.org/epworth

Laney Jones | laney@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442



Music & Arts Week June 4-6

Kids who are in kindergarten through fourth grade this school year are invited to join us June 4-6 for three fun-filled days of music-making, storytelling, and creating. This year's theme is "Sing Me a Story." Guest teacher Brian Hehn, director of The Center for Congregational Song, will be teaching us to share stories through song. Registration takes place through May 24. The cost is \$35 per student until April 30 and \$45 per student starting May 1.

Adult and student volunteers are needed.

Register:

athensfirstumc.org/musicandartsweek

Sarah Lawing:

sarah@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

rightnow MEDIA

OUR CHURCH'S BIBLE STUDY LIBRARY

IS NOW DIGITAL... AND GIGANTIC.

OVER 20,000 DISCIPLESHIP VIDEOS FOR KIDS,
YOUTH AND ADULTS.

Right Now Media

We now have access to the Netflix of Bible studies! You should have received several emails last weekend regarding RightNow Media; if you haven't, please check your spam folder. The email provides a link that will enable you to create an account. The account allows you to access hundreds of Bible study videos and printable materials. Some of the speakers include Francis Chan, Max Lucado, Jennie Allen, and Dave Ramsey. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to grow on your own schedule, or to start a group! This will be a resource and tool that Athens First United Methodist Church provides to serve you as you live out your faith at home, at work, and in your neighborhood.

Susan Taylor | susan@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442



Recreation Summer Camps

We are excited to offer a variety of camp programs this summer through our recreation department: Vacation Bible School Day Camp, Sports Camp, and four sessions of Junior Jam Basketball Camp. Register online for your

children to attend these camps, as spots will fill quickly!

Learn more | athensfirstumc.org/recreationcamps

Sarah Beth Barger | sarahbeth@athensfirstumc.org



Summer Recreation Staff

Our Recreation Team is looking for outgoing and dependable young adults to help lead our various camps this summer. Our Summer Staff will lead activities and help oversee groups of children as they learn new skills and advance their abilities in recreation sports. Those interested in joining our staff must have completed tenth grade and have schedule availability in late May, June, and July. For more information about staff positions and dates, contact Rusty Wood.

Rusty Wood | rusty@athensfirstumc.org

A wooden-framed sign with white text on a black background is the central focus. To its left is a lamp with a white shade and a wooden tripod base. To its right is a glass vase containing a green plant with large leaves. The entire scene is set against a light gray wall and a dark wooden surface.

**JULY
WORSHIP
HANCOCK
HALL
930 & 1100**

This Week

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 | PSALM 150

- 8:30 a.m. **Worship Service** SANCTUARY
Preschool Nursery FIRST FLOOR
- 9:45 a.m. **Worship Service** SANCTUARY
Adult Sunday School
Youth Sunday School YOUTH AREA
Route 56: Grade 5 & 6 Sunday School ROOM 120
Elementary Sunday School: Holy Ground CHAPEL
Kindergarten Sunday School: City on a Hill ROOM 311 & 313
Preschool Nursery & Sunday School FIRST FLOOR
- 10:00 a.m. **Sack Lunch Ministry** HULL STREET ENTRANCE
- 11:00 a.m. **Worship Service** SANCTUARY
Preschool Nursery FIRST FLOOR
- 1:00 p.m. **Venture Crew Meeting** ROOM 125
- 3:00 p.m. **Cub Scout Pack 1 Meeting** HANCOCK HALL
- 3:45 p.m. **Agape Choir Rehearsal** CHOIR ROOM
- 4:30 p.m. **Connect & Grow Group** ROOM 200
Carillons Ringers ROOM 150
Route 56 Sunday Night ROOM 120
Wesleyan Youth Choir Rehearsal ROOM 145
- 5:30 p.m. **Alleluia Ringers** ROOM 150
- 5:45 p.m. **Encounter** YOUTH AREA
- 6:30 p.m. **Route 56 Extended Care** ROOMS 120-122

MONDAY, APRIL 29 | ACTS 9:1-16

- 10:00 a.m. **Connect & Grow | Women's Group** ROOM 200
- 6:30 p.m. **Evening Community Bible Study**
- 7:00 p.m. **Connect & Grow Group** PRIVATE HOME

TUESDAY, APRIL 30 | ACTS 9:16-20

- 8:30 a.m. **Community Bible Study Leaders Council** FIRST FLOOR
- 10:30 a.m. **Prayer Shawl Ministry** PANERA BREAD
- 1:30 p.m. **Pickleball** GYM
- 4:00 p.m. **Route 56: Grade 5 Girls Small Group** DAIRY QUEEN IN WATKINSVILLE
- 5:30 p.m. **The Truth Project Bible Study** ROOM 229
GriefShare Men ROOM 100
- 7:00 p.m. **Boy Scouts Troop 1** ROOM 301

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 | PSALM 30

- 9:30 a.m. **Wednesday Morning Bible Study** ROOM 222
- 4:30 p.m. **Prayer Shawl Ministry** ROOM 200
- 5:00 p.m. **Kids Music and Arts Combined Choir** ROOM 151
Route 56 Wednesday Nights ROOM 120
Wednesday Night Meal HANCOCK HALL
- 5:30 p.m. **66 Love Letters** HOME OF DEBRA LASSITER
Connect Group | Young Married ROOM 114

-
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study** ROOM 119
6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal ROOM 148
8:00 p.m. Chamber Ensemble Rehearsal ROOM 148

THURSDAY, MAY 2 | REVELATION 5:11-14

- 9:30 a.m. Altar Guild Meeting** ROOM 100
Community Bible Study HANCOCK HALL
1:30 p.m. Pickleball GYM
6:30 p.m. Elijah Project Banquet HANCOCK HALL

FRIDAY, MAY 3 | REVELATION 5:13-14

SATURDAY, MAY 4 | JOHN 21:1-14

- 10:00 a.m. Children's Soccer** CHAPELWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
4:30 p.m. Scouting End of Year Banquet HANCOCK HALL

Worship Bulletin (614-280)

Published weekly

Periodicals Postage

Paid at Athens, GA

Athens First United Methodist Church

327 N. Lumpkin Street

Athens, GA 30601-2743

Telephone | 706-543-1442

Fax | 706-546-4797

Website | *athensfirstumc.org*

Vol. LXII No. 17

Postmaster

Send address changes to:

AFUMC

P.O. Box 1109

Athens, GA 30603-1109