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# ATHENS FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*The Second Sunday  
after Pentecost*

JUNE 7, 2015  
8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 a.m.

# Welcome

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We're glad you're here! Thank you for joining us today. Members of this congregation have been gathering here to worship since 1804, when our church was formed to minister to the Native American and European settlers in Athens. 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." At Athens First United Methodist, there are many ways to get involved, grow in your faith, and do good in our community.

If you are unable to attend worship in person, each Sunday our 11:00 a.m. service is broadcast on WRFC 960 AM, and all of our services are live-streamed on our website at [athensfirstumc.org/webcast](https://athensfirstumc.org/webcast).

## *Nursery*

Our nursery is available for infants through four-year-olds on Sundays from 8:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. The nursery area is located on the first floor of the building, off the Washington Street entrance.

## *Children*

Worship activity bags (age appropriate for all preschool and elementary children) are available every Sunday in the narthex and by the south entrance of the sanctuary. Children's Church is held for children in kindergarten through second grade and follows the Children's Message during 11:00 a.m. worship all Sundays except for Communion Sundays.

## *Sunday School*

We offer Sunday School for all ages, kindergarten through adult, each Sunday from 9:45-10:45 a.m. For a list of adult Sunday School classes and locations, visit [athensfirstumc.org/adultsundayschool](https://athensfirstumc.org/adultsundayschool).

## *Connect*

We are blessed to have a large congregation. Because of this, we offer many programs and ministries. It can be overwhelming trying to decide where to get involved. If you would like someone to guide you along this process, please contact Martha Aenchbacher.

Another great way to learn about the life of our church is through attending a Newcomer Orientation held every second Sunday of the month at 9:45 and 11 a.m. We also encourage you to visit our website, [athensfirstumc.org](https://athensfirstumc.org), for information about our ministries, to register for events, and to listen to sermons from our sermon archive. Visit [athensfirstumc.org/thesteep](https://athensfirstumc.org/thesteep) to sign up for our weekly newsletter, the eSteeple. You can also connect with us via social media. Find us @athensfirstumc on Facebook and @athens\_firstumc on Twitter, Instagram, and Pinterest.

Our church office is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. If you need assistance, please call 706-543-1442.

# The Worship of God

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\*Please stand as you are able.

The congregation speaks or sings the text in **bold type**.

## Gathering

*The flowers on the  
altar are given  
to the glory of  
God and in  
loving memory of  
Hugh H. Peeler  
by Terry Peeler  
and family.*

### THE PRELUDE

"Prelude in Classic Style" | Gordon Young  
Justin Maxey, organist

### WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Betsy Butler

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

9:45 & 11:00 a.m. "Spirit of the Living God"  
Sung by the Sanctuary Choir

## Praise & Thanksgiving

### \*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 398

"Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult" | GALILEE

### \*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God who will not let us go, we confess that we have been so wrapped up in ourselves that we have not loved you with our whole hearts, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. By your grace and through your transforming love, open our hearts to you; forgive what we have been, help us change what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy Name. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Beth Dickinson

**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 | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

At the 11:00 a.m. service, children in kindergarten through second grade will go to W.O.W. in the Caravans room on the third floor. Parents are to pick up children from the Caravans room at the end of the service.

# *Proclamation of the Word*

## THE OFFERING

## THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

8:30 a.m. Special Music

Sung by the Worship Team

*The anthem*

*"Leaning on*

*Everlasting Arms"*

*has been placed in*

*the choir library to*

*the Glory of God*

*and in honor of our*

*neighbors Nancy and*

*Richard Morgan,*

*and Mary Lynn*

*Lane by Sara and*

*Charles Braucher, Sr.*

9:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" | Nelson

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir; Esther Tonea, cello; Amelia Dicks, flute

The text for this anthem can be found on page 133 of the hymnal.

## \*THE DOXOLOGY

**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

LUKE 5:1-11

**While the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennes'aret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered,**

**“Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zeb’edee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men.” And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.**

#### THE SERMON

“Never Surrender Opportunity To Security” | Chuck Hodges

## *Response to the Word*

#### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him

to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, when the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

## **THE RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND WINE**

At Athens First United Methodist, 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 communion elements are available at the center station with the acolytes.

## **THE MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

**"Great is Thy Faithfulness" | arr. Dobrinski**

Rung by the Alleluia Ringers

# *Sending Forth*

## \* THE BLESSING

## \* THE CHORAL 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.**

## \* POSTLUDE

“Toccata from Symphony No. 5 ” | Charles-Marie Widor  
Justin Maxey, organist

# Sermon Notes

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## JUNE USHERS

**8:30 a.m.** Jim Belger, Ann and Paul Brown, Larry Deal, Hugh Larkey, Mack Lowrey, Jim Lyons, Candler Meadors, Olan Moore, Bob Noble, Grace Rabek, Ken Reece, Keith Wilson, Michael and Sharon Broun

**9:45 a.m.** Chris Bostdorff, Tom Cooper, David and Jane Disney, Mark Ellison, Mark Firth, Tom Hedges, Dan Lasseeter, Jim Lyons, Sharon Milton, Tom Milton, Al Rogers, Bill Trigleth, Michelle and Reeves McNeill

**11:00 a.m.** Bob Green, Nat Carmack, Marty Webb, Ben Ayers, Spence Johnson, Jim Lyons, Kyle Beeson

## OFFERING STEWARDS

Bob Booth, Charlie Grimes, Jim Lyons, Nat Carmack, Henry Garrard, Nathan King, Al Hawley, Sean Rogers, Charlie Upchurch III

## GREETERS

Sally Ann Cauthen, Ellen Cunningham, Dwight Freshley, Susan and Steve Greer, Barbara and Cicero Lucas, Trish Tillman, Cindy and Bill Walker, Debbie Whittemore, Larsen Block, Bo Allen

## FIRST LIGHT ACOLYTES

**8:30 a.m.** Lilli and Anna Hollis

**9:45 a.m.** Nick Mauldin

**11:00 a.m.** Lilli Hollis

## ATTENDANCE ON MAY 31

**Total Worship | 1,009**

**Sunday School | 387**

8:30 a.m. | 168

9:45 a.m. | 358

11:00 a.m. | 398

Online | 85

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget for 2015 | \$2,641,842

Amount Given YTD | \$1,265,202

Goal for May | \$180,197

Amount after 4 Sundays | \$253,746

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## IMAGINE NO MALARIA



The people of The United Methodist Church®



### Annual Conference Special Offering

This year's Annual Conference Special Offering will go toward Imagine No Malaria. Imagine No Malaria is an extraordinary ministry of The United Methodist Church, putting our faith into action to end preventable deaths by malaria in Africa. This commitment to fight malaria is the single largest mission ever undertaken by The United Methodist Church.



Unlike many other diseases that are awaiting a cure, malaria was eliminated in the U.S. in the 1950s. Malaria is entirely treatable, if you have timely access to malaria drugs and health care. But that's a BIG if. Most people in Africa don't get the treatment they need... that is where Imagine No Malaria comes in. Imagine No Malaria is part of a global partnership that has already helped reduce malaria deaths by half by improving the ways people fight the disease using bed nets, providing access to diagnostic tests and medicine, draining standing water, and improving sanitation.

Malaria claims more than 1 MILLION lives each year. To overcome malaria, we must do more. Please mark your offering envelope with "No Malaria."

## In Memoriam

Charlie Richardson  
May 28, 2015

Thomas McMullan  
June 1, 2015

## Sympathies

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Ken Parris and family in the loss of his father, Boyd Parris, on May 21.

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Ina Hopkins and family in the loss of her father on May 27.

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Audrey Richardson in the loss of her husband, Beth Haggard in the loss of her father, and family in the loss of Charlie Richardson on May 28 in Athens, Georgia.

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Tracey Massey and family in the loss of her father, Earl Phillips, on May 31 in Athens, Georgia.

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Katherine McMullan and family in the loss of her husband, Thomas McMullan, on June 1 in Athens, Georgia.

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Lynette Maxey and family in the loss of her mother, Ruth McDonald, on June 2 in Vidalia, Georgia.

## New Arrivals

Congratulations to Marbrey and Matt Myers on the birth of their daughter, Madeleine Scott, on April 9. Madeleine is the granddaughter of Liz Dalton and O.D. Dalton.

Congratulations to Kelli and Drew Williams on the birth of their son, Gaines Baxter, on May 25.

## Sack Lunch Ministry | June Dates

Every Sunday morning, our church is committed to assembling and distributing sack lunches for the working poor and homeless individuals and families in our community. We are looking for volunteers June 7, June 14, and June 21. Sack lunch items, such as sandwiches, salty

snacks, sweet treats, and water can be provided. If you are interested in serving with the Sack Lunch Ministry, please contact Mary Claire.

Mary Claire Murphy | [maryclaire@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:maryclaire@athensfirstumc.org)  
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## Newcomer Orientation | June 14

Everyone is invited to attend Newcomer Orientation on Sunday, June 14, in the Hospitality Room (on the Adult Sunday School hallway). Two sessions are offered, 9:45 and 11:00 a.m. You can learn more about Athens First United Methodist, including ways to get involved and how to become a member.

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## GROW Day Camps | June 15-19

GROW Day Camps will be in Athens the week of June 15-19 at Young Harris United Methodist Church on Prince Avenue. Led by North Georgia Camp & Retreat Ministries, GROW Day Camps brings the flavor of summer camp to local churches and their surrounding communities. GROW Day Camps seeks to help each camper (rising grades 1-6) grow deeper roots in their faith spiritually, socially, and individually. Cost for the camp will be \$125.

Register | [growdaycamps.org](http://growdaycamps.org)

## Wesleyan Youth Choir Home Concert

The Wesleyan Youth Choir invites you to join us for our home concert in our sanctuary on Sunday, June 7, at 5:00 p.m. We will be concluding our tour to St. Louis and would love for our church family to come hear us sing!

# WESLEYAN YOUTH CHOIR SUMMER CHOIR TOUR 2015



HOME CONCERT | TONIGHT  
5:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY



## Vacation Bible School | June 22-26

We are getting closer to the climb! In two weeks, children ages 3 by September 1, 2014 through grade 4 will learn about the mighty power of God's love while exploring the tallest mountain on earth. Register online today!

Register | [athensfirstumc.org/vbs](http://athensfirstumc.org/vbs)

Sarah Bennett | [sarahbennettvbs@gmail.com](mailto:sarahbennettvbs@gmail.com)

## Smart Lunch, Smart Kid | June & July

Please join us on Wednesdays in June and July, excluding June 24, to distribute sack lunches to hungry children in our community. Unlike in previous years, assembly of lunches will be handled by Clarke County schools. We will meet at 11:20 a.m. in Room 103 to depart and serve in the community. Please email Betsy Butler if you would like to participate.

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## Murphy-Harpst's Annual Day of Giving

On Sunday, July 19, we will collect a special offering for the Murphy-Harpst's Annual Day of Giving. Murphy-Harpst has helped thousands of traumatized children by providing them with behavioral therapy, healthcare, and educational services. Most children arrive having never had a stable place to live with consistent care and regular meals. Murphy-Harpst is often their last hope after having as many as ten to twenty failed foster placements in their past. Your contributions to the Annual Day of Giving helps give these children a chance to grow up to hold jobs, maintain relationships, and become productive members of society.



## REACH | August 3

On Monday, August 3, our church will be hosting 80+ new Chinese students as they begin school this fall. REACH will be picking up students from the airport and housing them at the church overnight, prior to taking them to campus for UGA's New International Student Orientation. We need volunteers to assist in preparing and serving meals (dinner, midnight snack, and breakfast), and to set up bedding and accommodations for the students. This would be a great opportunity for a Sunday school class or other small group to serve a meal together! Also, for sports-minded volunteers we will have a few "midnight madness" activities in the gym. Please contact Lynn Bryant if you would like to serve.

Lynn Bryant | [athens1stism@aol.com](mailto:athens1stism@aol.com)



## Senior Fun Trip | August 6

Join us as we journey to Flat Rock, North Carolina, to visit the official State Playhouse of North Carolina, Flat Rock Playhouse. Prior to the show, we will have lunch at the delicious Bay Breeze Seafood restaurant. We will then

enjoy the musical *Gypsy*, which first appeared on Broadway in 1959. The show follows the efforts of Rose to raise two daughters to perform on stage while portraying the hardships of show business life. You'll enjoy well-loved songs like "Everything's Coming Up Roses." The cost is \$65, plus money for lunch. The deadline to register is July 2. Contact Dan Maxey to sign up today!  
Dan Maxey | 706-613-1562

## Mercy Health Center

Mercy Health Center, a mission partner of Athens First United Methodist Church, is in need of volunteers! Through a community of volunteers, Mercy Health Center provides whole-person, quality health care in a Christ-centered environment to our under-served neighbors. The greatest needs are Prayer Partners, specifically Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., and an MD to volunteer once per month or every other month on Tuesdays (6:00 – 9:00 p.m. is the most critical need). Please contact Virginia McKenna if you would like to volunteer with this ministry. Virginia McKenna | [vmckenna@msn.com](mailto:vmckenna@msn.com) | 706-338-3688



## Consignment Sale | August 14-15

Preparation for our Annual Children's Consignment Sale has begun, and we are so excited! We are accepting gently used children's clothes. Donations can be made to Mary Claire during office hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. In addition, registration is open to be a consignor. Consignors will receive 60 percent of the proceeds on items sold, and 40 percent of the proceeds will go towards protecting children from the fatal disease of malaria. There is a \$10 consignment fee. Please contact Mary Claire or Betsy if you have questions.

Register | [athensfirstumc.org/childrensconsignmentsale](http://athensfirstumc.org/childrensconsignmentsale)  
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## Connect to Community

We're just beginning summer, but fall is on the horizon! Fall 2015 will launch with a bang with more than twenty small groups for every walk of life, beginning in August and September. There is a place for everyone to connect and grow more in their walk with the Lord and go deeper into community at Athens First United Methodist Church. Studies will include Connect Groups, women's and men's small groups, Covenant small groups, Financial Peace, and more. If you are interested in leading a small group, you're definitely needed! Contact Beth about leadership opportunities in small group and discipleship ministry. Beth Dickinson | [beth@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:beth@athensfirstumc.org) | 706-543-1442

## Annual Churchwide BBQ | August 30

Save the Date for the Annual Churchwide BBQ! Everyone is invited to join us on Sunday, August 30, at Sandy Creek Park. There will be delicious food and good music. We hope to see you there!

# This Week

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## SUNDAY, JUNE 7 | I SAMUEL 8:4-20

*Wesleyan Youth Choir Tour*

8:30 a.m.

**Worship Service** SANCTUARY

**Preschool Nursery & Sunday School** FIRST FLOOR

9:45 a.m.

**Worship Service** SANCTUARY

**Adult Sunday School** SECOND FLOOR AND SAYE BUILDING

**Elementary Sunday School** THIRD FLOOR

**Grade 5 & 6 Sunday School: Fuel** FIRST FLOOR

**Youth Sunday School: First Word** FIRST FLOOR

10:00 a.m.

**Sack Lunch Ministry** HULL STREET ENTRANCE

11:00 a.m.

**Worship Service** SANCTUARY

**Young Professional Adult Sunday School Class** ROOM 224

2:00 p.m.

**Athens Area Walk to Emmaus Board of Directors Meeting** ROOM 200

5:00 p.m.

**Wesleyan Youth Choir Home Concert** SANCTUARY

6:00 p.m.

**Volleyball Clinic** GYM

## MONDAY, JUNE 8 | PSALM 138

6:00 p.m.

**VolleyPerformance** GYM

## TUESDAY, JUNE 9 | 2 CORINTHIANS 4:13-5:1

*Music and Arts Week*

5:30 a.m.

**Fashion Fitness** GYM

9:30 a.m.

**Breathe Women's Bible Study** ROOM 224

10:00 a.m.

**Our Daily Bread** FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH DOWNTOWN

5:30 p.m.

**Fashion Fitness** ROOM 119

6:00 p.m.

**Volleyball Camp** GYM

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10 | MARK 4:26-34

*Music and Arts Week*

7:00 a.m.

**Fashion Fitness** GYM

10:30 a.m.

**Summer Prayer Shawl Ministry** PANERA BREAD ON ATLANTA HIGHWAY

11:20 a.m.

**Smart Lunch, Smart Kids** ROOM 103

6:30 p.m.

**Men's Prayer Group** ROOM 307

6:00 p.m.

**Volleyball Camp** GYM

6:30 p.m.

**Freeway** ROOM 222

## THURSDAY, JUNE 11 | JAMES 4:1-7

*Music and Arts Week & Epworth Mission Trip*

5:30 a.m.

**Fashion Fitness** GYM

5:30 p.m.

**Fashion Fitness** ROOM 119

6:00 p.m.

**Wesleyan Way | Small Group Study** ROOM 224

**Volleyball Camp** GYM

## FRIDAY, JUNE 12 | ROMANS 11:1-10

*Epworth Mission Trip*

- 5:30 a.m. Fashion Fitness GYM
- 12:00 p.m. District Mentoring Group ROOM 224
- 1:00 p.m. Adult Pick-up Basketball GYM
- 6:00 p.m. Volleyball Camp GYM
- 6:30 p.m. REACH Friday Fellowship YOUTH AREA

## SATURDAY, JUNE 13 | LUKE 5:17-26

*Epworth Mission Trip*

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