

The background features a stylized graphic design. It consists of several fish-like shapes, each with a simple eye and a curved line for a mouth, rendered in dark grey. These shapes are arranged around a central text area. A thick red line forms a partial border, consisting of a vertical segment on the left, a horizontal segment at the top, and a curved segment on the right. There are also two solid red circles: one in the upper left and one in the lower right. The text is centered in the white space between these elements.

ATHENS FIRST
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH

*The Third Sunday
after Pentecost*

JUNE 14, 2015
8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 a.m.

Welcome

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.

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.

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, for information about our ministries, to register for events, and to listen to sermons from our sermon archive. Visit athensfirstumc.org/thesteeples 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

*Please stand as you are able.

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

Gathering

THE PRELUDE

“Lord I Want to be a Christian” | Bish

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Martha Aenchbacher

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 203

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” | ELLACOMBE

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God’s world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God’s presence,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*The flowers on the
altar are given to the
glory of God and in
loving memory of
Jim Heery,
by Marguerite,
Rip and Lee,
Rusty and Ginger,
Frank, James, Ben,
Clayton, Sam, and
Henry Heery.*

***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

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

The anthem "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" has been placed in the choir library to the Glory of God and in memory of my grandparents by Kasey Darley.

9:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" | Fettke

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers; the moon and stars suspended in space, Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor, and have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation; beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. Oh, what is man? Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him? O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly, And so would we. Alleluia! Alleluia! The majesty and glory of Your name.

***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

1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, seeing I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me him whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded. When Jesse and his sons arrived, Samuel looked on Eli'ab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and fetch him." And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is he."

THE SERMON

"The Difference Between Looking and Seeing" | Beth Dickinson

Response to the Word

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION | 8:30 a.m.

Please turn to page 9 in our hymnal. 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 communion elements are available at the stations in the front of the sanctuary.

Sending Forth

* THE HYMN 454

"Open My Eyes, That I May See" | OPEN MY EYES

* 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

“O, When Shall I See Jesus” | Hustad

Sermon Notes

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 Lasseter, Jim Lyons, Sharon Milton, Tom Milton, Al Rogers, Bill Tringleth, 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

Vic Armstrong, Courtney and Brad Bowling, Gay Crowe, Janet and Jack Damhorst, Dale and Ryan Nesbit, Linda Rasch, Cindy Williams, Parissa Shedd, Virginia Beth Butler

FIRST LIGHT ACOLYTES

8:30 a.m. James and Glynn Chesser, Trent Nesbit

9:45 a.m. Reagan Grace, Hayley Whitmore

11:00 a.m. Tanner Iley, Joseph Mahoney, John Mobley

ATTENDANCE ON JUNE 7

Total Worship | 955

Sunday School | 343

8:30 a.m. | 207

9:45 a.m. | 301

11:00 a.m. | 351

Online | 96

FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget for 2015 | \$2,641,842

Amount Given YTD | 1,307,501

Goal for May | \$180,197

Amount after 5 Sundays | \$296,045

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2015 Children's Consignment Sale



Save the date...share the love.
August 14-15, 2015

- Registration is live for consigners.
- Donations are being accepted. For your convenience during VBS, we will have representatives out to collect donations from your vehicles.
- We invite you to come and help tag/price clothing on Tuesday in July from 1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. This is a drop-in service opportunity; come for an hour or stay as long as your schedule allows.

Thank you for the many ways you serve God through missions at Athens First United Methodist Church.

Bring a friend...join the fun!

athensfirstumc.org/childrensconsignmentsale

New Arrival

Congratulations to Ryan and Kimberly Liebowitz on the birth of their children, Anna Madisen and Jacob Paul, on May 22.

Children's 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
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Newcomer Orientation | Today

Everyone is invited to attend Newcomer Orientation today in the Hospitality Room. 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.

Martha Aenchbacher | martha@athensfirstumc.org
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Sack Lunch Ministry

Every Sunday morning, our church is committed to assembling and distributing 40 sack lunches for the working poor and homeless individuals and families in our community. We are looking for volunteers June 21, and each Sunday in July: July 5, July 12, July 19, and July 26. 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
706-543-1442

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

Senior Fun Luncheon | June 18

The Senior Fun Group will meet on Thursday, June 18, instead of the regular fourth Thursday slot because of Vacation Bible School. To avoid confusion, please sign up NOW. The Dixieland Dawgs, a nine-member sub-group of the Classic City Band, will present a most enjoyable program. The cost is \$6. Please make your reservation to the church office by Tuesday, June 16, at noon. Lunch on Thursday will begin at 12:30 p.m. Call Senior Fun President Dan Maxey with any questions.

Dan Maxey | 706-340-5097

Vacation Bible School | June 22-26

Wow! We are just one week away from climbing Everest! God is going to do amazing and powerful things in the lives of so many children this year! You won't want your child to miss out on this exciting week. We encourage everyone to register by Friday, June 19.

Register | athensfirstumc.org/vbs
Sarah Bennett | sarahbennettvbs@gmail.com

Venture Crew Trip

Six youth members and three adult leaders with Venture Crew 1 are hiking 65 miles over 10 days at Philmont Scout Ranch in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of New Mexico between June 12-22. Please keep them in your prayers as they learn self-reliance and leadership skills in the great outdoors this month.

Smart Lunch, Smart Kid | June & July

Please join us on Wednesdays in June and July, except June

24, to distribute sack lunches to hungry children in our community. Unlike in years past, the assembly of lunches will be handled by Clarke County schools. We will meet at 11:30 a.m. in Room 103 to depart and serve in the community. Please email Betsy Butler if you would like to participate. Betsy Butler | betsy@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

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

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 | 706-340-5097

Wanted | Small Group Leaders

Do you know someone with these characteristics: a love of the Lord, a desire to help people grow in their faith, the ability to listen, and the ability to ask questions to stimulate conversation? If so, we'd love it if you would invite them to become a part of small group ministry and be a small group co-leader! We have more than 20 small groups launching this fall and we need people to help lead. No prior experience is necessary! Contact Beth today if you would like to suggest someone...or yourself!

Beth Dickinson | beth@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

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 | 706-338-3688

This Week

SUNDAY, JUNE 14 | I SAMUEL 15:34

Epworth Mission Trip

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

Newcomer Orientation HOSPITALITY ROOM

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
Newcomer Orientation HOSPITALITY ROOM
11:30 a.m. **Children's Church** CHAPEL
6:00 p.m. **Volleyball Clinic** GYM

MONDAY, JUNE 15 | PSALM 20

9:00 a.m. **Junior Jam Basketball Camp** GYM
6:00 p.m. **VolleyPerformance** GYM

TUESDAY, JUNE 16 | 2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-10

North Georgia Annual Conference

5:30 a.m. **Fashion Fitness** GYM
9:00 a.m. **Junior Jam Basketball Camp** GYM
9:30 a.m. **Breathe Women's Bible Study** ROOM 224
5:30 p.m. **Fashion Fitness** ROOM 119
6:00 p.m. **Volleyball Camp** GYM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17 | MARK 4:26-34

North Georgia Annual Conference

7:00 a.m. **Fashion Fitness** GYM
9:00 a.m. **Junior Jam Basketball Camp** GYM
10:30 a.m. **Summer Prayer Shawl Ministry** PANERA BREAD ON ATLANTA HIGHWAY
11:30 a.m. **Smart Lunch, Smart Kids** ROOM 103
5:30 p.m. **Men's Prayer Group** ROOM 307
6:00 p.m. **Volleyball Camp** GYM

THURSDAY, JUNE 18 | GENESIS 24:1-21

North Georgia Annual Conference

5:30 a.m. **Fashion Fitness** GYM
9:00 a.m. **Junior Jam Basketball Camp** GYM
12:30 p.m. **Senior Fun Luncheon** HANCOCK HALL
5:30 p.m. **Fashion Fitness** ROOM 119
6:00 p.m. **Volleyball Camp** GYM

FRIDAY, JUNE 19 | EPHESIANS 2:11-22

North Georgia Annual Conference

5:30 p.m. **Fashion Fitness** GYM
9:00 a.m. **Junior Jam Basketball Camp** GYM
6:00 p.m. **Volleyball Clinic** GYM
6:30 p.m. **REACH International Bible Study & Dinner** YOUTH AREA

SATURDAY, JUNE 20 | 2 KINGS 9:30-37

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