

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 in a circular pattern, with some overlapping. The design is framed by thick red lines that form a partial square and a partial circle. There are also solid red circles scattered throughout the composition.

ATHENS FIRST
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH

Summer Worship

JULY 19, 2015
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.

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 @athens_firstumc on Facebook, 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 flowers on
the altar are given
to the glory of God
and in loving
memory of Johnnie
Evans and Robert
and Reta Brown by
Carole and Emmett
Langley and
Susan Whitehead.*

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

“Get in Line Brother”

“Open Up the Window, Noah”

GATHERING MUSIC

*THE CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“Do Lord”

Children are invited to come forward and join in leading this song.

Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh do remember me.

Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh do remember me.

Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh do remember me,

Way beyond the blue.

I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun.

I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun.

I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun,

Way beyond the blue.

I took Jesus as my Savior, you take him too.

I took Jesus as my Savior, you take him too.

I took Jesus as my Savior, you take him too,

Way beyond the blue.

Praise & Thanksgiving

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Martha Aenchbacher

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Martha Aenchbacher and Chuck Hodges

Daughter of

Emily and

Andrew Saunders

9:45 a.m. | Josephine McKenna Saunders

Josie, Josie, 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. Josie, Josie, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.

Son of

Kelly and

Michael Greer

11:00 a.m. | John Henry Greer

Jack, Jack, 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. Jack, Jack, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.

THE WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS | 11:00 a.m.

Martha Aenchbacher

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.

*HYMN MEDLEY

"Leaning of the Everlasting Arms"

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Refrain:

**Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Refrain

“When the Saints Go Marching In”

**Oh when the saints go marching in,
oh when the saints go marching in.
Oh Lord I want to be in that number,
when the saints go marching in.**

**Oh when the sun begins to shine,
oh when the sun begins to shine,
Oh Lord I want to be in that number,
when the sun begins to shine.**

“Swing Low Sweet Chariot”

Refrain:

**Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home,
Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home.**

**I looked over Jordan and what did I see comin' for to carry me home?
I saw a band of angels a comin' after me, comin' for to carry me home.**

Refrain

**If you get there before I do, comin' for to carry me home,
Tell all of my friends that I'm a comin' too, comin' for to carry me home.**

Refrain

“Because He Lives”

Refrain:

**Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
because He lives, all fear is gone;
because I know He holds the future,
and life is worth the living just because He lives!**

“Jesus Loves Me”

Children are invited to come down for Children's Message during this song at the 11:00 service.

**Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong.
They are weak, but he is strong.**

Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me.
The Bible tells me so.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | 11:00 a.m.
Robin Stewart, Director of Children's Ministry

Proclamation of the Word

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"There's Power in the Blood" | Traditional

Stan Jackson, soloist

Would you be free from your burden of sin? There's power in the blood, power in the blood. Would you oe'r evil a victory win? There's wonderful power in the blood. There is power, power, wonder-working power in the blood of the Lamb. There is power, power, wonder-working power in the precious blood of the Lamb. Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow? There's power in the blood, power in the blood. Since things are lost in its life given flow, there's wonderful power in the blood. Would you do service for Jesus, your King? There's power in the blood, power in the blood. Would you live daily His praises to sing? There's wonderful power in the blood.

THE SCRIPTURE READING

MARK 6:30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

THE SERMON

“The Ebb and Flow of Life” | Beth Dickinson

Response to the Word

*CLOSING HYMN

“How Firm a Foundation”

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**When through deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

**When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.**

Sending Forth

*THE BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“I'll Fly Away”

**Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away!
To a home on God's celestial shore: I'll fly away!**

Refrain:

I'll fly away, oh Glory, I'll fly away.

When I die, hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away!

Summer Worship Band

Chris Enghausser, double bass; Hans Holzen, guitar, fiddle, mandolin, tenor; Julie Caldwell, guitar, alto; Sarah Lawing, clarinet, soprano; Janis Maxwell, piano, alto; Matthew Lawing, guitar, tenor; Mason Towe, percussion, baritone; Stan Jackson, Joe Wyrick, Steven Ricks, guitar; Deana Jones, soprano; Steven Jones, tenor; Thomas Jones, cello, boy soprano.

Sermon Notes

JULY USHERS

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 Trigleth, Michelle and Reeves McNeill

11:00 a.m. Mark Graham, Mike McCord, Charlie Upchurch III, Allan Hixon, Mason McWhorter, Gene Deal, Jim Lyons

OFFERING STEWARDS

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

GREETERS

Joy Bailey, Nicki and Donnie Goodwin, Shirley Jaeger, Mary Jenkins, Jim Lewis, Jack Miller, Adam Scarboro, Linda and Bob Snipes

FIRST LIGHT ACOLYTES

9:45 a.m. Brent Chandler

11:00 a.m. Isaac Ward

ATTENDANCE ON JULY 12

Total Worship | 718

Sunday School | 275

9:45 a.m. | 329

11:00 a.m. | 314

Online | 75

FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget for 2015 | \$2,641,842

Amount Given YTD | \$1,564,754

Goal for July | \$170,070

Amount after 1 Sunday | \$47,854

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2015 Children's Consignment Sale



Save the date...share the love.

August 14-15

Volunteers Needed:

- Volunteer Coordinator Committee (organize the event)
- Set-Up Team (prepare gym for sale)
- Screen Committee (organize sale items)
- Cashier Leader Shifts (instructing cashiers)
- Cashier Shifts (great sitting job during sale)
- Hospitality (greet during the sale)
- Floor Coordinator Team (manages the sale)

athensfirstumc.org/childrensconsignmentsale

New Arrival

Congratulations to Brianna and Joe Hay on the birth of their daughter, Carly Ann, on July 9.

Baptisms

On July 12, Weston Alan Hodge received the Sacrament of Baptism in our sanctuary. Weston is the son of Allison and Jason Hodge.

On July 12, James Patrick Shearer received the Sacrament of Baptism in our sanctuary. James is the son of Jill and Seth Shearer.

Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Tia Chandler and family in the loss of her grandfather, Ralph Marrano, on July 12 in Decatur, Georgia.

Children's Consignment Sale August 14-15

Preparation for our Annual Children's Consignment Sale has taken off, 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. If you are interested in volunteering, please register online. Please contact Mary Claire or Betsy if you have questions.

Register | athensfirstumc.org/childrensconsignmentsale
Betsy Butler | betsy@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442
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Summer Worship | July

We hope that you are enjoying Summer Worship. We have loved joining together in worship with some of our favorites. We hope you have too. Join us next week for the last Sunday of Summer Worship. Services will be held at 9:45 or 11:00 a.m. We are also offering a special Communion service at 9:00 a.m. in the chapel. We look forward to worshipping together and enjoying more of our favorite hymns as Summer Worship continues.



You Are Our Family

We are creating a family photo album of everyone in our church family...that means you! Our goal is to provide you with a comprehensive directory that you may turn to for information about our church body. Our directory is an aid for putting someone's name with their face and is particularly helpful for new members to become acquainted with our church family. There is a large demographic that relies on our church directory to stay connected with the congregation at large, and it also helps facilitate congregational care. In order for this tool to be a reliable source of information about our members, *we are aiming for 100% participation from each person in our congregation.*

Registration to have your photo taken begins July 19 at the table in the library. Each family who has their photo taken will receive a free 8x10 photo and a directory. Photos will be taken in late August through September. We don't want you to miss out on being a part of this family album!

We need greeters to help greet and check people in during photography sessions. Contact the church office if you would be willing to share your time as a greeter.
Cookie Daniel | 706-543-1442

Smart Lunch, Smart Kid | July

Please join us on Wednesdays in July 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



Prayers for Tijuana Mission Trip

Please be in prayer for the Youth Tijuana Mission Team serving in Tijuana, Mexico July 18-24. Team members are Mary Hamilton Bottoms, John Mobley Cross, Ben Griffith, Grace Griffith, Laney Hunter, Josh Miles, McNeal Wilfong, Emma Murray, Lisa Sheppard, Duncan Taylor, Madeline Jackson, and Joe Taylor.



REACH | Service Opportunities

Our church will have several opportunities to serve new international students to UGA. On Monday, August 3, we will have the opportunity to greet more than 100 Chinese students as they arrive in Atlanta and prepare for orientation at the university. If you are interested in serving with transportation, food preparation, or setup on August 3 or 4, please register online. The deadline to sign up to serve for the August 3-4 opportunities is Sunday, July 19.

On August 5, there will be an opportunity to serve dinner to new students at UGA's International Student Orientation on campus. The meal will be catered, but our church will

supply homemade desserts. We are in need of 25 donations of cakes, cookies, brownies, or cobblers for this evening. The desserts can be dropped off at the church by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5. We also need six volunteers to come to campus and serve the students that evening. Please sign up online to donate a dessert, and contact Lynn if you would like to serve and greet. The deadline to register to serve and/or provide dessert for the August 5 opportunity is Wednesday, July 29.

Register | athensfirstumc.org/reachinternational
Lynn Bryant | athens1stism@aol.com | 706-202-9017



The Ark Golf Tournament | August 8

The Ark, a mission partner of our church, invites you to their 23rd Annual Fellowship Golf Challenge "Swing for Hope." The Golf Tournament will be Saturday, August 8, at the UGA Golf Course. There is a registration fee of \$100 per golfer, and mulligans are \$10 per player or \$70 per team (limit of 2 per player). All proceeds benefit The Ark. Contact Marty Webb if you have any questions.

Register | athensark.org
Marty Webb | martin_webb@bellsouth.net

Early Book Group | August 11

The Early Book Group will meet on Tuesday, August 11, for a potluck supper and planning session at 6:00 p.m. at the Kuhlman home. Interested persons who have not participated before are invited to call George and Cindy Kuhlman to attend.

Cindy and George Kuhlman | gckuhlman@charter.net
706-543-9511



to join her husband, Joe. Ellen joined our church staff in 2013 and has been an incredible asset to our children's ministries. Her creativity will be greatly missed as she moves to Washington, D.C., where her husband, Jarrod, will be starting graduate school. Diana and Ellen will both be with us until July 24. We wish them well as they move on, and look forward to welcoming their replacements, Rachel Skinner and Katie Winters, as they join our staff on July 27.

Sack Lunch Ministry

Thank you to all the volunteers that are making Sack Lunch Ministry such a success this summer! You are truly making a difference in the life of our neighborhood. All Sundays are covered by volunteers through August 9, so as you begin planning for the fall, consider signing up for Sack Lunch Ministry any Sunday starting August 16.

Register | athensfirstumc.org/sacklunchministry

Mary Claire Murphy | maryclaire@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

Farewell

It is with both joy and sadness that we say goodbye to Diana Zylow, our Administrative Assistant to Adults, and Ellen Mayfield, our Administrative Assistant to Children. Diana has served our church in a variety of capacities since 2010, and has blessed both the staff and congregation with her joyful hospitality and her passion for organization. Diana will be getting married on August 1 and moving to Atlanta

*Only in God do I find
rest; my salvation comes
from him. Only God is
my rock and my
salvation—my
stronghold! I won't be
shaken anymore.*

PSALM 61:1-2

This Week

SUNDAY, JULY 19 | MARK 6:30-34, 53-56

Tijuana Youth Mission Trip

9:00 a.m.

Communion Service CHAPEL

9:45 a.m.

Worship Service SANCTUARY

Adult Sunday School SECOND FLOOR AND SAYE BULDING

Elementary Sunday School GYM

Grade 5 & 6 Sunday School: Fuel GYM

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

MONDAY, JULY 20 | 2 SAMUEL 11:1-5

Tijuana Youth Mission Trip

6:00 p.m.

VolleyPerformance GYM

TUESDAY, JULY 21 | 2 SAMUEL 11:6-15

Tijuana Youth Mission Trip

5:30 a.m.

Fashion Fitness GYM

3:00 p.m.

Tagging Tuesdays ROOM 103

5:30 p.m.

Fashion Fitness ROOM 119

6:00 p.m.

Volleyball Camp GYM

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22 | PSALM 14

Tijuana Youth Mission Trip

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

5:30 p.m.

Men's Prayer Group ROOM 307

6:00 p.m.

Volleyball Camp GYM

THURSDAY, JULY 23 | EPHESIANS 3:14-19

Tijuana Youth Mission Trip

5:30 a.m.

Fashion Fitness GYM

5:30 p.m.

Fashion Fitness ROOM 119

6:00 p.m.

Wesleyan Way ROOM 226

Volleyball Camp GYM

FRIDAY, JULY 24 | EPHESIANS 3:20-21

Tijuana Youth Mission Trip

5:30 a.m.

Fashion Fitness GYM

1:00 p.m.

Adult Pick-up Basketball GYM

6:30 p.m.

REACH International Bible Study & Dinner YOUTH AREA

SATURDAY, JULY 25 | JOHN 6:1-15

9:00 a.m.

Mobile Food Pantry GYM

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