

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 cluster, with some overlapping. A prominent red line forms a large, irregular shape that frames the central text. There are also several solid red circles scattered throughout the design, including one in the top left and one in the bottom right.

ATHENS FIRST
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH

JUNE 26, 2016
8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 a.m.

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 | \$1,437,784
Goal for June | \$187,970
Amount after 2 Sundays | \$93, 222

Attendance on June 19

Total Worship | 837
Sunday School | 356
8:30 a.m. | 168
9:45 a.m. | 247
11:00 a.m. | 434
Online | 89

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The Worship of God

8:30 a.m.

THE PRELUDE

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee” | Hobby

*THE CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP

62 “All Creatures of Our God and King” | LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing:
alleluia, alleluia!**

**O burning sun with golden beam,
and shining moon with silver gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*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,**

Flowers

The flowers on the altar
are given to the glory
of God and in loving
memory of Connie F.
Branch by Mary Jon
Branch and family.

**the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***THE GLORY OF GOD | The Gloria Patri**

**Glorify 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**

Beth Dickinson

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sarah Lawing, Director of Children's Music Ministry

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE**

73 "O Worship the King" | LYONS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Chuck Hodges

**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

"Blessed Be the Name" | Redman

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 SCRIPTURE READING

JEREMIAH 17:5-8 | p. 676 OLD TESTAMENT

THE SERMON

"Getting the Proper Nourishment" | Chuck Hodges

Anthem Lyrics

Blessed be Your name in
the land that is plentiful,
where Your streams of
abundance flow.

Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name.

When I'm found in the
desert place, though

I walk through the
wilderness, blessed
be Your name. Every
blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise.

When the darkness
closes in, Lord still I will
say: blessed be the name
of the Lord. Blessed be
Your name. Blessed be
the name of the Lord.

Blessed be Your glorious
name. Blessed be Your
name when the sun's
shining down on me.

When the world's all as
it should be, blessed be
Your name. Blessed be
Your name on the road
marked with suffering.

Though there's pain in
the offering, blessed be

Your name. You give
and take away. You give
and take away. My heart
will choose to say, Lord,
blessed be Your name.

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

454 “Open My Eyes, That I May See” | OPEN MY EYES

Verse 1

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.

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

The Music During Communion

“Trust and Obey”

*THE BLESSING AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love” | P. Scholtes

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. And we pray that all unity may one day be restored. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

* THE POSTLUDE

“When We All Get to Heaven” | Traditional

The Worship of God

9:45 &
11:00 a.m.

Gathering

Flowers

The flowers on the altar
are given to the glory
of God and in loving
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THE PRELUDE

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee” | Hobby

*THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“O Be Joyful in the Lord” | Yarrington

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir

Praise & Thanksgiving

*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

127 “Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah” | CWM RHONDDA

*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**

Beth Dickinson

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

9:45 a.m. | Lincoln Grey Zielinski, son of Laci and Alan

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

11:00 a.m. | Charlotte Kathleen Broun, daughter of Jennifer and Michael

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Chuck Hodges

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.

Sarah Lawing, Director of Children's Music Ministry

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

Beautiful Savior, King of
creation, Son of God and
Son of Man! Truly I'd love
Thee, truly I'd serve thee,

Light of my soul, my
Joy, my Crown. Fair are
the meadows, fair are
the woodlands, robed
in flow'rs of blooming
spring; Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer; He makes
our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Beautiful Savior, Lord
of the nations, Son of
God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise,
adoration, now and
forevermore be Thine!

THE OFFERING AND THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Beautiful Savior” | Tom Fettke

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir; Erin McCollum, director

*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 SCRIPTURE READING

JEREMIAH 17:5-8 | p. 676 OLD TESTAMENT

THE SERMON

“Getting the Proper Nourishment” | Chuck Hodges

Sending Forth

* THE HYMN

368 “My Hope is Built” | THE SOLID ROCK

*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

“And Can It Be That I Should Gain” | Traditional

The Steeple

Summer Worship

SUNDAYS IN JULY

Communion*
9:15 a.m.
*in the chapel

Service Times
9:45 & 11:00 a.m.

Don't forget: Next Sunday, July 3, we will begin Summer Worship. During the month of July we will not have an 8:30 a.m. service, so please make plans accordingly. We will offer a communion service in the chapel at 9:15 a.m. every Sunday and two worship services at 9:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Led by Julie Caldwell and a bluegrass band, Summer Worship focuses on more extensive congregational singing of old favorites, and, as always, great preaching. If you play an instrument or sing and would like to be a part of the worship team during Summer Worship, please contact Julie Caldwell.
Julie Caldwell | julie@athensfirstumc.org

In Memoriam

Mary Michel
June 21, 2016

Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Joe Abell and his family in the loss of his mother, Imogene Abell, on June 17.

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Tia Chandler and her family in the loss of her mother, Beverly Marrano, on June 17.

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Arthur Steedman and his family in the loss of his brother, Billy Steedman, on June 19.

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Burlyn Michel and his family in the loss of his wife, Mary Michel, on June 21.

New Arrival

Congratulations to Rob and Kristin Nelson on the birth of their daughter, Lily James, on June 21.

Adult Choir Tour

Eighteen of our choir members are currently taking part in a three concert, ten day tour of southern Spain. They have joined over thirty singers from Emmanuel United Methodist Church (located in Memphis, TN). They will sing in mass to perform concerts in Granada, Seville, and Lisbon. Please keep the choir in your prayers as they travel and spread the word of God through song.

The Ark

The Ark, a mission partner of our church, is in need of volunteers this summer. The Ark seeks to provide financial assistance to the low-income population of our surrounding counties, and is almost completely volunteer-based.

During the summer months, there is a greater need due to rising utility bills, child care costs, extra grocery bills, etc. and more help would be greatly appreciated. For more information, please visit The Ark's webpage.

Learn More | athensark.org

Smart Lunch, Smart Kids

You are invited to join us on Wednesdays in June and July to distribute sack lunches to hungry children in our community. We will gather at 11:30 a.m. in room 100 to prepare supplies, and at 11:45 a.m. the two teams will head

out. Assembly of lunches will be handled by Clarke County schools. Please email Betsy or Mary Claire if you would like to participate.

Betsy Butler | betsy@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

Mary Claire Wills | maryclaire@athensfirstumc.org

Sack Lunch Ministry

This July and August, consider volunteering to prepare and distribute sack lunches on Sunday mornings with our Sack Lunch Ministry! This is a great way to serve our community with your family or friends. Please contact Mary Young or Betsy Butler for more information and available dates.

Mary Young | young.macy@gmail.com

Betsy Butler | betsy@athensfirstumc.org

Children's Consignment Sale

Our Annual Children's Consignment Sale is coming up! To prepare, we are setting aside every Tuesday in June and July to sort and tag our donated items. Join us for Tagging Tuesdays in room 103 from either 9:30-11:30 a.m. or 1:00-3:00p.m., or both! Please email Mary Claire if you plan to attend a Tagging Tuesday.

Mary Claire Wills | maryclaire@athensfirstumc.org

This Week

SUNDAY, JUNE 26 | LUKE 9:51-62

Spain Choir Tour

Hinton Center High School Mission Trip

8:30 a.m. Worship Service SANCTUARY

Preschool Nursery FIRST FLOOR

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

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

Preschool Nursery FIRST FLOOR

MONDAY, JUNE 27 | 2 KINGS 5:1-8

Spain Choir Tour

Hinton Center High School Mission Trip

- 9:00 a.m. **Junior Jam Basketball Camp** GYM
- 11:00 a.m. **Pilot Connect & Grow Groups** ROOMS 222 & 224
- 5:30 p.m. **Board of Trustees Meeting** HULL CONFERENCE ROOM

TUESDAY, JUNE 28 | 2 KINGS 5:9-14

Spain Choir Tour

Hinton Center High School Mission Trip

- 9:00 a.m. **Junior Jam Basketball Camp** GYM
- 9:30 a.m. **Tagging Tuesdays** ROOM 103
- 1:00 p.m. **Tagging Tuesdays** ROOM 103
- 6:00 p.m. **Volleyball Camp** GYM
- 6:30 p.m. **Wonderlife | Women's Bible Study** ROOM 222
- 7:00 p.m. **Boy Scouts Troop 1** SCOUT HUT

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29 | PSALM 30

Spain Choir Tour

Hinton Center High School Mission Trip

- 9:00 a.m. **Junior Jam Basketball Camp** GYM
- 11:30 a.m. **Smart Lunch, Smart Kid** ROOM 100
- 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. **Volleyball Camp** GYM
- 6:30 p.m. **Pilot Connect & Grow Groups** ROOM 224

THURSDAY, JUNE 30 | GALATIANS 6:1-6

Spain Choir Tour

Hinton Center High School Mission Trip

- 9:00 a.m. **Junior Jam Basketball Camp** GYM
- 10:30 a.m. **Summer Prayer Shawl Ministry** PANERA BREAD
- 6:00 p.m. **Volleyball Camp** GYM
- 7:00 p.m. **Connect Group (Young Adult)** ROOM 222

FRIDAY, JULY 1 | GALATIANS 6:7-16

- 9:00 a.m. **Junior Jam Basketball Camp** GYM

SATURDAY, JULY 2 | LUKE 10:1-11

Spain Choir Tour

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