

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 several connected segments that create a frame around the text. There are also three solid red circles: one in the top left, one in the bottom right, and one centered on a horizontal line below the church name.

ATHENS FIRST  
UNITED  
METHODIST  
CHURCH

*Pentecost Sunday*

MAY 24, 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](http://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](http://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](http://athensfirstumc.org), for information about our ministries, to register for events, and to listen to sermons from our sermon archive. Visit [athensfirstumc.org/thesteeples](http://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

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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 Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Burkhart by their daughters Anne Burkhart and Catherine Healey.*

### THE PRELUDE

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit” | Elliott

### WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

8:30 & 9:45 a.m. Betsy Butler

11:00 a.m. Martha Aenchbacher

### THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

8:30 a.m. “Revival” | Caldwell

Sung by the Worship Team

9:45 & 11:00 a.m. “Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire”/“Spirit of the Living God”

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir

## Praise & Thanksgiving

### \*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 539

“O Spirit of the Living God” | FOREST GREEN

### \*THE LITANY FOR PENTECOST

Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life: At the beginning of time you moved over the face of the waters; you gave every living thing the breath of life.

**Come, Creator Spirit, and renew the whole creation.**

Holy Spirit, voice of the prophets: You inflame men and women with a passion for your truth, and through them you call your people to the ways of justice and compassion.

**Come, Spirit of righteousness, and burn in our hearts.**

Holy Spirit, Spirit of Jesus: By your power Jesus came to bring good news to the poor and release to those held captive.

**Come, liberating Spirit, and free us from the powers of sin and death.**

Holy Spirit, Advocate, Teacher: You speak to us of our Lord and show us

*The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God and are from the wedding of Carol Forehand and Worth McArthur, IV in our sanctuary on May 23, 2015.*

the depth of his love.

**Come, Spirit of truth, abide in us and lead us in the way of Jesus Christ.**

Holy Spirit, wind and flame: You filled disciples with joy and courage, empowering them to preach your Word and to share your good news.

**Come, Spirit of power, make us bold witnesses of your redeeming love.**

Holy Spirit, Spirit of peace: You break down barriers of language, race, and culture and heal the divisions that separate us.

**Come, reconciling Spirit, and unite us all in the love of Christ.**

Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life: At the close of the age all creation will be renewed to sing your praises.

**Come, Creator Spirit, and make us new creations in Jesus Christ. 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 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

9:45 a.m. | Matthew Francis Ryan

**Matt, Matt, 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. Matt, Matt, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.**

*Son of  
Katie and  
David Ryan*

#### \*THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE FALLEN

##### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

8:30 Martha Aenchenbacher

9:45 & 11:00 a.m. 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. “The Spirit Moved” | Mountain Heart

Sung by the Worship Team

*This old world was formed and darkness was upon the deep. The Spirit brought forth light on the world so cold. When God created man he started with a chunk of clay. He breathed on man and he became a living soul. And the Spirit moved, the spirit moved. When He made the land and when he made the man it happened when the spirit moved. When Ezekiel prophesied to the dry, dead, dusty bones, the Lord said, “Son of Man, can the bones arise?” Ezekiel said, “Oh Lord, only you can raise the dead.” The he prophesied to the wind, and they revived. And the Spirit moved, the spirit moved, Got all shook up when the bones stood up and it happened when the Spirit moved. When Jesus died for sin and came back from the grave, He told his chosen ones to wait for power. They heard the sound of wind when Pentecost occurred. The Comforter came down that glorious hour. And the Spirit moved and the church did too. It shook the ground when the power came down and it happened when the Spirit moved. On that Sunday morn when the preacher preached the word, an unexpected fear came over me. It was the Holy Ghost of God convicting me of sin. He taught me to repent and to believe. And the spirit moved, and the spirit moved. He made me whole and he saved my soul and it happened when the spirit moved. He made me whole and he saved my soul, and it happened when the spirit moved.*

9:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. “Come Down, O Love Divine” | arr. White

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir; Michael Meo, trumpet

The text for this anthem can be found on page 475 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

ACTS 2:38-42 THE MESSAGE

Peter said, “Change your life. Turn to God and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, so your sins are forgiven. Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is targeted to you and your children, but also to all who are far away—whomever, in fact, our Master God invites.”

He went on in this vein for a long time, urging them over and over, “Get out while you can; get out of this sick and stupid culture!” That day about three thousand took him at his word, were baptized and were signed up. They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers.

THE SERMON  
“The First Church” | Chuck Hodges

## *Response to the Word*

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

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

“For Your Gift of God the Spirit” | HYMN TO JOY

**For your gift of God the Spirit, power to make our lives anew,  
pledge of life and hope of glory, Savior, we would worship you.  
Crowning gift of resurrection sent from your ascended throne,  
fullness of the very Godhead, come to make your life our own.**

**He, himself the living Author, wakes to life the sacred Word,  
reads with us its holy pages and reveals our risen Lord.**

**He it is who works within us, teaching rebel hearts to pray,  
he whose holy intercessions rise for us both night and day.**

**Father, grant your Holy Spirit in our hearts may rule today,  
grieved not, quenched not, but unhindered, work in us his sovereign way.  
Fill us with your holy fullness, God the Father, Spirit, Son;  
in us, through us, then, forever, shall your perfect will be done.**

\* 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

“Trumpet Recessional” | Fedak

## MAY 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.** 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

Marian and Joe Block, Christy and Randy Felix, Beth and Gib Johnston, Patrick Jones, Lorie and Mark Petersen, Nancy Witherington, Annie Miller, Lucy Frierson, John Cunningham

## FIRST LIGHT ACOLYTES

**8:30 a.m.** Riley and Madison Holland, Cate Hardman

**9:45 a.m.** Abbi Merhar, John Knight

**11:00 a.m.** Kate McDonald, Walt Chapeau

## ATTENDANCE ON MAY 17

**Total Worship | 1,151**

**Sunday School | 405**

8:30 a.m. | 199

9:45 a.m. | 319

11:00 a.m. | 538

Online | 95

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget for 2015 | \$2,641,842

Amount Given YTD | \$1,144,649

Goal for May | \$198,215

Amount after 2 Sundays | \$133,193

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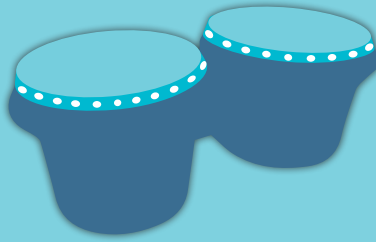
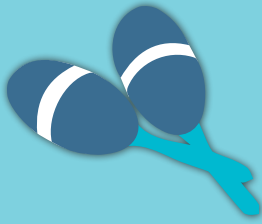
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## Help Us Make Music

### We Need:

kleenex boxes    wrapping paper tubes  
cereal boxes    toilet paper tubes  
rubber bands    newspaper  
coffee cans    beads  
paper towel tubes    buttons  
plastic bottles    dried beans

Donations can be dropped off by the Reception Desk  
of the church Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.



**MUSIC & ARTS WEEK**

June 9–11, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

[athensfirstumc.org/musicandartsweek](http://athensfirstumc.org/musicandartsweek)



## Baptisms

Archer Clyde Kilgore received the Sacrament of Baptism on May 17 in our sanctuary. Archie is the son of Natalie and James Kilgore.

Margaret Lucielle and Samuel Edwin Massey received the Sacrament of Baptism on May 17 in our sanctuary. Lucy and Tripp are the children of Morgan and Sam Massey.

Cecily Turner Mason received the Sacrament of Baptism on May 17 in our sanctuary. Cecily is the daughter of Andrew and Kaitlin Mason.

## New Members

On May 17 we welcomed Barbara and Tom Dean, Weldon Durham, Angie and Danny Helmly, Steven Hofferbert, Jenna and Mohammad Jammoul, Julia and Trey Reed, Emily Srygley, Kyle Walker, and Cindy Williams to the Athens First United Methodist Church family.

## Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Carter Broun and Courtney Dwight, who were married in Atlanta on May 2. Carter is the son of Karen and Conway Broun.

## Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Lettie Brown and family in the loss of her brother, Pete Jansen, on May 17.

## Music & Arts Week | June 9-11

Music and Arts Week is getting creative with recyclable materials this year! Children will be making their own instruments out of toilet paper rolls, coffee cans, cardboard boxes, and any other unique items we can find, while also learning the importance of keeping our earth clean. If you'd like to help us Make the Beat, consider donating your recyclables. Donations can be made at the Reception Desk during office hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. until Sunday, June 7.

And parents, you can still register your child for this exciting week! Registration will remain open until May 29 for all children who have completed grades K-4. The cost is \$40.

Register | [athensfirstumc.org/musicandartsweek](https://athensfirstumc.org/musicandartsweek)

Sarah Lawing | [sarah@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:sarah@athensfirstumc.org) | 706-543-1442

## Smart Lunch, Smart Kid | May 27

Please join us on May 27 to assemble and distribute sack lunches to hungry children in our community. Smart Lunch, Smart Kids returns as an opportunity to serve on Wednesdays throughout the summer. Lunch assembly will be again at 10:30 a.m. in room 103. We will depart at approximately 11:45 a.m. to distribute lunches in local neighborhoods. Please email Betsy Butler if you would like to participate.

Betsy Butler | [betsy@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:betsy@athensfirstumc.org) | 706-543-1442

## Senior Fun Luncheon | May 28

Please reserve your seat as early as possible for the Senior Fun Luncheon on Thursday, May 28. Our own Hank Huckaby, the Georgia Trend Man of the Year, will have the main program. No Chancellor in Georgia's history has accomplished more for higher education than Hank. R.S.V.P. to the church office by Tuesday, May 26, at noon. Lunch on Thursday will begin at 12:30 p.m. and the cost is \$6. Call Senior Fun President Dan Maxey with any questions. Dan Maxey | 706-340-5097

## Job Openings

We are now accepting applications for two administrative positions that will begin in mid-July. Both positions, the Administrative Assistant to Children and the Administrative Assistant to Adults, are full-time. Work hours are 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please visit our webpage for more information and to apply. Applications will be accepted through May.

Learn more | [athensfirstumc.org/employment](https://athensfirstumc.org/employment)

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## Weekday Preschool Summer Camp

AFUMC's Weekday Preschool is offering two more weeks of summer camp: Mighty Machines, June 1-5, and All Creatures of Our God and King, June 8-12. Camps run Monday through Friday from 8:45 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$115 per child, per camp, but payment can be made prior to the start of each week of camp. Camp is open to children

ages two on or before December 31, 2014, through children who have completed pre-K. Sibling discounts are available. Registration forms are on our webpage or may be emailed by request.

Susan Brodrick | [preschool@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:preschool@athensfirstumc.org)  
706-340-5097

## Breathe | June 2

All women are invited to join a short summer Bible study using Priscilla Shirer's most recent DVD-driven program entitled *Breathe*. This study encourages individuals to take time to breathe and build margin into their lives for God. If you are weary, worn out, and exhausted, *Breathe* may change your life. This study will meet on Tuesdays beginning June 2 from 9:30-11:15 a.m. Led by Susie Thrasher, this five-week study is a great way to gather for fellowship, encouragement, and study. Please register so that we may order materials. Cost is \$13.

Register | [athensfirstumc.org/smallgroupsbiblestudies](http://athensfirstumc.org/smallgroupsbiblestudies)  
Beth Dickinson | [beth@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:beth@athensfirstumc.org) | 706-543-1442

## Choir Tour to Spain and Portugal

The Sanctuary Choir is traveling to Spain and Portugal for a tour of singing and sight-seeing in June 2016. We will travel to Lisbon, Seville, and Grenada. Church members are welcome to join us. There will be an informational meeting on Wednesday, June 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. The tour company director will be with us and will go over the itinerary, costs, and other information. If you are interested in traveling with the choir next summer, contact Stephen Mitchell and/or plan to attend the information meeting Stephen Mitchell | [smitchell@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:smitchell@athensfirstumc.org)  
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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 Camp brings the flavor of summer camp to local churches and their surrounding communities. GROW Day Camp 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)

## Vacation Bible School | June 22-26

Summer is almost here! Only four weeks until VBS! Register your children today for Everest Vacation Bible School. We will explore God's Mighty Power the week of June 22-26. Register | [athensfirstumc.org/vbs](http://athensfirstumc.org/vbs)  
Sarah Bennett | [sarahbennettvbs@gmail.com](mailto:sarahbennettvbs@gmail.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

## Adult Religious Awards to Troop 1 Leaders

Mike Nunn and George Veeder each received Scouting religious recognitions at the Troop 1 Court of Honor on Tuesday, May 12. Assistant Scoutmaster Nunn, who is a member at Beech Haven Baptist Church, received the Good Shepherd Emblem. Assistant Scoutmaster Veeder, an elder at Trinity Lutheran Church, was recognized with the Servant of Youth Recognition. Troop 1 is blessed with adult leaders from a diversity of faith traditions who encourage our youth of all faiths to deepen their commitment to their faith while in Scouting. Congratulations to Mike and George.

## Consignment Sale | August 14-15

As you are cleaning out closets from the school year and transitioning into summer clothes, please consider donating your gently used children's items to the third annual Children's Consignment Sale! Please take items to Mary Claire Murphy's office located on the first floor of our church.  
Mary Claire Murphy | [maryclaire@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:maryclaire@athensfirstumc.org)  
706-543-1442

# This Week

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## SUNDAY, MAY 24 | ACTS 2:1-21

### *Interfaith Hospitality Network Host Week*

- 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
- 11:30 a.m. **Children's Church** CHAPEL

## MONDAY, MAY 25 | PSALM 104:24-34, 35b

### *Memorial Day— Office is closed, no programming*

## TUESDAY, MAY 26 | ROMANS 8:22-27

- 5:30 a.m. **Fashion Fitness** GYM
- 5:30 p.m. **United Methodist Women Circle 4 Meeting** HULL DINING ROOM
- Fashion Fitness** ROOM 119
- 6:00 p.m. **Spring League Volleyball Tournament** GYM

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 27 | JOHN 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

- 7:00 a.m. **Fashion Fitness** GYM
- 10:30 a.m. **Summer Prayer Shawl Ministry** PANERA BREAD ON ATLANTA HIGHWAY
- 5:30 p.m. **Men's Prayer Group** ROOM 307
- 6:30 p.m. **Freeway** ROOM 222
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal** ROOM 148

## THURSDAY, MAY 28 | PROVERBS 3:13-18

- 5:30 a.m. **Fashion Fitness** GYM
- 12:30 p.m. **Senior Fun Luncheon** HANCOCK HALL
- 5:30 p.m. **Fashion Fitness** ROOM 119
- 6:00 p.m. **Wesleyan Way | Small Group Study** ROOM 224
- Adult Softball** BISHOP PARK
- Spring League Volleyball Tournament** GYM

## FRIDAY, MAY 29 | PROVERBS 3:19-26

- 5:30 p.m. **Fashion Fitness** GYM
- 6:00 p.m. **Volleyball Clinic** GYM
- 6:30 p.m. **REACH International Bible Study and Dinner** YOUTH AREA

## SATURDAY, MAY 30 | PROVERBS 4:1-9

- 9:00 a.m. **Mobile Food Pantry** NARTHEX

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