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ATHENS FIRST
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH

Trinity Sunday

MAY 31, 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 @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 Charles
Lathrop Guyer, III
by his family.*

THE PRELUDE

“The Holy Presence” | Wolfe

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Betsy Butler

THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

8:30 a.m. “My Alleluia” | Heather Sorenson

Sung by the Worship Team

9:45 & 11:00 a.m. “Spirit of the Living God”

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir

Praise & Thanksgiving

*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 64

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” | NICAEA

*THE PRAYER FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

Father, we praise you. Through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things. You reveal your salvation in all the world by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Through your Holy Spirit you give us a share in your life and love. Fill us with the vision of your glory, that we may always serve and praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. 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. "Multiplied" | NeedtoBreathe

Sung by the Worship Team

Your love is like radiant diamonds bursting inside us we cannot contain. Your love will surely come find us like blazing wild fires singing Your name. God of mercy, sweet love of mine, I have surrendered to Your design. May this offering stretch across the skies and these Halleluiahs be multiplied.

9:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. "See How Great a Flame Aspires" | Krug

Rung by the Carillon Ringers

*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

EXODUS 14:5-16

Now it was told the king of Egypt that the people had fled, and the heart of Pharaoh and his servants was turned against the people; and they said, "Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us?" So he made ready his chariot and took his people with him. Also, he took six hundred choice chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt with captains over every one of them. And the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king

of Egypt, and he pursued the children of Israel; and the children of Israel went out with boldness. So the Egyptians pursued them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, his horsemen and his army, and overtook them camping by the sea beside Pi Hahiroth, before Baal Zephon. And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians marched after them. So they were very afraid, and the children of Israel cried out to the Lord. Then they said to Moses, "Because there were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you so dealt with us, to bring us up out of Egypt? Is this not the word that we told you in Egypt, saying, 'Let us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness." And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace." And the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward. But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

THE ANTHEM

9:45 & 11:00 a.m. "In Christ an Inheritance Is Ours" | Costello

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir; Esther Tonea, cello; Holly Behre, oboe; Liz Robinson, flute

In Christ an inheritance is ours, so that we, the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of the glory of God. In Christ, when we heard the word of truth, we were sealed and marked with God's redemptive pledge toward life in the Lord, and the glory of God. In Christ, with our hearts enlightened now, we may know the hope to which the saints are called, the greatness and power of the glory of God. In Christ, was this Easter power revealed when God raised and seated him above all rule for age after age, to the glory of God. Through Christ, who is head o'er all the church, we give praise to God, the Father, Spirit, Son, for age after age, to the glory of God.

THE SERMON

"Stop Moaning and Start Moving" | 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 438

“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord” | DUKE STREET

* 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

“Fanfare on LYONS (O Worship the King)” | Haan

Sermon Notes

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. Lee Brinson, Nathan King, Ryan Brinson, Claude Felton, Steve Greer, Mack Furlow, John Bateman, Jim Lyons

OFFERING STEWARDS

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

GREETERS

Kasey and Bill Clayton, Dianne Graham, Becky Green, Martee and Foy Horne, Ginger Hurst, Mary Lynn Lane, Sharon Sellars, Dianne Wall, Ben Griffith, Evan Williams

FIRST LIGHT ACOLYTES

8:30 a.m. Emily and Catie Elder, Brent Chandler

9:45 a.m. Meg Chandler, Isaac Ward

11:00 a.m. Campbell Cona, Millican Jarrett, Charlotte Knight

ATTENDANCE ON MAY 24

Total Worship | 930

Sunday School | 279

8:30 a.m. | 175

9:45 a.m. | 264

11:00 a.m. | 407

Online | 84

FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget for 2015 | \$2,641,842

Amount Given YTD | \$1,199,091

Goal for May | \$198,215

Amount after 3 Sundays | \$187,635

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WESLEYAN YOUTH CHOIR SUMMER CHOIR TOUR 2015



JUNE 2 – CONCERT AT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF ST. LOUIS; CARDINALS GAME

JUNE 3 – CONCERT AT THE BRIDGE OUTREACH; THE GATEWAY ARCH AND FERRYBOAT CRUISE

JUNE 4 – SIX FLAGS OVER ST. LOUIS

JUNE 6 – CONCERT AT GIVENS ESTATES; TOURING ASHEVILLE, NC

JUNE 7 – SINGING IN WORSHIP AT CENTRAL UMC, ASHEVILLE

– JOIN US AT 5:00 P.M. IN OUR SANCTUARY FOR THE HOME CONCERT

Baptisms

Matthew Francis Ryan received the Sacrament of Baptism on May 24 in our sanctuary. Matt is the son of Katie and David Ryan.

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 11:30 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

Music & Arts Week | June 9-11

Music and Arts camp will be held June 9-11. Children currently in kindergarten through grade 4 will learn ways to be hearers and doers of the Word.

We are still accepting donations of recyclable materials such as toilet paper rolls, coffee cans, cardboard boxes, and coke or water bottles. Donations can be made by the Reception Desk during office hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. until Sunday, June 7.

Learn More | athensfirstumc.org/musicandartsweek

Sarah Lawing | sarah@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

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
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

Beth Dickinson | 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
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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, sandwich, salty snack, sweet treat, 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



Vacation Bible School | June 22-26

The countdown is on! Only three more weeks until Everest Vacation Bible School! Our theme this year is God's Mighty Power and we will explore how God has the power to provide, heal, comfort, forgive, and love us forever! Register your son or daughter today for this exciting week of play, growth, and exploration!

Register | athensfirstumc.org/vbs
Sarah Bennett | 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



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% of the proceeds on items sold, and 40% 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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Mary Claire Murphy | maryclaire@athensfirstumc.org
706-543-1442

This Week

SUNDAY, MAY 31 | ISAIAH 6:1-8

- 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
- 12:00 p.m. **Wesleyan Youth Choir Rehearsal** ROOM 148
- 6:00 p.m. **Volleyball Clinic** GYM

MONDAY, JUNE 1 | PSALM 29

- 6:00 p.m. **Wesleyan Youth Choir Tour**
VolleyPerformance GYM

TUESDAY, JUNE 2 | ROMANS 8:12-17

- Wesleyan Youth Choir Tour**
- 5:30 a.m. **Fashion Fitness** GYM
- 8:00 a.m. **Senior Fun Trip | A Roman Holiday**
- 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 3 | JOHN 3:1-17

- Wesleyan Youth Choir Tour**
- 7:00 a.m. **Fashion Fitness** GYM
- 10:30 a.m. **Summer Prayer Shawl Ministry** PANERA BREAD ON ATLANTA HIGHWAY
- 6:00 p.m. **Volleyball Camp** GYM
- 6:30 p.m. **Freeway** ROOM 222
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal ROOM 148

THURSDAY, JUNE 4 | PROVERBS 7:1-4

- Wesleyan Youth Choir Tour**
- 5:30 a.m. **Fashion Fitness** GYM
- 10:00 a.m. **Our Daily Bread** FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH DOWNTOWN
- 5:30 p.m. **Fashion Fitness** ROOM 119
- 6:00 p.m. **Wesleyan Way | Small Group Study** ROOM 224
Adult Softball BISHOP PARK
Volleyball Camp GYM

FRIDAY, JUNE 5 | PROVERBS 8:4-21

- 5:30 p.m. **Wesleyan Youth Choir Tour**
- 6:00 p.m. **Fashion Fitness** GYM
- 6:30 p.m. **Volleyball Clinic** GYM
REACH Friday Fellowship YOUTH AREA

SATURDAY, JUNE 6 | DANIEL 1:1-21

- Wesleyan Youth Choir Tour**

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