

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 | \$1,101,010 Goal for May | \$202,269 Amount after 1 Sunday | \$69,593

Attendance on May 8

Total Worship | 1503 Sunday School | 442 8:30 a.m. | 186 9:45 a.m. | 370 11:00 a.m. | 829 Online | 118

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Find us on Facebook at Athens First United Methodist Church.

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The Worship of God

8:30 a.m. The

THE GATHERING MUSIC

Flowers
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

"Revival" | J. Caldwell

*THE CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP

139 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" | LOBE DEN HERREN Praise to the Lord, The Almighty, the king of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;

Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

*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 GLORY OF GOD | 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 WELCOME AND THE PASSING OF THE PEACE Betsy Butler

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sarah Lawing, Director of Children's Music

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

546 "The Church's One Foundation" | AURELIA

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.

Anthem Lyrics
The text for this anthem
can be found on page
404 of the hymnal.

THE OFFERING AND THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit" | Smith
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

Acts 2:5-12 | p. 111 New Testament

THE MESSAGE

"The Two Most Important Days" | Chuck Hodges

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

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

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. Glutenfree communion elements are available at the center station in the front of the sanctuary.

The Music During Communion

"Holy Spirit, You Are Welcome Here/Spirit of the Living God"

*THE BLESSING AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

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

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit" | Elliott

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 memory of Charles Lathrop Guyer
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THE PRELUDE

"Reflections on the Spirit" | Joel Raney

THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"On Pentecost They Gathered" | arr. Schweizer
Sung by the Sanctuary Choir with the Brass Ensemble

THE WELCOME AND THE PASSING OF THE PEACE Betsy Butler

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 enflame 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 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 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | 9:45 a.m.

John Walker Glenn, son of Brett and Jack

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

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

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

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
The text for this anthem can be found on page 384 of the hymnal.

THE OFFERING AND THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Love Divine, All Love's Excelling" | Mack Wilberg

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir with the Brass Ensemble

*THE DOXOLOGY | The Old 100th

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THE MESSAGE

"The Two Most Important Days" | Chuck Hodges

Sending Forth

* THE HYMN

"Go Forth and Preach the Gospel" | ELLACOMBE
Go forth and preach the Gospel to all who are in need.
As witness to the Savior, go teach by word and deed
The Spirit is upon us, and sends us to declare
The Good News of the kingdom to people ev'ry where.

Go forth and preach the Gospel to all who live in fear, And share the joyful message that God is always near. The Spirit is upon us, and sends us forth in peace To bring the poor glad tidings that justice may increase.

Go forth and preach the Gospel, go spread the news abroad! Proclaim to ev'ry nation the greatness of our God. The Spirit is upon us, that all may understand The promise of salvation revealed to ev'ry land.

*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

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit" | Elliott

The Steeple



In Memoriam

Harold "Hal" Cooper McAdams May 7, 2016

Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Greg Kirby and his family in the loss of his father, Stan Kirby, on May 5.

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to the McAdams family and their friends in the loss of Hal McAdams on May 7.

New Arrival

Congratulations to Tiffany and Scott Anderson on the birth of their son, Hamilton Scott, on May 9.



Souper Suppers | Thank You

We are so very grateful for such a wonderful Souper Suppers season this year! From the first Thursday in January to the last in April, we have been blessed with many wonderful volunteers. To each individual who served: thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ to those in need in our community. What a blessing and privilege it is to serve our neighbors alongside you. We look forward to January 2017!

Welcome Ministry Usher Training

Members of our church are invited to join us today for an usher training session. Bill Trigleth and Martha Aenchbacher will explain the significance of serving as an usher and what it means to assist our congregation on

Sunday mornings and special services. This will also be an opportunity for team leaders to introduce themselves. At the conclusion of the training, we will invite you to sign up to serve on a team throughout the year. We will meet at the front of the sanctuary immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service for 30 minutes. If you have any questions, please contact Martha Aenchbacher.

Martha Aenchbacher | martha@athensfirstumc.org 678-230-9708



Senior Fun Luncheon

This month's Senior Fun Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, May 26, at 12:30 p.m. in Hancock Hall. Our two-fold program features two distinguished physicians and members of our church: Dr. Ormonde Mahoney, an orthopedist, will discuss his discipline, and Dr. David Woodard, a cardiologist, will speak on "The Heart of Senior Adults." Each will have a 15-minute presentation followed by a "Q & A." Prior to their presentations, an outstanding soprano from the UGA Opera Department will sing four popular songs from Broadway. Please register now by contacting the church office to facilitate food prep and table set-up.

Church office | 706-543-1442 Dan Maxey | 706-340-5097

Recreation Summer Camps

Volunteers are needed for various recreation camps this summer! If you enjoy working with young children and are sports-minded, we would love your help with the many summer camps coming up, including AFUMC Preschool Summer Camp, Music & Arts Camp, Junior Jam Basketball Camp, and Volleyball Camp. Experience with sports camps

would be appreciated. Contact Mary Claire for more information.

Mary Claire Wills | maryclaire@athensfirstumc.org 706-543-1442



Music and Arts Week | June 1-3

Come and discover the hidden treasure at Music and Arts Week, June 1-3, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. If you have children or grandchildren currently in kindergarten through grade 4, Music and Arts Week is a great opportunity for them to discover the hidden treasure of Jesus. Mark Burrows, Director of Children's Ministries at FUMC Fort Worth, will lead us in fun, singing, and storytelling. Mr. Mark uses found objects and recyclables to turn trash into treasure as he tells exciting stories of Biblical proportions. In addition, we are collecting several items to help make Music and Arts Week a lot of fun for the children. If you would like to donate bars of Ivory soap or small plastic yogurt containers, we have donation baskets in the Galleria or in the basket behind the reception desk area. Learn more | athensfirstumc.org/musicandartsweek Sarah Lawing | sarah@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

Route 56 is ZOOMing into VBS

ZOOM is a VBS program intentionally developed for our Grade 5 students in Route 56 (Our students in Grade 6 are invited to volunteer at VBS). Activities will be both at the church and other destinations. Transportation will be provided. Come join the fun and build relationships with your Route 56 friends as we dig deeper into the word, serve our community, and grow closer to God. ZOOM meets June 6-9 at the church from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Please

register online. If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Rogers for more information. Register | athensfirstumc.org/vbs

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VBS | June 6-9

Vacation Bible School is quickly approaching, but there is still time to register and volunteer. Registration is open online for children who turned three by September 1, 2015, through those who are completing grade 4 this year. To volunteer, simply sign up online. We are excited to go on a quest to follow Jesus, the Light of the World.

In addition, we are collecting several items for VBS. Donations of battery powered tealights, small glass jars similar to a jelly jar, and strands of twinkle lights can be made in the Galleria or in the basket behind the reception desk area.

Learn more | athensfirstumc.org/vbs Robin Stewart | robin@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

Are You Interested in Missions?

Members of Athens First United Methodist Church are nominated to serve on our Missions Advisory Board. The Mission Advisory Board works together to discern how God is calling our church to serve in the community and the world at this time. We are currently seeking to fill seats on this board, as several members have fulfilled their three-year commitment and are allowing others to take their places. Individuals can self-nominate or nominate others to serve. Mandatory meeting attendance, participation in AFUMC Missions Ministry, and an understanding of our

mission purpose and vision are a few of the requirements of serving on this board. For more details about the responsibilities and expectations or to express interest in this service opportunity, please contact Betsy Butler. Betsy Butler | betsy@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442



Youth Service Week | Athens

ONE Student Ministries will be hosting a Youth Service Week in Athens this July for youth in grades 7-12. Youth Service Week will be July 11-15. The goal of Youth Service Week is not only to serve our community, but also to bring our youth group closer together through the joy of serving others in the name of Jesus! Registration will close TODAY at 11:55 p.m. Please visit our webpage for more information and to register.

Register | athensfirstumc.org/youthserviceweek

Josh Miles| josh@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442



Children's Consignment Sale

As our Annual Children's Consignment Sale approaches, here are ways you can help:

- 1. Donate your gently used children's items of all kinds.
- 2. Register to be a consignor.
- 3. Plan to attend Tagging Tuesdays this summer (every Tuesday in June and July) to help sort and tag clothes.
- 4. Volunteer to help August 8-13.

Be watching for volunteer opportunities for the week leading up to the Consignment Sale. Remember, all volunteers get to shop at the preview sale on Thursday evening, August 11! All proceeds to this year's sale will go to support foster care efforts in the Athens area. Please bring items to room 103, and contact Mary Claire if you have any questions.

Mary Claire Wills | maryclaire@athensfirstumc.org



Senior Fun Trip

Join us Thursday, June 16, as we journey to Flat Rock, North Carolina, to visit the official State Playhouse of North Carolina, Flat Rock Playhouse. We will then enjoy the Tony Award-winning musical *The Music Man*, which first appeared on Broadway in 1957. The show follows con man Harold Hill, who poses as a boys' band organizer and leader. He plans to trick the naive lowa townsfolk into purchasing band instruments and uniforms. You'll enjoy well-loved songs like "Ya Got Trouble." We will also enjoy lunch at the delicious Bay Breeze Seafood restaurant. The cost is \$65, plus money for lunch. We will depart from Kohls' department store parking lot at 8:00 a.m. To reserve a seat, contact Dan Maxey.

Dan Maxey | 706-340-5097

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This Week

SUNDAY, MAY 15 | Acts 2:1-21

Interfaith Hospitality Network Week

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

Elementary Sunday School THIRD FLOOR

Grade 5 & 6 Sunday School: Fuel FIRST FLOOR Youth Sunday School: First Word FIRST FLOOR

Immanuel Project ROOM 103

10:00 a.m. Sack Lunch Ministry HULL STREET ENTRANCE

11:00 a.m. Worship Service SANCTUARY

Preschool Nursery FIRST FLOOR

12:00 p.m. Kids Music and Arts Volunteer Appreciation Lunch HULL CONFERENCE ROOM

Usher Training SANCTUARY

3:45 p.m. Agapé Choir Rehearsal ROOM 148

4:30 p.m. Wesleyan Youth Choir ROOM 148

Carillons Ringers ROOM 150

MONDAY, MAY 16 | ROMANS 5:1-2

11:00 a.m. UMW Circle 1 Meeting HULL CONFERENCE ROOM

11:30 a.m. UMW Circle 3 & Circle 6 Luncheon HOME OF DIANNE GORDON

1:15 p.m. Disciplines Devotional Bible Study ROOM 200

5:30 p.m. Building Committee Meeting HULL CONFERENCE ROOM

7:00 p.m. Choir Tour Rehearsal ROOM 148

TUESDAY, MAY 17 | PSALM 8

10:00 a.m. UMW Circle 7 Meeting ROOM 100

6:00 p.m. Girls' Spring Volleyball League GYM

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 1 SCOUT HUT

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18 | PROVERBS 8:1-4, 22-31

9:30 a.m. Learn to Walk as Jesus Walked ROOM 229

5:45 p.m. Men's Prayer Group ROOM 226

6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal ROOM 148

The Battle Plan for Prayer ROOM 240

THURSDAY, MAY 19 | PSALM 104:24-35b

Girls' Spring Volleyball League GYM

6:00 p.m. Adult Softball BISHOP PARK

Connect Group (Young Adult) ROOM 222

7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 20 | JOHN 16:12-13

SATURDAY, MAY 21 | John 16:14-15

Mobile Food Pantry SANCTUARY

7:00 a.m. Children's Soccer

9:00 a.m.

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