

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.

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 2018 | \$3,231,864 Amount Given YTD | \$686,575 Goal for March | \$233,452 Amount after 2 Sundays | \$167,605

Attendance on March 18

Total Worship | 1152 8:30 a.m. | 151 9:45 a.m. | 387 11:00 a.m. | 614

Sunday School | 366

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The Worship of God

Palm Sunday commemorates the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem which was celebrated by a large gathering waving palm branches. This day begins the series of observances focusing on the events of Holy Week. This Sunday is also often referred to as Passion Sunday, marking the beginning of the passion or suffering of Jesus leading up to and including the crucifixion.

Gathering

THE PRELUDE

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" | Burkhardt

THE SCRIPTURE

8:30 & 9:45 a.m. | Martha Aenchbacher 11:00 a.m. | Josh Miles Mark 11:1-11 | P. 44 NEW TESTAMENT

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

When Jesus and his disciples were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.' "They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest!" Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Praise & Thanksgiving

*THE PROCESSION OF THE PALM BRANCHES

имн 278 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" | ELLACOMBE

THE MUSIC OF THE CHILDREN

8:30 a.m. | "Wave Palm Branches" | Mark Burrows and "Hosanna to the Son" | Jody Lindh

Sung by the 8:30 a.m. service children and youth

9:45 a.m. | "Hosanna to the Son" | Jody Lindh

Sung by the Lyric and Celebrate Choirs

II:00 a.m. | "Wave Palm Branches" | Mark Burrows
Sung by the 3s, 4s, and Kindergarten choirs and Sunday school children

*THE HYMN

имн 280 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" | st. тнеодигрн Verses 1-3

*THE CALL TO CONFESSION

As we watch the gates open for Jesus' triumphant entry, let us open the gates of our own hearts that we may confess, with all honesty, the sin that resides within.

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Susan Taylor

Almighty God, we confess that we are not so different from those who welcomed Christ into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, yet later shouted 'Crucify him!' or remained silent in the face of injustice. We have betrayed you too, Lord Jesus, by our sins both secret and known. Yet you died for people like us, and you rose on the third day that we might be redeemed. For the sake of Jesus Christ do not hold our sins against us. Forgive us, Steadfast God, and shine your face upon us. Help us to have the same mind as Christ, so we would know your promises; help us to have the same heart as Christ, so we might serve your children; help us to have the same Spirit as Christ, so we might go wherever you lead us. Open our eyes to the power of

Please note
During the 11:00 a.m.
service, children in
Kindergarten through
Grade 2 are invited to exit
the sanctuary during the
hymn to attend Children's
Church on the third floor.

love, shown to us in the unselfish sacrifice of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

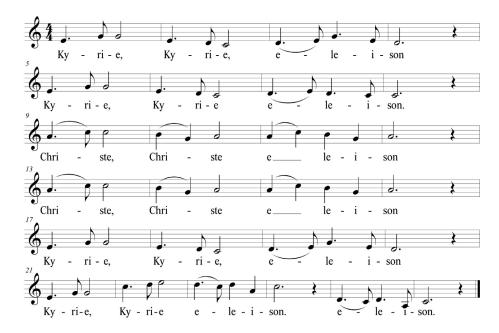
Silent Prayer

*THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Christ has come to save us! Hosanna in the highest!

*THE KYRIE



THE OFFERING AND THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded" | arr. Ric Flauding Orchestra

Proclamation of the Word

THE MESSAGE
Chuck Hodges

Requiem

by Mark Hayes

This music and orchestra have been placed in the choir library and funded to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents by the Jeremiah 29:11 Music Fund.

I. Requiem Aeternam

Requiem aeternam dona eis,
Domine.
Et lux perpetua luceat eis.
Te decet hymnus, Deus, in Sion,
Et tibi redetur votum in Jerusalem
Exaudi orationem meam

Ad te omnis caro veniet.

Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord And let perpetual light shine upon them. A hymn, O God, becometh Thee in Zion And a vow shall be paid to thee in Jerusalem Hear my prayer All flesh shall come before you.

II. Kyrie

Kyrie, eleison! Christe, eleison! Kyrie, eleison! Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

III. Dies Irae

Dies irae, dies illa Solvet saeclum in favilla, Teste David cum Sibylla.

Quantus tremor est futurus, Quando judex est venturus, Cuncta stricte discussurus!

Tuba mirum spargens sonum Per sepulcra regionum, Coget omnes ante thronum.

Mors stupebit et natura, Cum resurget creatura, Judicanti responsura.

Liber scriptus proferetur, In quo totum continetur, Unde mundus judicetur. This day, this day of wrath shall consume the world in ashes, as foretold by David and the Sibyl.

What trembling there will be when the judge shall come to weigh everything strictly!

The trumpet, scattering its awful sound across the graves of all lands summons all before the throne.

Death and nature shall be stunned when mankind arises to render account before the judge.

The written book shall be brought in which all is contained whereby the world shall be judged Judex ergo cum sedebit, Quid-quid latet apparebit. Nil inultum remanebit.

Quid sum miser tunc dicturus? Quem patronum rogaturus, Cum vix justus sit securus?

Rex tremendae majestatus qui salvandos salvas gratis salva me, fons pietatis

Recordare, Jesu pie, Quod sum causa tuae viae: Ne me perdas illa die.

Quaerens me, sedisti lassus; Redemisti crucem passus; Tantus labor non sit cassus.

Juste Judex ultionis, Donum fac remissionis Ante diem rationis.

Ingemisco tanquam reus, Culpa rubet vultus meus; Supplicanti parce, Deus.

Qui Mariam absolvisti, Et latronem exaudisti, Mihi quoque spem dedisti.

Preces meae non sunt dignae, Sed tu, bonus, fac benigne, Ne perenni cremer igne.

Inter oves locum praesta, Et ab haedis me sequestra, Statuens in parte dextra.

Confutatis maledictis, Flammis acribus addictis, Voca me cum benedictus. When the judge takes his seat all that is hidden shall appear: nothing will remain unavenged.

What shall I, a wretch, say then? To which protector shall I appeal when even the just man is barely safe?

King of awful majesty,
You freely save those worthy of salvation,
save me, fount of pity.

Remember, gentle Jesus that I am the reason for your time on earth; do not cast me out on that day.

Seeking me, you sank down wearily, you saved me by enduring the cross, such travail must not be in vain.

Righteous judge of vengeance, award the gift of forgiveness before the day of reckoning.

I groan as one guilty, my face blushes with guilt; spare the suppliant, O God.

Thou who didsn't absolve Mary [Magdalen] and heard the prayer of the thief hast given me hope, too.

My prayers are not worthy,
but Thou, O good one, show mercy,
lest I burn in everlasting fire,

Give me a place among the sheep, and separate me from the goats, placing me on Thy right hand.

When the damned are confounded and consigned to keen flames, call me with the blessed.

Flute Bartholow

Lisa Bartholow Rachel Anders

Oboe

Amelia Merriman

ClarinetGreg Hamilton

Bassoon

Amy Pollard

Violin I

Rachael Fischer J.P. Brien-Slack Sally Gardner-Wilson

Violin II

Serena Scibelli Courtney Daglis Nicole Valerioti

Viola

Christopher Williams Wesley Hamilton

Cello

Ana Abrantes Eunice Kang

Bass

Luca Lombardi

Trumpet

Brandon Craswell

Horn Peter Riggs

Andrew Sehmann

Tuba

David Zerkel

Percussion/Timpani

Tim Adams Trevor Barroero

Harp

Lauren Hemerlein

Oro supplex et acclinis, Cor contritum quasi cinis, Gere curam mei finis.

Lacrimosa dies illa, Qua resurget ex favilla Judicandus homo reus.

Huic ergo parce, Deus: Pie Jesu Domine: Dona eis requiem. Amen.

IV. Sanctus

Sanctus, sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth!
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis!

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domine.

Hosanna in excelsis!

V. Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis pecata mundi dona eis requiem. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem sempitername.

VI. Lux Aeterna

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine, cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es.

Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis. I pray, suppliant and kneeling, a heart as contrite as ashes; take Thou my ending into Thy care.

That day is one of weeping, on which shall rise again from the ashes the guilty man, to be judged.

Therefore spare this one, O God, merciful Lord Jesus:
Give them rest. Amen.

Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of hosts!
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant them eternal rest.

Let everlasting light shine upon them, Lord, with Thy saints for ever, for Thou art merciful.

Grant them eternal rest, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Sending Forth

*THE BLESSING

We have gathered with the crowds crying Hosanna!

Because even if we were silent the stones themselves would have called out.

We have shared the hope for a world about to be changed, and then it changed.

We have walked with another crowd,

One that called words of scorn and condemnation.

And now we follow the crowd as it leads out to the cross, and yet even as the world grows dark, we cannot lose hope.

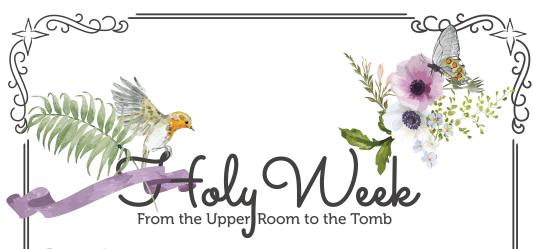
Because God is with us. God will be with us. Whatever happens. We are not alone.

And so we watch the crowd and we follow...

*THE POSTLUDE

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded" | Burkhardt

The Steeple



Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 25 | 8:30, 9:45, & 11:00 a.m.

On Palm Sunday, the Children's Music Ministry and Sunday school will lead us in the procession of the palms. The Sanctuary Choir will present Mark Hayes "Requiem" in all three worship services. Accompanied by a full orchestra, the requiem is a mass setting for the departed. It is one of the most beautiful and expressive settings and is of very ancient origin. The title is taken from the first line of the piece translated as "rest eternal."

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 29 | 6:30 p.m.

On Maundy Thursday, we will commemorate the last supper of Jesus with his disciples by observing a service of Holy Communion followed by a service of Tenebrae, which will include the stripping of the altar and the extinguishing of light. We invite children to take communion with their families before exiting the sanctuary and going to the chapel for an age-appropriate experience of Jesus' last week on earth. Childcare will be available for children age 4 and under.

Good Friday
Friday, March 30 | 12:00 p.m.

On Good Friday, we will take time to remember and reflect on the crucifixion of Jesus in a service that features the reading of the passion narrative and a musical interpretation of the Passion. Music will be provided by the Collegium Musicum ensemble from the University of Georgia. Childcare will be available for children age 4 and under.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 1 | *6:30, 8:30, 9:45, & 11:00 a.m.

*Evergreen Memorial Park

Youth from our Student Ministry and Wesleyan Youth Choir will lead worship at a sunrise service at Evergreen Memorial Park. On Easter morning in the sanctuary, we will celebrate our Risen Lord with special music from the Sanctuary Choir and a brass ensemble.



In Memoriam

Charlotte Blume March 13, 2018

Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Charlotte Blume.

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Sissy Moore in the loss of her mother, Paddy Carley, on March 13.

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Cecilia Hyers in the loss of her father, Cleve Hyers, on March 16.

New Members

On March 18, we welcomed Mary Catherine, Douglas, Caldwell, and Jack Tuttle; Ben, Bianca, Ben Jr., and Hughes Douglas; Tripp West; Betty Hoyt; Steve and Barbara Andrews; and Carey, Tracy, and Caelan Byrd to the Athens First United Methodist Church family.

Wednesday Night Meals

The meal on Wednesday, March 28, is provided by Fresh Air BBQ. Join us for barbecue pork sandwich, macaroni and cheese, Brunswick stew, slaw, and chips. Order your meal online or by calling the church office by Tuesday at noon. For more information, contact Cindy.

Register | athensfirstumc.org/registration Cindy McKoy | cindy@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442



GriefShare

Join us Wednesday, March 28, as we become aware of an often-overlooked reason that grief is so painful. We meet each Wednesday from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in room 100. Please register online so that we will have materials prepared for you. There is a \$20 fee to pay for your workbook. Learn more | athensfirstumc.org/griefshare

Martha Aenchbacher | martha@athensfirstumc.org



Music and Arts Week

Kids currently in grades K-4 are invited to join us June 12-14 for three fun-filled days of music-making, creating, and playing. This year's theme is "Made for Praise." We'll be learning to praise God through playing instruments like ukulele, recorder, Orff instruments, and a junkyard jam-band. The cost is \$35 per student until April 30 and \$45 per student starting May 1.

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



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School creates memories that we hold for a lifetime. Please plan to bring your children, grandchildren, or neighbors, and join a team that makes memories from June 4-7. VBS is for children who turned three by September 1, 2017, through those who have completed fourth grade. We will also have opportunities for fifth graders, youth, and adults! Start your summer with a big splash—registration is now open!

Learn More | athensfirstumc.org/vbs Robin Stewart | robin@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442 Shannon Dupree | shannondupreevbs@gmail.com



Spring Service Day | April 14

Save the date for our Spring Service Day, previously known as the Great Day of Service. We will spend the morning working on service projects. If you are interested in serving with us by gardening, cleaning, assembling healthcare kits, or construction, please contact Betsy or Sarah Beth.

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

Sarah Beth Barger | sarahbeth@athensfirstumc.org

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Learn more | athensfirstumc.org/springserviceday



Celebration Brunch | April 15

Join us in Hancock Hall in celebration of a year of service and missions! Guests are invited to bid on baskets in the silent Basket Auction. All proceeds will help to support children in need from our community. Join our efforts by making a basket or volunteering at the brunch.

For more information about volunteering or creating a basket, contact Sarah Beth Barger.

Sarah Beth Barger | sarahbeth@athensfirstumc.org Learn more | athensfirstumc.org/brunchandbasket

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 31 4:00 p.m.

Join us on at the home of Carey and Stacy Stephens! If you would like to donate eggs, please drop them off in the Galleria today.

Location

379 Westview Drive, Athens, GA 30606

Contact Katie Elder

katie@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442



Weekday Preschool Summer Camps

Our Weekday Preschool is offering two weeks of Summer Camp. Camps run Monday through Friday from 8:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The cost is \$115 per child and is open to children age 2 (on or before December 31, 2017) to children who just completed Pre-K. The registration deadline is April 20. Early bird and sibling discounts are available.

Learn More | athensfirstumc.org/summercamps Susan Brodrick | preschool@athensfirstumc.org 706-543-2427



Youth Service Week - Athens

ONE Student Ministries will be participating in our second Youth Service Week-Athens this June for students in grades 7-12. Youth Service Week begins on Tuesday morning, June 26, and ends on Saturday morning, June 30. The primary goal of Youth Service Week is to have our youth more engaged with their community from a Christ-like perspective. We will pursue that goal through service projects, outreach, and visits to our neighbors in the Athens community. This will be a joy-filled week of discipleship!

Registration will close on Sunday, May 6, at 11:55 p.m. For planning purposes, the sooner you register the better! Please visit our webpage for more information and to register.

Register | athensfirstumc.org/youthserviceweek

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Save the Date

Save the date for our Children's Consignment Sale! We will kick off on August 9 with our consignor and volunteer preview sale. On August 10 and 11, we will open our sale to everyone!



Recreation Sports Summer Camps

Registration is now open for recreation sports camps for summer 2018! We have three different opportunities for our Junior Jam basketball camps for ages 4 – 10. We also have two opportunities for our volleyball camp for grades 5 – 12. These camps are a great opportunity to build athletic skills while growing in Christ. For more information about dates and registration, check online or contact Rusty Wood. Rusty Wood | rusty@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442 Learn more | athensfirstumc.org/recreationcamps

This Week

8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m.	SUNDAY, MARCH 25 MARK II:I-II Worship Service SANCTUARY Preschool Nursery FIRST FLOOR Fun Gym GYM Worship Service SANCTUARY Adult Sunday School SECOND FLOOR AND SAYE BUILDING Preschool Nursery & Sunday School FIRST FLOOR Youth Sunday School: First Word YOUTH AREA ROUTE 56:Fuel ROOM 120 Elementary Sunday School: Holy Ground CHAPEL
	Kindergarten Sunday School: City on a Hill ROOM 311 & 313
10:00 a.m.	Sack Lunch Ministry HULL STREET ENTRANCE
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service SANCTUARY
12.00	Preschool Nursery FIRST FLOOR
12:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	S.A.L.T. Meeting ROOM 124 Cub Scout Pack 1 Meeting HANCOCK HALL
4:30 p.m.	Carillons Ringers ROOM 150
4.30 p.iii.	Connect & Grow Group JOHN WESLEY PARLOR
	Wesleyan Youth Choir Rehearsal ROOM 145
	Route 56 Open Road & Octane ROOM 120
5:45 p.m.	Encounter
6:30 p.m.	Youth Financial Peace University ROOM 100
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11:30 a.m. 1:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	MONDAY, MARCH 26 ISAIAH 42:I-9 Circle 5 Meeting HULL CONFERENCE ROOM Disciplines Devotional Bible Study ROOM 200 Staff-Parish Relations Committee HULL CONFERENCE ROOM Evening Community Bible Study HANCOCK HALL
8:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	TUESDAY, MARCH 27 JOHN 12:20-36 Community Bible Study Leaders Council Wesley Leadership Meeting HULL CONFERENCE ROOM Pickleball GYM Fashion Fitness ROOM 120 Boy Scouts Troop 1 SCOUT HUT

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28 | PSALM 70

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study ROOM 222

10:00 a.m. GriefShare ROOM 100

4:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry ROOM 200

Celebrate Worship Arts | Grades 3 & 4 ROOM 301

Lyric Choir | Grades 1 & 2 ROOM 151

Music Explorers ROOM 314

Dance | Ages 4-5 ROOM 145

4:45 p.m. Early Book Group ROOM 224

5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Meal HANCOCK HALL

Route 56: GPS ROOM 120

5:10 p.m. Celebrate Choir | Grades 3 & 4 ROOM 151

5:15 p.m. Joy Choir | Kindergarten ROOM 320

Sonshine Choir | Age 4 ROOM 325

5:20 p.m. Lyric Worship Arts | Grades 1 & 2 ROOM 301

Music Explorers ROOM 314

Dance | Age 3 ROOM 145

5:30 p.m. Lenten Discipleship CHAPEL

6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study: Engage ROOM 119

6:30 p.m. Later Book Group ROOM 247

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal SANCTUARY

The Way of Blessedness | Lenten Study ROOM 200

8:00 p.m. Chamber Ensemble Rehearsal ROOM 148

THURSDAY, MARCH 29 | John 13:1-17

9:30 a.m. Community Bible Study HANCOCK HALL

1:30 p.m. Pickleball GYM

4:00 p.m. The Kaleidoscope Project ROOMS 114, 120, AND 125

5:00 p.m. Souper Suppers HANCOCK HALL

5:30 p.m. Fashion Fitness ROOM 120

6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service SANCTUARY

8:30 p.m. Adult Softball BISHOP PARK

FRIDAY, MARCH 30 | John 18:1-19:42

Office Closed

12:00 p.m. Good Friday Service SANCTUARY

SATURDAY, MARCH 31 | MATTHEW 27:57-66

4:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt HOME OF CAREY AND STACY STEPHENS

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