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# ATHENS FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*The Day of Pentecost*

MAY 20, 2018

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

# Welcome

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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 | \$1,175,373

Goal for May | \$236,827

Amount after 1 Sunday | \$89,808

## *Attendance on May 13*

Total Worship | 1,121

8:30 a.m. | 161

9:45 a.m. | 362

11:00 a.m. | 496

Online | 102

Sunday School | 278

## *Contact Us*

Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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# The Worship of God

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8:30 a.m.

## *Flowers*

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charles "Charlie" Lathrop Guyer, III by his family.

## GATHERING SONG

"Surely the Presence of the Lord" | Lanny Wolfe

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;**

**I can feel his mighty power and his grace.**

**I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;**

**surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

## INVOCATION

Betsy Butler

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

UMH 57 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" | AZMON

## \*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.**

## \*GLORIA PATRI

UMH 71 "Glory Be to the Father"

**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.**

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Robin Stewart

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

Martha Aenchbacher

**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.**

## OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Revive Us Again" | William P. Mackay

### *Anthem Lyrics*

We praise you, oh God,  
for the Son of your love,  
for Jesus, who died and  
is now gone above. We  
praise you, oh God, for  
your Spirit of Light, who  
has shown us our Savior  
and scattered our night.  
Hallelujah, thine the  
glory. Hallelujah, amen.  
Hallelujah, thine the glory.  
Revive us again. Revive us  
again, fill our hearts with  
Your love, may our souls  
be rekindled with fire  
from above.

## \*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" | 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.**

## SERMON

"The Way Forward" | Chuck Hodges

## RESPONSE

"One Voice" | Ruth Moody

This is the sound of one voice - one spirit, one voice;  
the sound of one who makes a choice.

This is the sound of one voice. This is the sound of one voice.

This is the sound of voices two - the sound of me singing with you;  
helping each other to make it through.

This is the sound of voices two. This is the sound of voices two.

This is the sound of voices three - singing together in harmony;  
surrendering to the mystery.

This is the sound of voices three. This is the sound of voices three.

**This is the sound of all of us - singing with love and the will to trust.  
Leave the rest behind; it will turn to dust.**

**This is the sound of all of us. This is the sound of all of us.**

This is the sound of one voice - one people, one voice;  
a song for every one of us.

This is the sound of one voice. This is the sound of one voice.

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Here and now, God's Spirit is at work. The Spirit nurtures us around this table made for sharing. Through our communion with Christ and with one another, we are being made new. Let us pray.

**God of new beginnings, because you come among us to make us whole, we approach your table with delight and expectation: glad to be comforted, ready to be challenged, knowing your generous love for all. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Creator God, like a still, small voice you have made your presence felt to prophets and healers, to a people in exile, to those gathered together on the day of Pentecost. In the life of Jesus your healing touch was felt and all were made welcome. Undeterred by death, you revived those who looked for you, and offered the gift of your Spirit as your eternal, supporting presence.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

We celebrate these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ. As we remember Christ's offering for us through this Holy Sacrament, we live out the mystery of our faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Loving God, who in Jesus Christ gives us our salvation, consecrate by your Holy Spirit these elements of Holy Communion. Bless us as we receive them this day that we may be your faithful people. In our Risen Savior's name we pray. **Amen.**

## Receiving of the Elements

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

## Music During Holy Communion

"O Spirit of the Living God" | Audrey Assad

### *Song Lyrics*

The text for this song can  
be found on page 539 of  
the UM Hymnal.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Creative God, revealed to us in many ways, we thank you for your transforming love and for the gift of your Holy Spirit. May we see you in all we meet, so that the gifts we recognize in each other draw us closer into community. Amen.**

## \*CLOSING HYMN

UMH 540 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" | ST. THOMAS

## \*BLESSING

## \*POSTLUDE

"Revive Us Again" | Traditional

# The Worship of God

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9:45 &  
11:00 a.m.

## *Gathering*

### THE PRELUDE

“Come Down, O Love Divine” | arr. Stoldt  
*Yanbin Chen, trumpet*

### THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“O Hail This Joyful Day” | Christopher Tye  
*Sung by the Chamber Ensemble*

#### *Flowers*

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charles “Charlie” Lathrop Guyer, III by his family.

## *Praise & Thanksgiving*

### \*THE LITANY FOR PENTECOST

9:45 a.m. | Betsy Butler

11:00 a.m. | Josh Miles

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 PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

UMH 539 "O Spirit of the Living God" | FOREST GREEN

**\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | 9:45 a.m.**

Tinley Jane Bates, daughter of Alicia and Patrick Bates

**Tinley, Tinley, 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. Tinley, Tinley, 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**

9:45 a.m. | Martha Aenchbacher

11:00 a.m. | Susan Taylor

**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.**



## *Proclamation of the Word*

### THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | 11:00 a.m.

Robin Stewart

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.

### THE OFFERING AND THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" | Mack Wilberg

*Sung by the Sanctuary Choir with the Brass Ensemble*

#### *Anthem Lyrics*

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

### \*THE DOXOLOGY

UMH 94 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" | LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**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 SERMON

"The Way Forward" | Chuck Hodges

## *Response to the Word*

### \*THE HYMN

UMH 549 "Where Charity and Love Prevail" | ST. ANNE

## *Sending Forth*

### \*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

"Toccata" | Charles-Marie Widor

## Children's Consignment Sale



**August 10** 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. & 3:00–7:00 p.m.

**August 11** 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

**{ August 9 4:00–7:00 p.m. }**  
Preview Sale for volunteers and consignors

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

1. Donate your gently used children's items.
2. Register to be a consignor.
3. Attend Tagging Tuesdays beginning in July to help sort and tag clothes.
4. Volunteer to organize, hang, and price clothing in the gym.
5. Volunteer for inventory control, check-out attendants, cashiers, and clean up during the sale.

All volunteers get to shop at the preview sale on Thursday evening, August 9! Proceeds from this year's sale will support foster care efforts in the Athens area. Bring donations to Sarah Beth's office (Room 111). Contact Betsy or Sarah Beth with questions.

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***[athensfirstumc.org/childrensconsignmentsale](http://athensfirstumc.org/childrensconsignmentsale)***

## In Memoriam

Lee Daniel  
May 12, 2018

## Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Faye Chambers in the loss of her husband, and Kym Chambers in the loss of her father, William Chambers, Sr., on May 8.

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Virginia Daniel in the loss of her husband, Lee Daniel, on May 12.



## GriefShare | Begins May 22

This thirteen-week faith-based curriculum features nationally recognized experts on grief and recovery topics. We will meet Tuesdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in room 100, May 22 through August 14. Please register online so that we will have materials prepared for you. There is a \$20 fee to pay for your workbook. You may pay online or in person. Learn more | [athensfirstumc.org/griefshare](http://athensfirstumc.org/griefshare)  
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## Position Opening

We are now accepting applications for the full-time position of Assistant Director of Children's Ministry. Qualified candidates will have demonstrated excellence

in serving in ministry with children and families as well as team building and leadership. The Assistant Director facilitates ministry programming, which includes Sunday mornings and evenings and Wednesday evenings. Additional responsibilities include volunteer organization, event planning, and supervision of childcare workers who support all ministry areas.

Learn more and apply | [athensfirstumc.org/employment](http://athensfirstumc.org/employment)  
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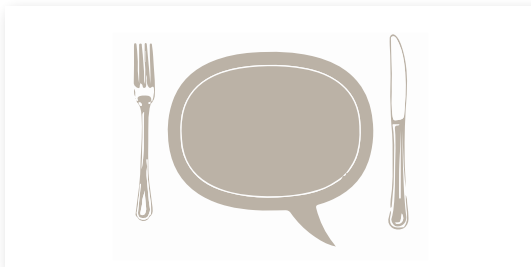


## In Search Of:

Help our VBS Decorating Team create the atmosphere for a Rolling River Rampage by loaning us:

- Artificial Christmas trees
- Rafting accessories like life vests
- Kayaks
- Lanterns
- Other camping decor

Please contact Debbie Willingham for details.  
Debbie Willingham | 404-863-9749



## Senior Fun Luncheon | May 24

This month's luncheon is on Thursday, May 24, at 12:30 p.m. in Hancock Hall. Dr. Michelle Nuss, dean of the Augusta University/University of Georgia Medical campus in Athens, and Dr. Donald Leo, dean of the UGA School of Engineering will lead the program. The luncheon cost is \$6.

All who are over 50 are encouraged to register by calling the church office. Reservations should be placed by 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 23. For more information, please contact Dan Maxey.

Dan Maxey | 706-340-5097

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## Music and Arts Week | June 12-14

REGISTER BY MAY 31 OR UNTIL SPACES ARE FILLED

Music and Arts week is just around the corner! Make sure to register your child who has completed Kindergarten through Grade 4 by May 31. We still need adult and youth volunteers to serve as shepherds, classroom helpers, and provide food. If you are interested in serving, you can complete the volunteer registration form on our website or contact Sarah Lawing directly.

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

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## Summer FUNday School | June & July

Get ready for some FUN during Sunday School in June and July as we merge kids of all ages, kindergarten through grade 12! Our older students may elect to serve in leadership positions each Sunday. Our younger children will have the opportunity to learn by seeing how the big kids do it! Our mornings will include praise and worship,

large and small groups, and games. Plan on a FUN Sunday morning each week! After checking in on KidCheck, drop-off will be in the youth room at 9:45 a.m. Kids can be picked up from the youth room at 10:45 a.m. Stay tuned for more details!

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## Vacation Bible School

REGISTER ONLINE BY MAY 31

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!

Learn More | [athensfirstumc.org/vbs](http://athensfirstumc.org/vbs)

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## Register for Summer Camps

Registration is now open for recreation sports camps for summer 2018! We have Junior Jam basketball camps for ages 4-10 and 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.

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Learn more | [athensfirstumc.org/recreationcamps](http://athensfirstumc.org/recreationcamps)



**SMART  
LUNCH**  
**SMART KID**  
Action Ministries

## Smart Lunch Smart Kids

Join us this summer as our church partners with Action Ministries on Wednesdays to serve lunch in two nearby neighborhoods. This summer program serves kids who normally receive free lunch during the school year. Volunteers from our church will go and meet the children and families on the playground of each neighborhood. While there, we invite children to participate in educational games/activities and sit with them while they enjoy their lunch. It is a wonderful way to share God's love with the children in our community.

Sign up to volunteer | [athensfirstumc.org/missions](http://athensfirstumc.org/missions)

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## Senior Fun Trip | June 21

REGISTER BY MONDAY, MAY 21

On Thursday, June 21, the Senior Fun Group will travel to Flat Rock, North Carolina, to see the play "The Love List" at the North Carolina State Playhouse. The cost of the trip is \$69 per person, which includes tickets to the play, bus transportation, and onboard refreshments. Lunch will be

on your own at the Bay Breeze restaurant. Contact Dan Maxey for more information and to register.

Dan Maxey | 706-340-5097



Join us in  
Hancock Hall  
for worship  
during the  
month of July!

We will have three  
services at 8:30, 9:45,  
and 11:00 led by our  
clergy with hymn-singing  
and music from The Early  
Service Band and friends.

# WESLEYAN YOUTH CHOIR TOUR 2018



CHICAGO, ILLINOIS



Janis Maxwell, Director | Ksenia Kurenysheva, Accompanist

## Home Concert

Friday, June 1 | 3:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

**Sunday, May 27** | Brentwood United Methodist Church | Nashville, TN

**Sunday, May 27** | Nashville Rescue Mission | Nashville, TN

**Monday, May 28** | Magnolia Springs | Indianapolis, IN

**Wednesday, May 30** | First United Methodist Church | Chicago, IL



*"i believe in love"*





# This Week

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## SUNDAY, MAY 20 | ACTS 2:1-11

- 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
- Youth Sunday School: First Word** YOUTH AREA
- Grade 5 & 6 Sunday School: Fuel** ROOM 120
- 10:00 a.m. **Sack Lunch Ministry** HULL STREET ENTRANCE
- 11:00 a.m. **Worship Service** SANCTUARY
- Vacation Bible School Volunteer Training** HANCOCK HALL
- 12:00 p.m. **Preschool Nursery** FIRST FLOOR
- 4:30 p.m. **Carillon Ringers** ROOM 150
- Wesleyan Youth Choir Rehearsal** ROOM 145
- Connect & Grow Group** JOHN WESLEY PARLOR

## MONDAY, MAY 21 | ISAIAH 6:1-8

- 10:00 a.m. **Connect & Grow Women's Group** ROOM 200
- 11:00 a.m. **Circle 1 Meeting** HULL CONFERENCE ROOM
- 11:30 a.m. **Circles 3 and 6 Luncheon** HOME OF DIANNE GORDON
- 5:30 p.m. **Finance Committee Meeting** HULL CONFERENCE ROOM

## TUESDAY, MAY 22 | ISAIAH 6:1-8

- 10:30 a.m. **Prayer Shawl Ministry** PANERA BREAD
- 1:30 p.m. **Pickleball** GYM
- 5:30 p.m. **Circle 4 Meeting** HULL CONFERENCE ROOM
- Fashion Fitness** ROOM 120
- 6:00 p.m. **GriefShare** ROOM 100
- 7:00 p.m. **Boy Scouts Troop 1** SCOUT HUT

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 23 | PSALM 29

- 9:30 a.m. **Wednesday Morning Bible Study** ROOM 222
- 5:30 p.m. **66 Love Letters** JOHN WESLEY PARLOR
- 6:30 p.m. **Connect & Grow Group** ROOM 224
- Later Book Group** ROOM 100
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal** CHOIR ROOM

## THURSDAY, MAY 24 | ROMANS 8:12-14

- 12:30 p.m. **Senior Fun Luncheon** HANCOCK HALL
- 1:30 p.m. **Pickleball** GYM
- 5:30 p.m. **Fashion Fitness** ROOM 120
- 7:00 p.m. **Connect Group | Young Adult** ROOM 222

## FRIDAY, MAY 25 | ROMANS 8:15-17

## SATURDAY, MAY 26 | JOHN 3:1-15

- 8:00 a.m. **Wesleyan Youth Choir Tour**

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