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ATHENS FIRST  
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MAY 27, 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 | \$1,208,194  
Goal for May | \$236,827  
Amount after 2 Sundays | \$122,630

## *Attendance on May 20*

Total Worship | 1,050  
8:30 a.m. | 150  
9:45 a.m. | 362  
11:00 a.m. | 427  
Online | 111  
Sunday School | 318

## *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.

## REMEMBRANCE OF THE FALLEN

Lieutenant Colonel Lee Robinson of the U.S. Army

“Finlandia Hymn” | Sibelius; arr. from *The Hymnal*, 1933

### *Flowers*

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. W.C. Burkhart and Mrs. Catherine Burkhart Healy by Anne Burkhart.

## INVOCATION

Betsy Butler

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

UMH 698 “God of the Ages” | NATIONAL HYMN

## \*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

Katie Elder

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

Josh Miles

**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 your hymnal.

## OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit” | arr. Seth Hendricks and Chris Good

### \*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.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

ROMANS 8:4b-12 COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE

## SERMON

“Developing a Spirit Attitude” | Susan Taylor

## HYMN OF PREPARATION

UMH 393 “Spirit of the Living God” | LIVING GOD

## 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

"Break Us" | Kelley McRae

"Peace Before Us" | David Haas

### \*CLOSING HYMN

**Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ under our feet.**

**Christ within us, Christ over us, let all around us be Christ.**

### \*BLESSING

### \*POSTLUDE

"Postlude on 'Laudate Dominum'" | Williamson

### *Song Lyrics*

When I stand in the presence of a Holy God and I flee and I cover my face, my heart filled with shame, yet you still call my name, and you break me by the power of Your grace. Break us by the power of your grace, O Lord, won't you break us by the power of your grace? Break us, remake us, don't let the sorrow take us; O break us by the power of your grace. When I walk through the evil and strife of the earth and I turn and I cover my eyes, the arms that do violence while our hearts watch in silence—won't you break them by the power of your grace? When my flesh, it shall fail, and my work here is done, and the heavens and earth are remade, though I sowed here in sorrow it will be glorious tomorrow. He'll remake it by the power of His grace!

# The Worship of God

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9:45 &  
11:00 a.m.

## *Gathering*

### *Flowers*

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### THE PRELUDE

“I Am His, and He Is Mine” | Sawyer

*Beth Rector, organ*

### THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE FALLEN

Lieutenant Colonel Lee Robinson of the U.S. Army

“American Anthem”

*Isaiah Feken, soloist; Greg Kirby, piano*

## *Praise & Thanksgiving*

### \*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

UMH 698 “God of Ages” | NATIONAL HYMN

### \*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | The Apostles' Creed

9:45 a.m. | Betsy Butler

11:00 a.m. | Josh Miles

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## *Proclamation of the Word*

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE | 11:00 a.m.

Katie Elder

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

“Be Thou My Vision” | arr. Dan Forrest

**\*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 SCRIPTURE READING

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THE SERMON

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### *Anthem Lyrics*

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## *Response to the Word*

### *Anthem Lyrics*

Blades of grass and pure  
white stones shelter  
those who've come and  
gone. Just below the  
emerald sod are those  
who reached the arms  
of God. Buried here with  
dignity, endless rows  
for all to see. Freedom's  
seeds in sorrow sown,  
'neath blades of grass  
and pure white stones.  
Blades of grass and pure  
white stones cover those  
who left their homes to  
rest in fields, here side  
by side, lest we forget  
their sacrifice.

### \*THE ANTHEM

“Blades of Grass” | Lowell Alexander, arr. Keith Christopher

United States Senator Orrin Hatch wrote the words to “Blades of Grass.”

*Sung by Emma Robertson, Wynter Bishop, Christopher Mason, Marshall Williams*

## *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

“Postlude on ‘Laudate Dominum’” | Williamson



# WESLEYAN YOUTH CHOIR TOUR 2018



CHICAGO, ILLINOIS



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## 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

## Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Austin Suggs in the loss of his father, William Timothy Suggs, on May 20.

## New Arrival

Congratulations to Harris and Jamie Haley on the birth of their daughter, Palmer Jackson, on May 15.

## New Members

On May 20 we welcomed Frank and Irene Seagraves and Dick and Susan Haynes to the Athens First United Methodist Church family.

## Job Position

We are accepting applications for a full-time Assistant Director of Children's Ministry. Candidates should demonstrate 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. Please see our webpage for more details.

Learn more and apply | [athensfirstumc.org/employment](http://athensfirstumc.org/employment)  
Robin Stewart | [robin@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:robin@athensfirstumc.org) | 706-543-1442

## GriefShare

Join us Tuesday, May 29, as we discuss some of the overlooked, yet common, effects grief has on your mind, body, and spirit. GriefShare meets Tuesdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in room 100. Please register online so that we will have materials prepared for you. The cost is \$20. You may pay online or in person.

Learn more | [athensfirstumc.org/griefshare](http://athensfirstumc.org/griefshare)  
Martha Aenchbacher | [martha@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:martha@athensfirstumc.org)

## In Search of:

Help our VBS Decorating Team create the atmosphere for our Rolling River Rampage by loaning us rafting accessories like life vests, artificial Christmas trees, kayaks, lanterns, and other camping decor. Please contact Debbie Willingham for details.

Debbie Willingham | 404-863-9749

## Vacation Bible School | June 4-7

Don't forget that online registration for VBS ends Thursday, May 31. Register today!

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

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## Music and Arts Week | June 12-14

Music and Arts Week is just around the corner! 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, complete the volunteer registration form on our website or contact Sarah Lawing.

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

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## Smart Lunch Smart Kids

Join us this summer as our church partners with Action Ministries on Wednesdays, starting June 13, 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.

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

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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 in kindergarten through grade 12! Our older students may elect to serve in leadership positions each Sunday while the younger children will have the opportunity to learn by seeing how the big kids do it! Mornings will include praise and worship, large and small groups, and games. After checking in on KidCheck, drop-off will be in the youth room at 9:45 a.m., and kids can be picked up from the youth room at 10:45 a.m.

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# This Week

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## SUNDAY, MAY 27 | JOHN 3:16-17

- 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  
**Preschool Nursery** FIRST FLOOR

## MONDAY, MAY 28 | MARK 2:23-28

*Memorial Day—Office is closed*

## TUESDAY, MAY 29 | 2 CORINTHIANS 4:5-6

- 9:00 a.m. **Junior Jam Basketball Camp** GYM
- 10:30 a.m. **Prayer Shawl Ministry** PANERA BREAD
- 1:00 p.m. **Junior Jam Extended Care** GYM
- 1:30 p.m. **Pickleball** GYM
- 5:30 p.m. **Fashion Fitness** ROOM 120
- 6:00 p.m. **GriefShare** ROOM 100
- 7:00 p.m. **Boy Scouts Troop 1** SCOUT HUT

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 30 | PSALM 139:1-6

- 9:00 a.m. **Junior Jam Basketball Camp** GYM
- 9:30 a.m. **Wednesday Morning Bible Study** ROOM 222
- 1:00 p.m. **Junior Jam Extended Care** GYM
- 5:30 p.m. **66 Love Letters** JOHN WESLEY PARLOR
- 6:30 p.m. **Connect & Grow Group** ROOM 224

## THURSDAY, MAY 31 | 1 SAMUEL 3:1-20

- 9:00 a.m. **Junior Jam Basketball Camp** GYM
- 10:00 a.m. **Our Daily Bread** FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
- 1:00 p.m. **Junior Jam Extended Care** GYM
- 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, JUNE 1 | MARK 3:1-6

- 9:00 a.m. **Junior Jam Basketball Camp** GYM
- 1:00 p.m. **Junior Jam Extended Care** GYM
- 3:00 p.m. **WYC Home Concert** HANCOCK HALL

## SATURDAY, JUNE 2 | 2 CORINTHIANS 4:7-12

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