

The background features a stylized graphic design. It consists of several fish-like shapes, each with a simple eye and a curved line for a mouth, rendered in dark grey. These shapes are arranged in a cluster, with some overlapping. A prominent red line forms a large, irregular shape that frames the central text. There are also several solid red circles of varying sizes scattered throughout the design, including one in the top left and one in the bottom right.

ATHENS FIRST  
UNITED  
METHODIST  
CHURCH

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November 6, 2016  
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.

## *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 the 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 | \$2,586,462  
Goal for October | \$208,494  
Amount after 4 Sundays | \$247,760

## *Attendance on October 30*

Total Worship | 864  
8:30 a.m. | 155  
9:45 a.m. | 282  
11:00 a.m. | 325  
Online | 102  
Sunday School | 448

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# The Worship of God

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8:30 a.m.

## THE PRELUDE

“Song of the Saints” | Gatlin Elms

### *Flowers*

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Bob) E. Poss, Jr. by their family.

The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. Bruce Armstrong by his daughter Mary Stone.

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Betsy Butler

PSALM 121 | P. 539 OLD TESTAMENT

## \*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Do Lord” | Traditional Spiritual

**I've got a home in gloryland that outshines the sun. I've got a home in gloryland that outshines the sun. I've got a home in gloryland that outshines the sun, way beyond the blue.**

**Do Lord, O, do Lord, O do remember me, do Lord, O, do Lord, O do remember me, do Lord, O, do Lord, O do remember me, way beyond the blue.**

## \*THE LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS

God of the ages, we praise you for all your servants, who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God.

**For apostles and martyrs and saints of every time and place, who in life and death have witnessed to your truth, we praise you, O God.**

For all your servants who have faithfully served you, witnessed bravely, and died in faith.

**For those witnesses who are still shining lights in the world, we praise you, O God.**

For those we have known and loved; for teachers and colleagues and friends, for parents and grandparents, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters,

**For all who by their faithful obedience and steadfast hope have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, we praise you, O God.**

We thank you for the truth they learned and passed on to us: that it is by giving that we shall receive; it is by becoming weak that we shall be strong; it is by loving others that we shall be loved; it is by offering ourselves that the kingdom will unfold; it is by dying that we shall inherit life everlasting.

**Keep us grateful for their witness, and, like them, eager to follow in the way of Christ. Then at last, bring us together to share in the inheritance of the saints in light, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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 PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Robin Stewart

*Anthem Lyrics*

September sunlight  
through the clouds; arms  
outstretched, the North,  
the South; the pavement  
pacing with your shoes.

Racing the shadows of  
the trees dancing cover  
from the heat. Someone  
is looking out for you.

You've come so far, how  
far you've come. Go the  
distance into the arms  
where you belong. Love  
will bring you home. We

are hard-pressed on  
every side. We persevere  
through valleys wide. He  
will not cause your foot  
to slip. He sets the wind  
against your back. The  
finish near, it is not yet.

Thanksgiving ever on your  
lips. The bridegroom sun  
runs across the sky. With

legs so strong, he runs  
to meet his bride with  
every sunrise. You are

my portion and my cup  
poured out for me. You fill  
me up. With oil You have

anointed me. And as I run,  
I want to rest, to feel Your  
peace within my chest like  
Mary sitting at Your feet.

**\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE**

TFWS 2283 "For All the Saints" | O WALY WALY

**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.**

**THE OFFERING AND THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

"Love Will Bring You Home" | Sandra McCracken

**\*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**

I CORINTHIANS 1:1-8 | P. 155 NEW TESTAMENT

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE SERMON**

"Calling the Saints" | Martha Aenchbacher

**\* THE REMEMBERING OF THE SAINTS**

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|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Jeff Bell                   | Harold "Hal" McAdams |
| Willa Dean Birchmore        | Charlotte McNeil     |
| Charles Braucher, Sr.       | Mary Michel          |
| Barbara Carson              | Billy Slaughter      |
| Laura Doster-Holbrook Chase | Alwyn "A.B." Stiles  |
| Mary Folsom                 | Anne Tabor           |
| Charles Grimes              | Al Thompson          |
| Marguerite Heery            | Eleanor Vezey        |
| Rowena Jones                | Ruth Waggoner        |
| Wade Lawhorn                | Carolyn Weatherford  |

*Anthem Lyrics*

God is my shepherd, I won't be wanting. He makes me rest in fields of green with quiet streams. Even though I walk through the valley of death and dying I will not fear, for you are with me. You're always with me. Your shepherd's staff comforts me. You are my feast in the presence of enemy. Surely goodness will follow me in the house of God, forever.

**THE ANTHEM**

"House of God, Forever" | Jon Foreman; arr. David Wilton

**THE PRAYER**

**Almighty God, your people of all the ages live and praise you without ceasing. In our communion with you, we have communion with generations past and generations yet unborn. Before your throne, we are one with a great multitude which no one could number, and in praising you we join with people from every nation. Grant to your church on earth that, as we celebrate the triumph of your saints in glory, we may profit by their example and enter with them into the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*THE CLOSING SONG**

"We Will Feast in the House of Zion" | Sandra McCracken & Joshua Moore

The musical notation is written on three staves in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our hearts re - stored. He has done great things. We will say to - ge - ther we will feast and weep no more." The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

**\* THE BLESSING**

**\* THE POSTLUDE**

"O God Beyond All Praising" | Holst

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## Gathering

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### *Song Lyrics Translation*

May light eternal shine  
upon them, O Lord, with  
thy saints forever, for  
thou art merciful. Grant  
them eternal rest, and let  
perpetual light shine  
upon them. Amen.

### THE PRELUDE

“Jesus Christ, Our Savior” | Fedak

### THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“Lux Aeterna” | Brian Schmidt

*Sung by the Sanctuary Choir*

## Praise & Thanksgiving

### \*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

711 “For All the Saints” | SINE NOMINE

Verses 1-4

### \*THE LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS

Betsy Butler

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**\*THE HYMN**

711 “For All the Saints” | SINE NOMINE

Verses 5-6

**\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**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*

Rise, oh fathers, rise, let’s go meet ‘em in the skies, we will hear the angels singing in that morning. Oh I really do believe that just before the end of time, we will hear the angels singing in that morning. Rise, oh mothers, rise, let’s go meet ‘em in the skies, we will hear the angels singing in that morning. Oh I really do believe that just before the end of time, we will hear the angels singing in that morning. No time to tarry here, no time to wait for you, no time to tarry here, for I’m on my journey home. Brothers, oh, fare ye well, brothers, oh, fare ye well, brothers, oh, fare ye well, for I’m on my journey home. Sisters, oh, fare ye well, sisters, oh, fare ye well, sisters, oh, fare ye well, for I’m on my journey home. No time to tarry here, no time to wait for you, no time to tarry here, for I’m on my journey home.

**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.

*Proclamation of the Word*

**THE OFFERING AND THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

“No Time” | Susan Brumfield

*Sung by the Sanctuary Choir*

**\*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.**

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# Response to the Word

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Willa Dean Birchmore	Charlotte McNeil
Charles Braucher, Sr.	Mary Michel
Barbara Carson	Billy Slaughter
Laura Doster-Holbrook Chase	Alwyn "A.B." Stiles
Mary Folsom	Anne Tabor
Charles Grimes	Al Thompson
Marguerite Heery	Eleanor Vezey
Rowena Jones	Ruth Waggoner
Wade Lawhorn	Carolyn Weatherford

### *Anthem Lyrics*

There is an hour of hallowed peace, for those with cares oppressed, when sighs and sorrows then shall cease, and all be hushed to rest. 'Tis then the soul is freed from fears and doubts, which here annoy; then they, who oft have sown in tears, shall reap again in joy. There is a home of sweet repose, where storms assail no more; the stream of endless pleasure flows, on that celestial shore: there, purity with love appears and bliss without alloy; there, they, who oft have sown in tears, shall reap again in joy.

## \* THE ANTHEM

“An Hour of Hallowed Peace” | Steve Danyew

This anthem has been placed in the choir library to the glory of God and in memory of Roger Nagy, Mary Lee and Richard Bivin, and David Bivin by Lynne Nagy, Deb and Jay Dunham, and David Wilmoth.

## THE PRAYER

**Almighty God, your people of all the ages live and praise you without ceasing. In our communion with you, we have communion with generations past and generations yet unborn. Before your throne, we are one with a great multitude which no one could number, and in praising you we join with people from every nation. Grant to your church on earth that, as we celebrate the triumph of your saints in glory, we may profit by their example and enter with them into the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



# *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**

“O God Beyond All Praising” | Holst

## All Saints' Sunday

Today we celebrate All Saints' Day, when we remember and honor those saints who have gone before us. We will light a candle and ring a bell for those in our congregation who have passed away since this day last year.



*Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son, Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.*

## In Memoriam

Eleanor Vezey  
October 29, 2016

## Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Amber Hutton and her family in the loss of her mother, Margie Brown, on October 23.

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Dwight Freshley and his family in the loss of his son, Douglas Freshley, on October 25.

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Marion Montgomery and his family in the loss of his mother, Dorothy Montgomery, on October 28.

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to the friends and family of Eleanor Vezey, who passed away on October 29.

## New Arrival

Congratulations to Lauren and Wesley Belcher on the birth of their son, Pearson Phillip, on October 25. Pearson is the grandson of Gayle and Phillip Blount.

## Wednesday Night Meals

The meal on Wednesday, November 9, is Taziki's Mediterranean Café. Join us for chicken roll ups, fruit, cookie, and chips. Advance dinner orders are required. Order your meal online or by calling the church office by Tuesday at noon. Take-out boxes will be available. You and your family, friends, and/or small group are invited and encouraged to eat and spend time together in Hancock Hall. For more information, contact Beth. If you have trouble ordering online, church staff can help you order your meal. Volunteers are needed to assist with clean-up after the meal each week from 6:30-7:00 p.m. Volunteers eat free. Register to volunteer online.

Learn more | [athensfirstumc.org/wednesdaynightmeals](http://athensfirstumc.org/wednesdaynightmeals)  
Beth Dickinson | [beth@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:beth@athensfirstumc.org) | 706-543-1442

## College Care Packages

Today is the final day to bring items for the college care packages. You can drop off shopping list items and empty

shoe boxes in marked collection bins in the youth hallway. Please stick to bringing in these items on the shopping list: cookies, candy, granola bars, pop-tarts, bags of ground coffee, boxes of tea, ballpoint pens, mechanical pencils, sticky notes, highlighters, and index cards.

If you would like your college student to receive a care package, please email the name and school address of your student to Laney Jones this morning. Be sure to include if your student has any special dietary needs and/or allergies. Laney Jones | [laney@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:laney@athensfirstumc.org) | 706-543-1442

## Chuck Strong

We still have a few #ChuckStrong t-shirts available for purchase. Shirts are heather gray with lime green print. We have adult small and medium. Shirts are \$10 and you may pay with cash or check at the reception desk.

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

## Senior Fun Luncheon

Join us for a special Senior Fun Veterans Thanksgiving luncheon on Tuesday, November 8, at 12:30 p.m. in Hancock Hall. In honor of Veterans Day, the message will be given by Lieutenant Colonel Bud Kinney, president of the Athens Military Officers Association, who commanded infantry and cavalry in the Korean Demilitarized Zone, Panama Invasion, and Iraq. He is a graduate of the Armor Officers Advanced Course, Psychological Warfare School, and Army Command and General Staff College. He is the recipient of 26 awards and decorations including the Legion of Merit medal and the Meritorious Service Medal. He is a past chairman of the deacons at Beech Haven Baptist Church. Isaiah Feken will provide musical entertainment. The cost of lunch is \$6. Please make your reservations by 11:00 a.m. on Monday, November 7, by calling the church office.

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

## Hunger Bowl 2016

Our church is teaming up with the Northeast Georgia Food Bank by participating in the 2016 Hunger Bowl. This is a community-wide competition to collect food to be distributed in our community throughout the holiday season! We will collect canned goods until Friday,

November 11. Bring your canned foods to the church to help us win this friendly competition, and help to feed those in need this holiday season! Donations may be dropped off in any of the barrels located throughout the church labeled 2016 Hunger Bowl.

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Mary Claire Wills | [maryclaire@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:maryclaire@athensfirstumc.org)

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## Children's Basketball

Late registration is available through Friday, November 11, for our Children's Basketball league! If you haven't registered your child, you still have time. Our Children's Basketball League runs from late October through early March and is open to children ages 4-10. Along with learning the game of basketball and building athletic skills, we look forward to families, teams, and coaches growing together in their knowledge of Christ!

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

Rusty Wood | [rusty@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:rusty@athensfirstumc.org) | 706-543-1442

## Surviving the Holidays

Surviving the Holidays is a helpful, encouraging seminar from GriefShare for people facing the holidays after the death of a loved one. The seminar features video interviews with counselors, grief experts, and others who offer practical and honest suggestions about a variety of topics, including what to do about traditions and other changes, being prepared for surprising emotions that may hit over the holidays, how to handle potentially awkward moments. Those who attend will receive a Survival Guide filled with practical tips, encouraging words, journaling ideas, and exercises to help during the holiday season. This seminar will be facilitated by Erica Cooper, Bereavement Coordinator at Gentiva Hospice. Please join us on Sunday, November 13, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Hancock Hall. There is no cost, but we ask that you register so that we can adequately plan.

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

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## Charge Conference | November 14

We hope you can attend Charge Conference on Monday, November 14, at 6:30 p.m. in Hancock Hall. Come early for refreshments and fellowship.

## Ingathering

Thanksgiving Ingathering is coming up soon, and ONE Student Ministries needs your help! Thanksgiving Ingathering is a time to spread the love of Christ during a season of abundance and blessing. On Sunday, November 20, teams of youth and adult leaders will deliver all of the fixings for Thanksgiving meals to families in need in the Athens area. In order to prepare these meals, food items are being collected in the youth area. Please visit our webpage to find out what items we are collecting and how you can help.

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

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## Calling All Military Families

Within our church family are military families—mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, and cousins who have a family member who is actively serving in our military. The Congregational Care Ministry would like to extend our care to these families. We have identified 20 military families in our own church family. We have displayed their photos in the library hallway so that we will know who these families are. Is someone in your family serving in the military? We would like to add you to the rolls of our Military Family Hall of Fame. We want to salute you and your families—let us join you in this gift you are giving to protect our freedoms. Contact the church office or Carole Langley to update our Military Hall of Fame.

Church office | 706-543-1442

Carole Langley | [langleycarolelangley@charter.net](mailto:langleycarolelangley@charter.net)

## Advent Bible Studies

We will offer two Bible studies during the Advent Season this year. The first, *Sacred Space*, is a daily prayer guide for the advent season that invites readers to develop a closer relationship with God during this season of preparation and anticipation for the birth of Jesus. *Sacred Space* will begin on Wednesday, November 30, from 6:45-7:45 p.m. in the John Wesley Parlor. The cost is \$2 and the class is only three weeks long. Books are also available for your personal devotional use. Please pick up a book at the reception desk

The second study, *Awaiting the Already*, is an advent journey through the four Gospels. Each gospel, in its own way, leads us on the Advent journey of preparation for Christ's

coming. Discover what parts of the Christmas story come from which Gospel, and uncover Advent's tension between the past and the future within your own life. This study is offered on two different days starting on Sunday, November 27, from 4:45-5:45 p.m. in room 222 and Wednesday, November 30, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in room 222. This is only a three-week study, and each meeting will last one hour. The cost is \$9. Please pick up a book at the reception desk and read the first chapter before the first meeting. Register | [athensfirstumc.org/registration](http://athensfirstumc.org/registration)  
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## GriefShare

GriefShare groups are taking place at our church! This faith-based curriculum features nationally recognized experts on grief and recovery topics. We welcome Erica Cooper, bereavement coordinator of Gentiva Hospice, who is facilitating both groups in Room 100. Groups will meet through the week of December 12, with a break for Thanksgiving. The Monday group meets at 6:30 p.m. and the Wednesday group meets at 10:00 a.m. New participants are welcome to join at any time; each lesson is "self-contained," so you do not need to attend in sequence. There is no cost to join a GriefShare group, but we ask that you register so that we can have enough materials prepared. Please contact Martha Aenchbacher for more information. Learn More | [athensfirstumc.org/griefshare](http://athensfirstumc.org/griefshare)  
Martha Aenchbacher | [martha@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:martha@athensfirstumc.org)

## Advent Family Breakfast

Come help us light up the season at the Advent Family Breakfast and Worship Service on Sunday, November 27, in Hancock Hall. This is a special time designed to engage the hearts and minds of all ages as we look toward Christmas. Enjoy a pancake breakfast including pancakes with toppings, bacon, eggs, and fruit from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. After breakfast, experience an interactive worship service together at 9:45 a.m. Please register online for the pancake breakfast to facilitate planning and preparation. Register | [athensfirstumc.org/familyevents](http://athensfirstumc.org/familyevents)  
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## Wesley Heritage Tour

Are you interested in spending 12 days in England following the footsteps of John and Charles Wesley? Join Stephen Mitchell and Chuck Hodges on the Wesley Heritage Tour of England. The trip will include visits to Charterhouse; Wesley's Chapel; the Methodist Central Hall in London; Christ Church, Oxford University; Epworth; the New Room in Bristol; Blenheim Palace; and the city of Lincoln. Included in the price is accommodations in superior four-star hotels, all breakfasts, five dinners, round trip airfare from Atlanta, all tips and entrance fees, and guided tours of sites. This Wesley Heritage Tour of England will occur on May 19-30, 2017 and the cost will not exceed \$3,800. To secure a place, please pay a \$300 deposit per person to Stephen Mitchell. Contact Stephen for more information. Stephen Mitchell | [smitchell@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:smitchell@athensfirstumc.org)  
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## Poinsettias

Poinsettias in honor or memory of a loved one are available for purchase through the church office. The flowers will be placed in the sanctuary by the Altar Guild and a booklet listing all of those participating will be available in the narthex Sunday, December 18, and the flowers may be picked up after the 11:00 am worship service the same day. Orders with payment may be made at the church office or by mail no later than November 28. The price is \$11 per plant. Cookie Daniel | [cookied@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:cookied@athensfirstumc.org) | 706-543-1442

## Christmas Adoptions

This Christmas, adopt a child through the Salvation Army Angel Tree Project or a family through Project Safe and brighten this season for many in need. You may choose to provide gifts as an individual, with your family, or with your small group, Bible study, or Sunday School class. Gifts are due by December 2. Contact Mary Claire or Betsy to adopt a child or family today! Betsy Butler | [betsy@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:betsy@athensfirstumc.org) | 706-543-1442  
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# This Week

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## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 | LUKE 20:27-38

- 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  
**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  
**Preschool Nursery** FIRST FLOOR
- 12:00 p.m. **First Light Acolyte Training Session** SANCTUARY
- 1:00 p.m. **Children's Basketball** GYM
- 2:00 p.m. **Athens Area Walk to Emmaus Board of Directors Meeting** HULL CONFERENCE ROOM
- 3:00 p.m. **Cub Scout Pack 1** SCOUT HUT
- 3:45 p.m. **Agapé Choir Rehearsal** ROOM 148  
**Youth Worship Team Rehearsal** ROOM 119
- 4:30 p.m. **Carillons Ringers** ROOM 150  
**Wesleyan Youth Choir Rehearsal** ROOM 148  
**Route 56 Open Road + Octane** ROOM 120
- 4:45 p.m. **Connect & Grow Group** ROOM 229  
**Parenting with Purpose** ROOM 119
- 5:30 p.m. **Alleluia Ringers** ROOM 150
- 5:45 p.m. **Encounter** ROOM 119
- 6:15 p.m. **Connect & Grow Group** ROOM 222
- 6:30 p.m. **Confirmation Rehearsal** SANCTUARY

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7 | ISAIAH 65:17-21

- 10:00 a.m. **Connect & Grow Group** ROOM 222  
**UMW Executive Board** ROOM 226
- 1:15 p.m. **Disciplines Devotional Bible Study** ROOM 200
- 6:30 p.m. **GriefShare | Monday Group** ROOM 100
- 7:00 p.m. **Community Bible Study, Athens Evening Class**

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 | ISAIAH 65:21-25

- 5:30 a.m. **Fashion Fitness** ROOM 120
- 8:30 a.m. **Community Bible Study Leaders Council** YOUTH AREA
- 10:00 a.m. **UMW Circle 2 Meeting** HOME OF PATTY LUTZ
- 10:30 a.m. **Prayer Shawl** PANERA BREAD
- 12:30 p.m. **Senior Fun Luncheon** HANCOCK HALL
- 1:30 p.m. **Pickleball** GYM
- 5:30 p.m. **Fashion Fitness** ROOM 120
- 6:30 p.m. **Financial Peace University** ROOM 222
- 7:00 p.m. **Boy Scouts Troop 1** SCOUT HUT  
**Connect & Grow Group** ROOM 229  
**Connect & Grow Group** TIMOTHY ROAD

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9 | PSALM 118:1-20

- 9:30 a.m. **Daniel | A Beth Moore Study** ROOM 229  
**Wednesday Morning Bible Study** ROOM 222
- 10:00 a.m. **Connect & Grow Group** FIVE POINTS  
**GriefShare | Wednesday Group** ROOM 100
- 1:00 p.m. **The Patriarchs | A Beth Moore Study** HULL CONFERENCE ROOM
- 3:00 p.m. **Fun Gym** GYM
- 4:30 p.m. **Celebrate Worship Arts | Grades 3-4** ROOM 301  
**Dance** ROOM 145  
**Lyric Choir | Grades 1-2** ROOM 151  
**Hospitality Room Hangout** HOSPITALITY ROOM  
**Prayer Shawl** ROOM 200
- 4:45 p.m. **Early Book Group** ROOM 247
- 5:00 p.m. **Route 56: GPS** ROOM 120  
**Wednesday Night Meal** HANCOCK HALL
- 5:10 p.m. **Celebrate Choir | Grades 3 & 4** ROOM 301
- 5:15 p.m. **Cherub Choir | Age 3** ROOM 314 & 324  
**Sonshine Choir | Age 4** ROOM 325  
**Joy Choir | Kindergarten** ROOM 320
- 5:20 p.m. **Lyric Worship Arts | Grades 1 & 2** ROOM 301 & 148
- 5:30 p.m. **66 Love Letters** HULL CONFERENCE ROOM
- 6:00 p.m. **Engage Bible Study** YOUTH AREA  
**Connect Group (Young Married)** ROOM 114
- 6:30 p.m. **Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal** ROOM 148  
**Later Book Group** ROOM 247  
**Connect & Grow Group** ROOM 224
- 7:30 p.m. **Youth Worship Team Rehearsal** ROOM 119  
**Children's Basketball** GYM
- 8:00 p.m. **Chamber Ensemble Rehearsal** ROOM 148

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10 | PSALM 118:21-29

- 5:30 a.m. **Fashion Fitness** ROOM 120
- 9:30 a.m. **Community Bible Study** SANCTUARY
- 10:00 a.m. **Parenting with Purpose** THE HOME OF TANYA ADAMS
- 5:00 p.m. **Children's Basketball** GYM
- 5:30 p.m. **Fashion Fitness** ROOM 120
- 6:30 p.m. **Confirmation Banquet** HANCOCK HALL
- 7:00 p.m. **Connect Group (Young Adult)** ROOM 222

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11 | 2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13

- 9:30 p.m. **Parenting with Purpose** THE HOME OF STACEY RICHARDSON  
**Parenting with Purpose** ROOM 119
- 12:30 p.m. **Connect & Grow Group** ROOM 224

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12 | LUKE 21:5-9

- 8:00 a.m. **Children's Basketball** GYM

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