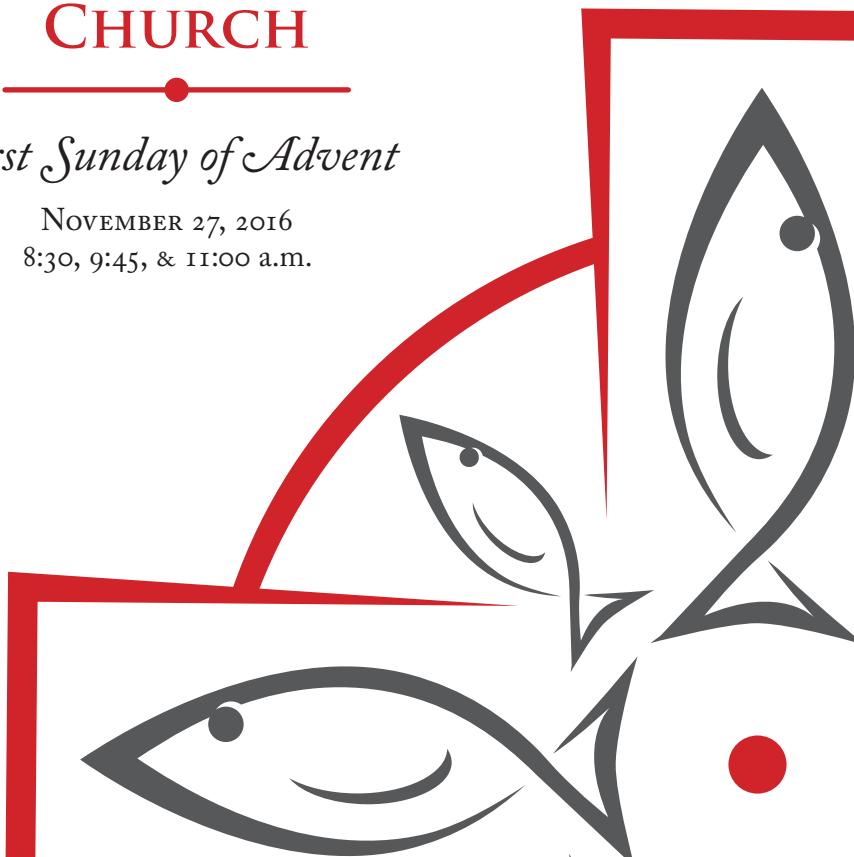




ATHENS FIRST
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH

First Sunday of Advent

NOVEMBER 27, 2016
8:30, 9:45, & 11:00 a.m.



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 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 | \$2,823,172

Goal for November | \$214,733

Amount after 2 Sundays | \$154,771

Attendance on November 20

Total Worship | 1111

8:30 a.m. | 162

9:45 a.m. | 384

11:00 a.m. | 454

Online | 111

Sunday School | 361

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The Worship of God

8:30 a.m.

THE PRELUDE

“Awake My Soul, Awake My Tongue” | Benjamin Keach & Latifah Phillips

Flowers

The flowers on the altar
are given to the glory
of God and in loving
memory of Mr. and Mrs.
Milton H. Pittard and
Pat Cardin by Richard,
Jody, and Michael.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Beth Dickinson

PSALM 72:1-8;18-19 | P. 504 OLD TESTAMENT

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth.

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.
May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.
May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in
righteousness. May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give
deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout
all generations. May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like
showers that water the earth. In his days may righteousness flourish and
peace abound, until the moon is no more. May he have dominion from sea
to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth!

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

196 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” | HYFRYDOL

*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 PASSING OF THE PEACE**

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Donnie and Nicki Goodwin

ISAIAH 2:1-5 | P. 594 OLD TESTAMENT

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

211 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” | VENI EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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

“Come, Light our Hearts” | 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’ly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 24:36-44 | P. 26 NEW TESTAMENT

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Dee Shelnutt

We welcome Dr. Shelnutt this morning. The Rev. Dr. D.B. “Dee” Shelnutt Jr. is a retired elder in the North Georgia Conference. Dee last served as the Senior Minister at Johns Creek United Methodist Church.

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

219 "What Child is This?" | ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

**What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom
angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Betsy Butler and Beth Dickinson

MATTHEW 26:17-19, 26-29

The Prayer of Preparation

**Loving God, as we come to your holy table, we open all the dark places
in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ. Show us the
creative power of hope. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,
that we may walk in the light of Christ. 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. Gluten-free communion elements are available at the center station in the front of the sanctuary.

The Music During Communion

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

The Prayer After Receiving Communion

*THE CLOSING SONG

230 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" | ST. LOUIS

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and
enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great
glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

* THE BLESSING

* THE POSTLUDE

"Puer Natus in Bethlehem" | Buxtehude

The Worship of God

9:45 &
11:00 a.m.

Gathering

Flowers

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Milton H. Pittard and
Pat Cardin by Richard,
Jody, and Michael.

THE PRELUDE

“Awake the Voice is Calling” | Karow

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

“Stay Awake, the Day is Coming” | Adapt. Trapp

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir

Praise & Thanksgiving

*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

196 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” | HYFRYDOL

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

9:45 a.m. The Anderson Family

11:00 a.m. Laney and Micah Jones

Keep awake. Stay alert. The kingdom of God is near.

We are God's partners in hope.

The days are surely coming when God will fulfill the promise.

We are God's partners in hope.

A righteous branch will spring up and will bring forth justice.

We are God's partners in hope.

Stand up. Raise your hands. Your redemption is drawing near.

We are God's partners in hope.

Sung:

**A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
a candle of hope in December's dark night.**

**While angels sing blessing from heaven's starry sky,
our hearts we prepare now, for Jesus is nigh.**

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR ADVENT

Beth Dickinson

We believe in God

robed in splendor, veiled in mystery, ruler alike of darkness and light.

We encounter God

in Jesus Christ, whose touch brings a blaze of color to a dull, drab world: reviving the weary, healing the wounded, dazzling the satisfied; who was put to death, but whose radiance could not be quenched.

We walk with God

guided by the light of God's loving Spirit, who enters the shadowed places of our hearts and leads us into truth and life.

We wait for God

and for the fulfillment of God's promise, when the darkness will hold no fear, and the light will no longer blind, but creation will be made whole once more and God's peace will reign forever. 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.

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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 OFFERING AND THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Arise, Shine!” | Dan Forrest

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir; with the Brass Ensemble, Brandon Craswell, director

This anthem has been placed in the choir library to the glory of God and in honor of Dianne Wall by the United Methodist Women's Circle 3.

*THE DOXOLOGY | VENI EMMANUEL

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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Response to the Word

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Betsy Butler and Beth Dickinson

When we gather to praise God and celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion, we remember that we are people who have preferred our wills to the will of God. Accepting God's power to become new persons in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

God our Savior, we ask you for your mercy. Though we have heard Mary's song, we still seek security in pride and power and possessions. Though we know your story, we resist the costs of following you. We pass by those considered lowly in this world. We turn away from hungry people who still wait to be filled. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to work for the justice you intend. Make us messengers of the peace you bring. As we wait for you, turn our apathy into acts of love and service. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. Amen.

Our Lord God is with us,
Lift your hearts and voices high,
Let us give thanks to the Lord
Everywhere and at all times:

Sung: Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

God, all glory be to you at this blessed Christmas time,
For the gift of your own Son, born a poor child, peasant King.
For the love you sent to us, for the life he shared with us,
For the sacrifice he made, Lord of lords, and King of kings.

Sung: Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

On the night he was betrayed the Lord Jesus took the bread,
Blessed and broke it as he said, "Take and eat, this is my flesh."
After supper, he took the cup, gave you thanks and said,
"Drink this cup, it is my blood, poured out for you and everyone."

Sung: Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

When we eat this holy bread, and drink this holy wine,
We sense his presence anew, as we commune with him.
We remember and proclaim what your Son has done for us,
In his life and in his death, as he rises and ascends.

Sung: Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

The Receiving of the Elements of Communion

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Song Lyrics

O Radiant Dawn,
Splendor of eternal
Light, Sun of Justice:
come, shine on those
who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death.
Isaiah had prophesied,
'The people who walked
in darkness have seen a
great light; upon those
who dwelt in the land of
gloom a light has shone.'

Amen.

The Music During Communion

"O Radiant Dawn" | MacMillan

Sung by the Chamber Ensemble

Sending Forth

***THE BLESSING**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.**

*** THE POSTLUDE**

"Puer Natus in Bethlehem" | Buxtehude

The Steeple



Please consider serving at this special Christmas meal on Thursday, December 15, in Hancock Hall. Volunteers are needed throughout the day to cook, set up, serve the meal, host, and clean up. Donations of cooked hams are also needed. This is truly a time for our church body to come together in love to serve our community, and we hope you will come and be a part! Please register online to volunteer or contact Betsy or Mary Claire for more information.

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

athensfirstumc.org/christmascommunitymeal

Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Sue Williams and her family in the loss of her mother, Edith Sutton, on November 18.

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Theresa Hunnicutt and her family in the loss of her mother, Virginia Burt, on November 19.

New Arrival

Congratulations to Ramsey and Tripp Bridges on the birth of their son, Gantt Anderson, on November 11.

New Members

On November 20, we welcomed Jimmy & Frances Allen; Lisa Gibson; Claire & Edward Britt; and Flynn, Brook, & Wills Miller to the Athens First United Methodist Church family.

Wesley Heritage Tour | Sign Up Today

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 (attending worship); the Methodist Central Hall in London (evening worship service); Christ Church, Oxford University; Epworth (the birthplace of the Wesleys); the New Room in Bristol; and additional trips to 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 today. Contact Stephen for more information.

Stephen Mitchell | smitchell@athensfirstumc.org
706-543-1442

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



The Advent Wreath | Hope

The advent wreath is a tradition that symbolizes the passage of the four weeks of Advent. The wreath is a circle of various evergreens, signifying continuous life, the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ. The four colored candles represent hope, peace, joy, and love, and the center candle represents the birth of Christ. Today we light the first candle for hope.

For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Isaiah 60:2-3

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. For more information, contact Dianne Morrison.

Register | athensfirstumc.org/registration

Dianne Morrison | dianne.morrison@gmail.com

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. The first opportunity begins tonight from 4:45-5:45 p.m. in room 222. The second session begins 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

Beth Dickinson | beth@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

Poinsettias | Due Tomorrow

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 | cockied@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

Wednesday Night Meals

The meal on Wednesday, November 30, is Weaver D's. Join us for fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, and a roll. 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

Beth Dickinson | beth@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

Home for the Holidays

Senior Fun is excited to host our annual "Home for the Holidays" event, where we invite homebound church members to a delicious meal and outstanding Christmas music program by the Arioso singers from the Athens Choral Society. Home for the Holidays will be Thursday, December 1, at 12:30 p.m. in Hancock Hall. There is no cost for our special homebound guests, and the cost is \$6 for all others. If you are caring for an aging parent at home or have caregivers you employ, please know that all are invited and welcome to attend this special luncheon! If you need transportation, please let us know. Call the church office to make your reservation by Tuesday, November 29. Contact Martha with any questions.

Church office | 706-543-1442

Martha Aenchbacher | martha@athensfirstumc.org

Christmas Adoptions

Thank you to everyone who has adopted a child or family to provide Christmas for this holiday season! Remember that Salvation Army Angel Tree gifts are due to the church by Friday, December 2, to Mary Claire's office, and Project Safe gifts for the families are due to the Project Safe Thrift Store by Friday, December 2. Enjoy shopping!

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Mary Claire Wills | maryclaire@athensfirstumc.org

Women's Christmas Luncheon

One of the activities of the United Methodist Women is the annual Christmas luncheon. If you are interested in United Methodist Women, this is a great opportunity to learn more. The luncheon will be held in Hancock Hall on December 5 at 11:30 a.m. Please contact the church office to reserve your seat by December 2. If you are already a member of a UMW circle, please make your reservation for lunch with your circle leader. Please bring a salad or dessert for the luncheon.

Church office | 706-543-1442

Kim Griffith | kimgriffith@bellsouth.net

Lessons and Carols | December 4

It is our custom to celebrate the tradition of Lessons and Carols on the second Sunday of Advent. Join us next Sunday, December 4, for Lessons and Carols at all three service times. This year's Lessons and Carols services will center around the theme "And on Earth, Peace." The 8:30 a.m. service will feature congregational singing and music offered by our worship team. The 9:45 and 11:00 a.m. services will feature the children, youth, and adult choirs as they join together to bring us a message of peace as told through scripture and song.

Join Our Church Staff

We are now accepting applications for a full-time Administrative Assistant position that will begin in January 2017. Work hours are 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. A basic knowledge of Microsoft Excel and Word, and experience with database and registration software and Adobe InDesign is preferred. Excellent written communication skills are required.

Learn more | athensfirstumc.org/employment

The Ark Christmas Store

Throughout November, The Ark is collecting brand new toy items for children up to 17 years old that will be sold in The Ark Christmas Store on December 6 to parents at yard sale prices. The Ark will be accepting gift donations through November 30. You may drop off items at The Ark.
Address | 640 A Barber Street, Athens, GA 30601
The Ark | arkumoc@msn.com | 706-353-3530

Baby Recognition Sunday

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we also celebrate the birth of babies born into our church family during the last year. Please join us on December 11 at 11:00 a.m. worship as we welcome these sweet babies into our church family. Families are invited to a reception in Hancock Hall prior to the worship service, at 10:15 a.m.

April Allen | april@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

Volunteer with The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army needs our help! Now through December 15, every weekday the Salvation Army will need

volunteers at the old Goodwill on Atlanta Hwy in shifts from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., 12:00-2:00 p.m., and 2:00-4:00 p.m. This Christmas, they hope to provide Christmas for 1600 children and our help is needed with sorting and bagging Angel Tree gifts in the warehouse! Contact Louise Brockinton if you would like to serve.

Louise Brockinton | loubsweet@aol.com | 706-395-6199

Serving This Holiday Season

Christmas Community Meal | Thursday, December 15

Mobile Food Pantry | Saturday, December 17

Sack Lunch Ministry | Sundays, December 18 and 25

Red Cross Blood Drive | Thursday, December 22

Benevolence Gift Cards | Anytime

Help with the unexpected benevolence requests by giving gift cards to Walmart or Target (any amount would be much appreciated)

Learn More | athensfirstumc.org/missions

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

Mary Claire Wills | maryclaire@athensfirstumc.org

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Youth Christmas Lock-In

ONE Student Ministries is hosting a Christmas Lock-in for students in grades 7-12 on December 16-17. The activities at the lock-in will include Christmas caroling, dinner, fellowship, games, Chapel time, and movies. We hope that this lock-in will be a great time for our youth to strengthen their relationships with one another through Christian fellowship and fun! Please visit our webpage for more information and to register. Registration will close on Sunday, December 11, at 11:55 p.m.

Registration | athensfirstumc.org/christmaslockin

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

Red Cross Blood Drive

Join us Thursday, December 22, to give the gift of life this Christmas by giving blood! As the holidays are a time where blood is most needed, our church is happy to host a Blood Drive to help people receive much needed blood this season! The Red Cross will be in Hancock Hall from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.

This Week

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 | COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

- 8:30 a.m. **Worship Service** SANCTUARY
Preschool Nursery FIRST FLOOR
Advent Family Breakfast and Worship Service HANCOCK HALL
- 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
- 1:00 p.m. Children's Basketball GYM
- 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
Awaiting the Already ROOM 222
- 5:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers ROOM 150
- 5:45 p.m. Encounter ROOM 119
- 6:15 p.m. Connect & Grow Group ROOM 222
- 7:00 p.m. Carols and Readings for Advent and Christmas CHAPEL

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28 | ISAIAH 2:1-5

- 11:30 a.m. UMW Circle 5 Meeting HULL CONFERENCE
- 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 29 | JOHN 6:25-35

- 5:30 a.m. Fashion Fitness ROOM 120
- 8:30 a.m. Community Bible Study Leaders Council
- 10:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl PANERA BREAD
- 1:30 p.m. Pickleball GYM
- 5:30 p.m. Fashion Fitness ROOM 120
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 1 SCOUT HUT
Connect & Grow Group THE HOME OF KEN AND JACKIE CARSON
Connect & Grow Group TIMOTHY ROAD

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30 | PSALM 122

- 9:00 a.m. **UMW Meeting** HULL CONFERENCE ROOM
9:30 a.m. **Wednesday Morning Bible Study** ROOM 222
10:00 a.m. **GriefShare | Wednesday Group** ROOM 100
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
 Connect Group (**Young Married**) ROOM 229
5:40 p.m. **Combined Choirs Lessons and Carols Rehearsal** SANCTUARY
6:00 p.m. **Engage Bible Study** YOUTH AREA
 Connect Group (**Young Married**) ROOM 114
6:30 p.m. **Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal** ROOM 148
 Awaiting the Already ROOM 222
 Sacred Space JOHN WESLEY PARLOR
7:30 p.m. **Youth Worship Team Rehearsal** ROOM 119
 Children's Basketball GYM
8:00 p.m. **Chamber Ensemble Rehearsal** ROOM 148

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1 | PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

- 5:30 a.m. **Fashion Fitness** ROOM 120
9:30 a.m. **Community Bible Study** SANCTUARY
10:00 a.m. **Our Daily Bread** FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH DOWNTOWN
12:30 p.m. **Senior Fun's Home for the Holidays** HANCOCK HALL
5:30 p.m. **Fashion Fitness** ROOM 120

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2 | MATTHEW 24:36-44

- 12:30 p.m. **Connect & Grow Group** ROOM 224

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 | ROMANS 13:11-14

- 8:00 a.m. **Children's Basketball** GYM
9:30 a.m. **Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal** ROOM 148

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