

We're glad you're here!

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

- I am interested in membership
- I would like a visit from the minister
- I am going to the hospital
- Please note my change of address
- Visitor

PRAYER REQUEST

Please place in the Offering Plate or give to the Pastor.

I ask your prayers for:

Prayer Request:

May we send this person a note of encouragement? ___ yes ___ no

If yes, please include their address:

May we include this in the prayer list for next week's bulletin? ___ yes ___ no

Person making request _____

Phone _____



First United Methodist Church

February 18, 2018

9:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Song of Praise

Welcome

Song of Praise

Song of Preparation

Message

Holy Communion

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit

**make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,**

until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Service of Giving

Closing Blessing



You're invited to join the Prayer Team for our monthly meeting **next Sunday**, February 25 immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service in the Chapel. We will meet and then head over for Prayer on the Square at 12:30 p.m. For more information, contact Susan Reinhardt.

MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you have stories, announcements, or photos you would like included in the March Newsletter, please send them to Kristi Spencer by Tuesday, February 20.

kristispencer1@gmail.com (OR) ph: 704-607-3280



First United Methodist Church

February 18, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

We welcome all who worship with us today, and we are glad that you have joined us as we come together to praise God. Your presence is appreciated and we invite you to worship with us again.

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Paulette Moss (8:30)

Jeff Carter (11:00)

Leader: Pilgrims, we are invited to journey through this season of Lent,

People: toward the One who calls us each by a new name.

Leader: Disciples, we walk with Jesus wherever he leads us,

People: pulling our fears, our doubts, and our longings behind us.

Leader: Believers, we seek to trust the God who always surprises us,

People: whose promises take on flesh and blood in the good news called Jesus.

*Hymn, No. 73 **O Worship the King** (8:30 verse 1) (11:00 verses 3 & 4 a capella)

To mark the season of Lent as time of penitence and preparation, we are joining congregations around the country in singing part of our congregational songs a capella (without instrumental accompaniment). By singing a capella, we are offering to God ourselves in our most basic form. Soli Deo Gloria - To God alone be the glory.

*Affirmation of Faith, No. 881 The Apostles' Creed (11:00)

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 Gloria Patri (11:00)

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.

Anthem

Bought with a Price

Natalie Sleeth

**Please stand in praise of God if you are able.*

Invitation to Prayer (11:00)

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (8:30 & 11:00)

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

A Farewell Blessing for the Orange Family

Children's Sermon (11:00)

Rev. Lara "Willis" Greene

*Passing of the Peace Hymn, No. 454 (11:00 verse 1)

Children 3 years old-2nd grade are invited to follow the leaders downstairs to the Children's Dept.

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine.

Scripture: Exodus 32

NT Pg. 78

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message ***Journey of Stones: Written in Stone***

Rev. Lara "Willis" Greene

Moment of Reflection (11:00)

Service of Giving (8:30 and 11:00)

*Doxology UMH #95 (11:00)

During the season of Lent, we will sing an Alleluia-free version of the doxology. The discipline of "burying the Alleluia" until its renewing reappearance on Easter has been practiced by Christians since the Middle Ages.

Praise God, from who all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Hymn, No. 382 (11:00) ***Have Thine Own Way, Lord***

During the singing of this hymn, you are invited to lay your stone at the foot of the cross and kneel at the altar in prayer.

*Benediction (11:00)

*Chimes of the Holy Trinity (11:00)

*Postlude (11:00)

**Please stand in praise of God if you are able.*

*Benediction (8:30)

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen

Number 6:24-26



Our Lenten Sermon Series "Journey of Stones" will use biblical stones to guide us toward Easter. Each week you will receive a stone as you enter worship. Hold the stone as you sing, as you pray, as you receive communion, as you give, as you listen to the Word read and the message proclaimed. We hope you will walk with us on our Lenten journey.

PRAYER CONCERNS

David Propst, Melba Nichols, Anne Hunsucker, Law Enforcement Officers and their Families, Family of Martha Lowder, Sonia Foster and her Family, Bob & Brenda Saunders, Families Impacted by the Florida School Shooting

Military: Scott Beal, Taylor Bean, Todd Houtz, Michael Howard, Tai Orange, David Parker, Camaron Sills, President Trump



WEATHER ALERT

IN THE EVENT OF BAD WEATHER . . .

Changes to the church schedule will be communicated via Email, Facebook and the following stations:

Television - WBTV, WCNC, WSOC Radio - WNNC

FIRST CHURCH STAFF

Lara "Willis" Greene, Pastor
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(Last week's outing was canceled because of the weather. So, we're trying again today.)

The youth will meet at church **TODAY** at 4 p.m., travel to Gastonia for dinner then go tubing at Crowders Ridge from 6-7 p.m. Cost is \$13 per person plus money to eat. We will return to church by 8 p.m. for pick up. Contact Lisa Johnson at 381-9337 for more information.

(Next Sunday, February 25, the youth will meet from 4-6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.)



Nurseries: For children up to 4 years from 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon on Level 1

Sunday School: For children 2 years to 5th Grade from 10 - 10:45 a.m. on Level 1

Children's Church: A worship enrichment program for children K to 2nd Grade following the Children's Time during the 11 a.m. Worship Service. Children leave the Sanctuary with Julie Braswell, Director of Children's Ministries, and may be picked up after worship in the Children's Church Room located on Level 1.

Children's Sunday Sacks: Located at the entrances of the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall; filled with quiet activities for little hands.