

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 _____



The Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of **Debbie Dixon** and to honor **Jason, Elizabeth and Lorlalei.**



There will be a JOY Volunteer Meeting at 2 p.m. this Tuesday, April 10 in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Bev Underwood at 828-465-0481.



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

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

Children's Church: K to 2nd Graders leave the Sanctuary for a worship program during the 11 a.m. service & head to the Children's Church Rm located on Level 1.

Children's Sacks: Located at the entrances of the Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall.



Join the Youth of First Church for worship and fun on Sundays from 4 - 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All 6th -12th graders are welcome to join us. Our next gathering is April 15.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bernice Allen's Son, Howard Smith, Pat Gantt, Rick & Deborah Ingle Garland, Matt Fligg, Ansel Clark

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

FIRST CHURCH STAFF

Lara "Willis" Greene, Pastor
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First United Methodist Church

April 8, 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

Susan Reinhardt

*Call to Worship

Dwaine Morgan (8:30)
Stephen Sims (11:00)

Leader: Sing a new song to the Lord,

People: for he has done wonderful things!

Leader: His right hand has won a mighty victory;

People: His holy arm has shown his saving power!

Leader: Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth!

People: Rejoice out loud! Sing your praises!

Leader: For he has made known his saving power,

People: and every corner of the earth has seen our God's salvation!

*Hymn, No. 139 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (8:30 verses 1, 3 and 5)

*Affirmation of Faith, No. 881 The Apostles' Creed (8:30 & 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

Come Away to the Skies

arr. David Sims

**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

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.

Special Music (11:00) *Sing of the Lord's Goodness* E. Sands,
acc. P. Inwood.

Children's Sermon (11:00) Julie Braswell

*Passing of the Peace Hymn, No. 310 (11:00 verse 1)
Children 3 years old-2nd grade are invited to follow the leaders downstairs to the Children's Dept.

I serve a risen Saviour; He's in the world today. I know that He is living, whatever foes may say. I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer, And just the time I need Him He's always near. He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

Scripture: Acts 17:16-32 (selected verses) NT Pgs. 137-138

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Message *Knowing God* Susan Reinhardt

Moment of Reflection (11:00)

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

*Doxology Hymn, No. 94

Praise God, from who 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!

*Hymn, No. 384 (11:00) *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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

*Benediction (8:30 and 11:00)

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*

*Chimes of the Holy Trinity (11:00)

*Postlude (11:00)

Today First Church welcomes to the pulpit, Susan Reinhardt. Susan is a certified Lay Speaker in the United Methodist Church and she works with Hickory Public Schools. We are grateful for Susan's leadership this morning while Rev. Lara "Willis" Greene is on vacation.

Psalm 103, Selected Verses (NLT)

Let all that I am praise the Lord;
with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name.
Let all that I am praise the Lord;
may I never forget the good things he does for me.

He forgives all my sins
and heals all my diseases.
He redeems me from death
and crowns me with love and tender mercies.

He fills my life with good things.
My youth is renewed like the eagle's!
The Lord gives righteousness
and justice to all who are treated unfairly.

The Lord is compassionate and merciful,
slow to get angry and filled with unending love.
He will not constantly accuse us,
nor remain angry forever.

He does not punish us for all our sins;
he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve.
For his unending love toward those who fear him
is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth.

He has removed our sins as far from us
as the east is from the west.
The Lord is like a father to his children,
tender and compassionate to those who fear him.

For he knows how weak we are;
he remembers we are only dust.
But the love of the Lord remains forever
with those who fear him.



THURSDAY

April 12, 2018

in the Fellowship Hall

Coffee and cookies at 9:30 a.m.
Program begins at 10 a.m.

DEVOTION:

Rev. Bob Silber, ECCCM

PROGRAM:

"Tech Savvy Seniors" presented
by Kathleen Cook.

LUNCH MENU:

Chicken Pie, Rice & Gravy, Slaw,
Roll & Homemade Desserts

Please complete the form below and drop it in the collection place OR call the church office by Tuesday, April 10 at noon to make your reservation for lunch (828-464-8422).

For more information about
JOY contact Bev Underwood
at 828-465-0481.

NAME:

Attending: _____