

We're glad you're here!

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

- Visitor
- 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

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 _____



There will be a very brief meeting for Very Big Saturday next Sunday, April 29 in the Sanctuary immediately following the 11 a.m. service. If you interested in learning more about our VBS event taking place on August 4, please join us!



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.



Kids 4 Christ (Wednesdays 3-5:30 p.m., Activity Rm) Children ages K-6th grade are welcome anytime. We have snacks, crafts, science, dramas, outside play and even some homework time!

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 29.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Howard Smith, Deborah Ingle Garland, Ansel Clark, Robin Holman

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

*A Church that Loves All People into a Relationship with Jesus Christ
Becoming one diverse community passionately worshipping Jesus & practicing unprecedented acts of hospitality.*

April 22, 2018 • 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Dwaine Morgan (8:30)
Steve Arndt (11:00)

Leader: Great is our God, says the psalmist,

People: And greatly to be praised!

Leader: For God has stretched the heavens above us.

People: And filled the earth with every good thing.

Leader: We live and move and have our being in God,

People: And in him is our everlasting hope!

Leader: Let us worship God.

*Hymn, No. 73 *Come, Christians Join to Sing* (8:30 verses 1)

*Affirmation of Faith (8:30 & 11:00)

Let us say what we believe:

We find our faith in Jesus, who lives among us, who calls us together to understand life and love as radical commitment to others.

We have faith in one God, who created and claimed all creatures, who enters our lives with hope and redemption and courage to act on our beliefs.

We know that God's presence comes to us in community, wherever we seek to know God by doing justice and loving mercy.

Once we were no people, but now we are God's people. Once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

Because all things are possible through God's love, we proclaim the gospel in the world where God is still creating and redeeming and making things whole.

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

Anthem *I've Just Come From the Fountain* Davis Cherwien,
based on a spiritual

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.

Children's Sermon (11:00)

*Passing of the Peace Hymn, No. 77

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

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the world thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed; then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

Scriptures: See Sermon Notes

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Message Rev. Lara "Willis" Greene

Christian Cliches: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves

Moment of Reflection (11:00)

Service of Giving (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!

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

*Hymn, No. 378 (11:00) *Amazing Grace*

*Benediction (11:00)

*Chimes of the Holy Trinity (11:00)

*Postlude (11:00)

Holy Communion (8:30)

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 (8:30)

*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*

Sermon Notes:

1) God helps us when we help ourselves (1/3 truth)

2 Thessalonians 3:10-12

2) God helps others through our helping hands

Leviticus 3:22 James 1:27 Proverbs 19:17 & 21:13

Isaiah 58:6-7 Matthew 25:31-46

3) God's help for the helpless = Grace

Romans 5:6-8 Psalm 18:6 Psalm 121

**TAKE ME OUT
TO THE
BALLGAME**



Friday May 11 @ 7 p.m.
Hickory Crawdads vs Columbia Fireflies

First Church has reserved 75 seats to enjoy a night of baseball together.

Tickets are only \$6 per person.

To reserve your tickets, call the church Office at 828-464-8422.

DON'T "STRIKE OUT" and miss this family fun event. Reservation **DEADLINE** is Monday, May 7 at noon.

Special thanks to Quint Ervin for arranging this church outing!



Mother's Day Special Bulletin

The Faith Builder's Sunday School Class will sponsor a special Mother's Day bulletin. You may honor or remember a mother, grandmother, or that person who is very special to you by filling out the enclosed envelope and returning it to the church office along with \$1 for each person honored or remembered.

Please use a separate form for each name.

The deadline for submission is May 6.

