

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FUMC MONTGOMERY

We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today. Our focus is on worship, discipleship, outreach, and care. If you are visiting, we hope you will consider becoming a member of our church either by profession of faith or transfer of church membership. To join, please come forward at the end of the service, indicating your desire, or for more information about joining our church family, please contact Rev. Gillian L. Walters at (334) 834-8990 or GLWalters@fumcmontgomery.org.

LITURGICAL SEASON: ORDINARY TIME

The Season After Pentecost, also called Ordinary Time, begins the day after Pentecost and ends the day before the First Sunday of Advent. It includes twenty-three to twenty-eight Sundays, depending on the date of Easter. United Methodists may call this season Kingdomtide. The liturgical color is red.

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER AND CHAPEL

Wednesday, November 21, 2018

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday School (all ages) - 9:45 - 10:45 in the Children's Building
Children's Church - (age 3 - 1st grade) during 8:45 and 11:00 worship services

WEDNESDAYS

Children's Choirs and Summit Kids Xtreme will not meet on November 21 so families may enjoy time together. All activities will resume on November 28.

SAVE THE DATE

WIRED: KEEPING FAMILIES CONNECTED IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Sunday, January 27 | 10:00 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

Parent Forum topics will include: Screen Addiction | Tech Safety | Finding a Digital Balance | Bridging the Generational Gap

Led by Elizabeth Manderville, Licensed Professional Counselor

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY HOPE-LA

Sunday, December 9 | 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. | Youth Lounge and Gym

Bring the whole family as we come together to work on outreach projects and bring hope and love to others this Advent season. Holiday cheer, pizza, and a birthday cake for Jesus will be fun parts of the afternoon!

YOUTH MINISTRY

The Youth Staff would like to honor all of our volunteers at a Thanksgiving Dinner on November 29 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Caitlin Eiland's home: 2018 Vaughn Lane, Montgomery, AL 36106.

NO SUNDAY NIGHT MYF | November 18

Due to Thanksgiving holidays there will be no Sunday night activities this week. We will be back to our regular schedule on November 25.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTIES | December 2

Its time to throw on your tackiest Christmas sweater and join us for our annual Youth Christmas Parties. Don't forget to check your mailbox for an invite with more information!

Middle schoolers will be at 8418 Shaffer Ridge Ct., Montgomery, AL 36117.

High schoolers will be at 9737 Rosalie Dr., Montgomery, AL 36117.

COSTA RICA | June 15-22 | \$1600 per person

All current 9-12th graders interested in serving in Costa Rica, it is now time to sign up. Bring your willingness to serve form, along with a \$200 deposit, to the youth office to secure your spot.

GET CONNECTED

Make sure to follow us on our social media accounts for updates on upcoming events and pictures of past events!



AROUND THE CONGREGATION

JOINT THANKSGIVING

Sunday, November 18, 2018 | Fellowship Hall | 4:00 p.m.

Please join us as we unite with Temple Beth Or and Church of the Ascension to give thanks and celebrate our many blessings. We will enjoy a reception after the service.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Wednesday, November 28 | 6:30 p.m. | Epworth Room

Our Charge Conference will meet in the Epworth Room of Wesley Hall. This will be the final Administrative Board meeting of 2018. If you cannot attend, please call the church office at 834-8990 or email Lillian Gilley at lgilley@fumcmontgomery.org no later than noon, Monday, November 26 for an excused absence.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Sunday, December 2 | 4:00 p.m.

Join us in the Sanctuary at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 2 as we prepare for the Advent season with our annual Hanging of the Greens Service! This is a family friendly service that is lead musically by all of our Children's Choirs and our Youth Choir. Through the illustration of the symbols of Advent and the "decking of the halls," this special service will prepare you for the Advent and Christmas season that awaits. Join us in the Sanctuary for this special service and cookies and hot chocolate in the breezeway after the service.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Wednesday, December 5 | Fellowship Hall

Round up the whole family and join us on December 5th as our church hosts the fifth Rise Against Hunger meal packing event. Over 30,000 meals will be assembled to be distributed around the world in a great effort to end hunger in our lifetime. Please register online at <http://events.stophungernow.org/FUMCMontgomery2018>. Wednesday Night Supper will be served in the Epworth Room so you can still eat and sign up to help!

GIVE HOPE RIVER REGION GIFT FAIR

December 8, 2018 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Leo J. Drum Theatre, Huntingdon College

Instead of giving a traditional Christmas gift to a loved one this holiday season, purchase a gift in their name that will go to benefit a local charitable organization at the Give Hope River Region Gift Fair, formerly known as the Alternative Gift Fair. More information can be found on our website.

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS BELL RINGING

This holiday season we will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at Walgreens on Carter Hill Road. Two hour shifts start on Thursday, November 29, and continue on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays until December 22nd. Sign up for your shift on our website.

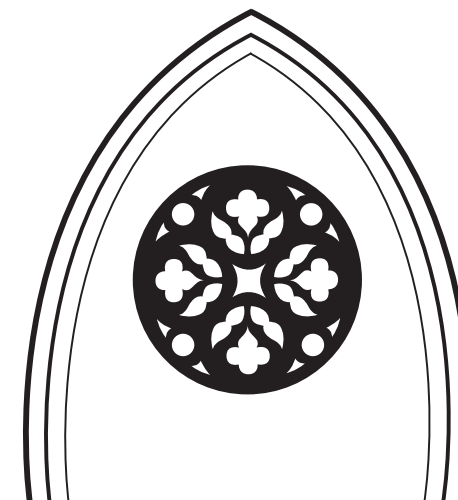
HELPING SANTA!

Our church will be helping Santa through Aid to Inmate Mothers, Family Sunshine Center, and Christmas Clearing House this year. If your family, your UMW circle, your Sunday School Class, or your Bible Study Group would like to adopt a child or children for this project, please contact Claire Smith at CSmith@fumcmontgomery.org or call the church at 334-834-8990.

2019 ALTAR FLOWERS

You have the opportunity to place flowers on the alter in memory or in honor of someone for 2019. Please contact Tammy Holcomb at 334-834-8990 or THolcomb@fumcmontgomery.org.

Baptism
Robert Turner Smith
November 11, 2018
Son of Robby and Kate Smith



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry congregation

— NOVEMBER 18, 2018 —

— THANKSGIVING SUNDAY —

*Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.*

Dr. Jeremy K. Pridgeon
Senior Minister

Reverend Gillian L. Walters
Associate Minister

Reverend Ben A. McDavid
Associate Minister

Reverend Lucas S. Tribble
Associate Minister

Reverend Ed J. Deabler
Associate Minister

Dr. Joshua H. Coble
Organist/Assistant Director of Music

Dr. Karl K. Stegall
Pastor Emeritus

Dr. James H. Seay
Director of Music

Dr. C. Jason Borders
Theologian in Residence

Bishop David W. Graves
Bishop of Alabama-West
Florida Conference



Reverend R. Allen Newton
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MORNING WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 18, 2018

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

EIGHT FORTY-FIVE AND ELEVEN O’CLOCK

LITURGICAL COLOR: RED

Prelude Frescobaldi
Quinta Toccata Sopra i pedali per l’organo e senza

Welcome and Parish Notices Rev. Gillian L. Walters

Chiming of the Trinity
The three chimes signify the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Introit *Enter His Gates With Thanksgiving* arr. Hopson

***Processional Hymn** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* 694

*Call to Worship

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon the earth.

People: Let all the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

Leader: The earth has brought forth its increase;
may God, our own God, bless us.

People: Let all the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

*Invocation

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: Most gracious God, you crown the year with your goodness. We praise you that you have ever fulfilled your promise that, while earth remains, seedtime and harvest shall not cease. We bless you for the order and constancy of nature, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea, and for the providence that year by year supplies our need. We thank you for your blessing on the work of those who plowed the soil and sowed the seed, and have now gathered in the fruits of the earth. And with our thanksgiving for these blessings, accept our praise, O God, or the eternal riches of your grace in Christ our Lord; to whom, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor and worship, for ever and ever. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles’ Creed* 881

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.

***Gloria Patri** Meineke
*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.*

IMPACT Campaign Update

(8:45) Sacrament of Baptism Fisher Christian Hardeman
Son of Chris and Emi Hardeman

Responsive Reading Psalm 126 847
Response 1

Act of Praise *What Shall I Render To My God?* arr. Lovelace
Cathedral Choir

What shall I render to my God for all His mercy’s store? I’ll take the gifts He hath bestowed and humbly ask for more. The sacred cup of saving grace I will with thanks receive, and all His promises embrace and to His glory live. My vows I will to His great name before His people pay, and all I have, and all I am, upon His alter lay. Thy lawful servant, Lord, I owe to Thee whatever is mine. Born in Thy family below, and by redemption Thine. Thy hands created me, Thy hands from sin have set me free, the mercy that hath loosed my bands hath bound me fast to Thee. Praise Him, ye saints, the God of love who hath thy sins forgiven, till gathered to the church above, we sing the songs of Heaven.

Concerns of a Caring Fellowship

Preparation for Prayer FWS 2202

Come Away with Me

*Come away with me to a quiet place, apart from the world with its frantic pace,
to pray reflect, and seek God’s grace. Come away with me. Come away.*

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Ben A. McDavid

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.

Offertory *Consider the Lilies* arr. Hoffman/Lyon
Cathedral Choir

Consider the lilies of the field; how they grow. Consider the birds in the sky; how they fly. He clothes the lilies of the field, He feeds the birds in the sky, and He will feed those who trust Him and guide them with His eye. Consider the sheep of His fold; how they follow where He leads. Though the path may wind across the mountains, He knows the meadows where they feed. Consider the sweet tender children who must suffer on this earth; the pains of all them He carried from the day of His birth. He clothes the lilies of the field, He feeds the lambs of His fold. And He will heal those who trust Him, and make their hearts as gold.

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology** 95

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

***Prayer for Our Nation** America
*Our fathers’ God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing;
long may our land be bright with freedom’s holy light;
protect us by thy might, great God, our King.*

Children’s Minute Rev. Gillian L. Walters
Children ages three through first grade will be escorted to Children’s Church. Visitors are welcome to accompany their children.

Hymn of Preparation *We Gather Together* 131

***Gospel Lesson** Matthew 6:25-33

Sermon Dr. Jeremy K. Pridgeon
Thanking, Seeking, and Thanking

Invitation to Christian Discipleship
Those desiring to unite with the church, either by profession of faith or by transfer of membership, are invited to join the ministers at the chancel rail during the singing of the first stanza of the Hymn of Invitation.

***Hymn of Invitation** *God Will Take Care of You* 130

***Benediction** Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

***Choral Response** *Amen* arr. Carter

***Postlude** *Now We Thank All Our God* Sigfrid Karg-Elert

After the service, please turn and greet those nearest you.

*Please stand as you are able.

The altar arrangement is given to the glory of God and in loving memory and thanksgiving for the life of Mary Ellen Bullard by her family.

The font flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of Fisher Christian Hardeman by his grandparents, Terry and Chris Barton Raycraft and in loving memory of his great grandparents, Jim and Louise Barton.

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, November 25

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Revelation 1:4b-8

Psalms 132: 1-12

John 18:33-37

Advent Study

Down to Earth by Mike Slaughter and Rachel Billups

___ Tuesday 6:00 – 7:00 pm led by David Hughes

___ Wednesday 6:00 – 7:00 pm led by Hampton Hook

___ Thursday 11:30 am – 12:30 pm led by Jan Pringle

To register for a class you can tear off this section and drop it off at the reception desk or sign up on the church website. You may also email Tammy Holcomb at tholcomb@fumcmontgomery.org.

Name:

Email:

Phone: