

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FUMC MONTGOMERY

We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today. 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 may include twenty-three to twenty-eight Sundays, depending on the date of Easter, but the first Sunday is always Trinity Sunday. Trinity Sunday celebrates one of the most fundamental of Christian beliefs, the reality of the Holy Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The liturgical color is green.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

FALL FUN AND FAITH FOR CHILDREN

Join us on Sundays and Wednesdays this fall where children will hear God's Word in fun, moving, and exciting ways!

Sunday School for all ages – 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Children's Church for children ages 3 through 1st grade is available during both morning worship services, following the Children's Minute.

SEPTEMBER

4 Children's Choirs Begin | Age 3-Grade 5 | Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.
Summit Kids Kick-Off | K-Grade 5 | Wednesdays, 6:40-7:10 p.m.
Children's Chapel | Age 3-K | Wednesdays, 9:45 a.m.

8 Two Great Studies Begin | Sundays, 9:45 a.m.

"God's Children in Worship" | Grade 2

"Getting to Know My Bible" | Grade 3

22 ELMO Slip-N-Slide Kickball | 5:00-7:00 p.m. | Grades 3-5
"Wired" for parents of elementary-age children | 5:00-7:30 p.m. | FH
Music and Worship Dedication Sunday | Children's Choirs sing during worship

OCTOBER

6 ELMO Glow-in-the-Dark Fun | 5:00-7:00 p.m. | Grades 3-5

20 Pumpkinfest | All ages!

YOUTH MINISTRY

CONFIRMAND/PARENT MEETING

Today | 4:30 p.m. | Epworth Room

All parents of the new confirmand class are encouraged to attend this meeting. There will be a question and answer time about the upcoming retreat and the upcoming year.

MYF

Today | 5:00 p.m. | Youth Attic

Join us as we kickoff our Fall MYF this Sunday! Senior Minister Rev. Jay Cooper will lead our discussion, and dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. Don't forget to bring \$5!

YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE TODAY | 4:30 P.M. | CHOIR ROOM

PARTY IN THE PARK

Wednesday, August 28 | 4:30 p.m. | Cloverdale Park

We encourage all youth to come out to Cloverdale Park and enjoy a time of fellowship, food, and fun with our FUMC church family as we kick-off the fall!

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Friday, August 30 - Monday, September 2 | Camp Glisson

FALL SMALL GROUPS

If you are not already a part of a youth small group, now is the time to get plugged in! Small groups will begin after Labor Day and we encourage everyone to participate. Please contact the youth office or email Anne Chandler at achandler@fumcmontgomery.org to sign up!



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AROUND THE CONGREGATION

To learn more, or to sign up for the below events, please visit www.fumcmontgomery.org/events.

PARTY IN THE PARK

Wednesday, August 28 | 4:30-6:30 p.m. | Cloverdale Park

Join us for the 2nd Annual Party in the Park to kick off fall at FUMC Montgomery! You don't want to miss Burgers & Hot Dogs, Nancy's Italian Ice, live entertainment by Bama Skiffle, Cornhole, a Slip & Slide, and more. This is a free event for the whole community! Grab your friends and family and join the fun. **Bring a towel to dry off from the slip & slide fun!*

LABOR DAY SUNDAY

Beginning Sunday, September 1, we will return to offering two worship services at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. on holiday weekends. We look forward to coming together with you for worship next week at our regularly scheduled times!

BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, September 10 | 11:00 a.m. | Wesley Hall Room 206

Don't miss out on the September meeting of the FUMC book club! Pick up a copy of *The Woman in the Window* by A.J. Finn. The book club is a wonderful way to make new friends and engage in some fun discussions. For more information, please contact Kate Blanton at kdutreil@yahoo.com.

FUMC 190TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, September 15 | 10:00 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

First United Methodist Church is celebrating its 190th birthday on Sunday, September 15, this year! We hope that all Sunday School classes - children, youth, and adults - will join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10 o'clock for a celebration with cake and other activities.

New Members

Patrick, Kally, and Gwendolyn Lange

Patrick and Kally join us by profession of faith, with their daughter, Gwendolyn. Patrick is an officer at Maxwell Air Force Base and Kally is an editor at Leidos.

Birth

William Archer Mathews

August 8, 2019

Son of John and Beth Mathews

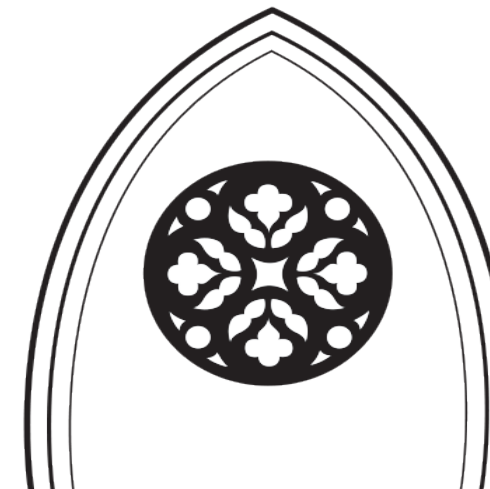
WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER - AUGUST 28, 2019

4:30-6:15 p.m. | Cloverdale Park

Free Event - Donations Welcome!

Hotdogs and Burgers | Coleslaw | Potato Salad | Watermelon | Chips
Nancy's Italian Ice | Water Bottles

SERMON NOTES



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry congregation

— AUGUST 25, 2019 —

— ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —

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

Reverend Jay D. Cooper
Senior Minister

Reverend Gillian L. Walters
Associate Minister

Reverend Lucas S. Tribble
Associate Minister

Reverend Ben A. McDavid
Associate Minister

Reverend G. Charles Kendall
Associate Minister

Dr. Karl K. Stegall
Pastor Emeritus

Dr. James H. Seay
Director of Music

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

Dr. C. Jason Borders
Theologian in Residence

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



Reverend R. Allen Newton
District Superintendent of
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MORNING WORSHIP

AUGUST 25, 2019

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

EIGHT FORTY-FIVE AND ELEVEN O'CLOCK

LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

Prelude *In dir ist Freude*, BWV 615 J.S. Bach

Welcome and Parish Notices Rev. Jay D. Cooper

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

Introit *O Be Ye Joyful* arr. Hal Hopson

***Processional Hymn** 126
Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

***Call to Worship** Justala Simpson
Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
People: Or take the path that sinners tread,
Leader: Or sit in the seat of scoffers;
People: But their delight is in the law of the LORD,
Leader: And on God's law
People: They meditate day and night.

***Invocation**
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray together.
All: God of wisdom, our future is in your hands. Teach us to take up the cross and follow Christ, our Savior, so that we might be true disciples of the one who gave all for us and for the world you love. Jesus's name we pray. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith** 881
The Apostle's 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.

***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.*

(11:00) **Sacrament of Baptism** Elizabeth Hill Bartlett
Daughter of Jack and Kate Bartlett

Concerns of a Caring Fellowship

Preparation for Prayer arr. Randy Edwards
Search Me, Lord, and Know My Heart

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

Offertory *Ancient Words* arr. Craig Courtney
Cathedral Choir
Ancient words, ever true. Ancient words, long preserved, for our walk in this world, they resound with God's own heart. O let the ancient words impart. Words of life, words of hope give us strength, help us cope, in this world where-e'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home. Ancient words ever true, changing me and changing you, we have come with open hearts. O let the ancient words impart. Holy words of our faith handed down to this age, came to us through sacrifice. I heed the faithful words of Christ. Ancient words ever true, changing me and changing you, we have come with open hearts. O let the ancient words impart.

***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.*

***Prayer for Our Nation**
*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 Lauren Attwood Cowan & Victor Trotter
Children ages three through first grade will be escorted to Children's Church. Visitors are welcome to accompany their children. Children can be picked up at the close of worship in Room 114 of the Children's Building.

***Hymn of Preparation** 430
O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Scripture Lesson Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Pg. 179, Old Testament

Sermon *Choose Wisely* Rev. Jay D. Cooper

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** *Trust and Obey* 467

***Benediction** Brynn McGlammery

***Benediction Response** *Shema* Traditional Hebrew
Shema Yisrael Adonai Eloheinu Adonai Echad.
Hear, O Israel: the LORD is our God, the LORD alone!

***Postlude** *Toccata* Léon Boëllmann

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

*Please stand as you are able.

Flowers
The font flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of Elizabeth Hill Bartlett by her family.

THIS IS US
Upcoming Sermon Series

September 1 | *What Is Your Story?*; Exodus 3:1-15
September 8 | *What Is Our Story and What Do These Stones Mean?* | Joshua 4:1-24
September 15 | *Where Will Our Story Lead Us?* | Joshua 1:1-9