



We are delighted you are here!

If you would like to join our church family this morning, please come forward at the end of the service. For more information about joining, please contact Rev. Lucas Tribble at ltribble@fumcmontgomery.org.

LITURGICAL SEASON: LENT

“Lent” is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word, *lencten*, meaning “spring.” The season of Lent is 40 days, excluding Sundays. Every Sunday is a “little Easter,” even during Lent. Sunday is a time to remember and celebrate our Lord’s Resurrection. Christ teaches us how to die but, in dying, Christ taught us all how to live. The liturgical color is purple.

IN MEMORY OF

Sara Darden Praytor
Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Ben Coker*

Harvey E. “Sonny” Cauthen
Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Slade Rhodes*

John Pios Mitchum
Respite Ministry: *Rosemary Homeowner’s Association*

Cecile Morgan Webb
Respite Ministry: *Rosemary Homeowner’s Association*

Ann Reese Randall
Respite Ministry: *David, Raymond and Michael Cohen*

Elaine Ellard McDonald
Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Ron Frazer, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henry, Jr., Dr. and Mrs. Robin Embry, Jane P. McDonald*

William Henry Brittain
Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Justin Brittain*

Richard Arthur “Dick” Forster
Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henry, Jr.*

AROUND THE CONGREGATION

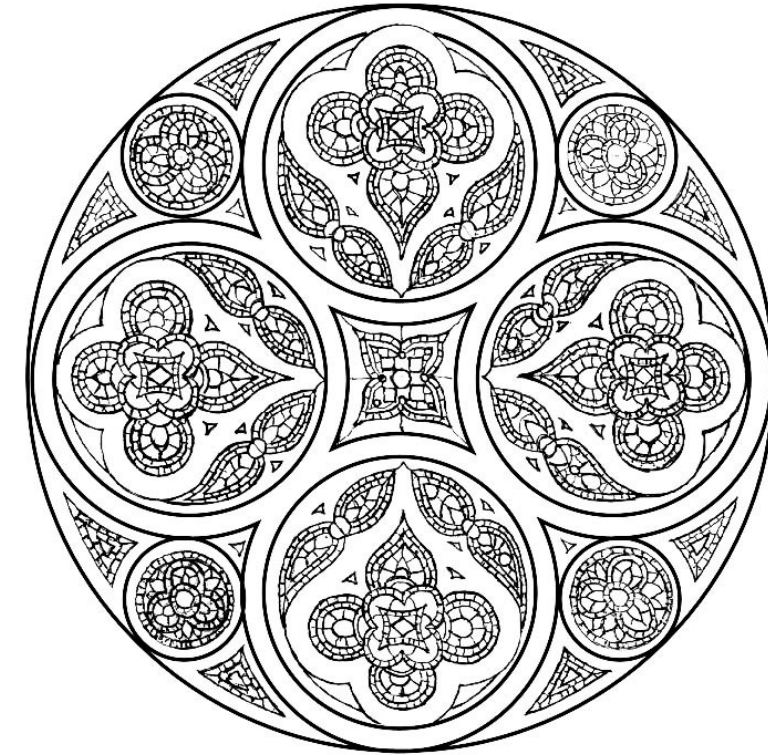
NEW MEMBERS

Scott and Virginia Gregory
The Gregorys come to us from Central Church in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Derek, Luv, and Ford DuBose
The DuBoses join us by transfer of membership from a local congregation. Derek is a CPA for Jackson Thornton and Luv is the Assistant Director of Youth Ministries here at FUMC.

IN MEMORIAM
Emily Riddle McLemore
March 7, 2020

SYMPATHY
To Ann Arrighi and her family upon the death of her son, *John (Bobo) Arrighi, Jr.*



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry Congregation

MARCH 15, 2020
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Reverend Jay D. Cooper
Senior Minister

Reverend Lucas S. Tribble
Associate Minister

Reverend Gillian L. Walters
Associate Minister

Reverend G. Charles Kendall
Associate Minister

Reverend Ben A. McDavid
Associate Minister

Dr. C. Jason Borders
Theologian in Residence

Dr. Karl K. Stegall
Pastor Emeritus

Bishop David W. Graves
Bishop Alabama-West Florida
Conference

Dr. James H. Seay
Director of Music

Reverend R. Allen Newton
District Superintendent
Montgomery-Prattville District

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

If you are in need of a minister after hours or on weekends, please contact pastoralcare@fumcmontgomery.org.

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2416 West Cloverdale Park | Montgomery, Alabama 36106

MORNING WORSHIP

LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

Prelude *Moderato* Charles-Marie Widor

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 *Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place* arr. Lanny Wolfe

***Processional Hymn** *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* 66

***Call to Worship** Dr. C. Jason Borders
Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord, our maker!
People: We are here to worship God despite our shame and guilt.
Leader: We have all sinned against God and one another.
People: But Christ is redeeming us and making us new!

***Invocation**
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray together.
All: Almighty God, redeemer of us all, we gather this day with no stones to throw, for none of us are without sin. Grant us peace this day that we may shed our labels of shame, guilt, and abuse. Help us to not see the shame in ourselves and in others, that we may recognize the child of God in everyone we see. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith** 881

The Apostles' 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** Alice Easterly McWilliams
Daughter of John and Sarah McWilliams

Concerns of a Caring Fellowship Rev. Gillian L. Walters

***Preparation for Prayer** *Be Still and Know* arr. Tom Fettke

***Pastoral Prayer** Rev. Gillian L. Walters

***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.

Offertory *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee* arr. Hal Hopson
Cathedral Choir
Mei Li Chin, Cellist

O Master, let me walk with Thee in lowly paths of service free; tell me Thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way. Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee in closer, dearer company, in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong. In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broad'ning way, in peace that only Thou canst give, with Thee, O Master, let me live.

Presentation of the Tithes and Offerings
You may still give to FUMC to pay your pledge, make memorial gifts or other giving online at <https://www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/firs2416274> or by texting (334) 219-9113.

Doxology HAMBURG
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.

Children's Minute Rev. Lucas S. Tribble
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.

***Gospel Lesson** John 8:1-11
pg. 94-95, New Testament

Sermon *No Labels: Shame, Guilt, and Abuse* Rev. Jay D. Cooper

Observe a Label-Free Lent

Music During Collection of Labels *Amazing Grace* arr. Bruce Stevenson
Cathedral Choir
Mei Li Chin, Cellist

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** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* 400

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

***Benediction Response** *Amen* arr. Peter Lutkin

***Postlude** *Fugue* Felix Mendelssohn

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

**Please stand as you are able.*

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of our parents, John and Dianne McWilliams and Derril and Belinda Strickland, and grandmother, Bobbye McClinton, by John and Sarah McWilliams.

The font flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of Alice Easterly McWilliams by John, Sarah, and Anna McWilliams.