



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

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coleman, Mrs. Frank McCorkle, Dr. and Mrs. Bubba Armstrong*

William Henry Brittain, II

Respite Ministry: *Dr. and Mrs. Bubba Armstrong*; Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Billy Liddon, Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Hoff*

Ann Reese Randall

Memorial Fund: *Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Mazyck, Rebecca C. Oates, the Worthington Family*; Sacred Arts Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Larry McLemore*

Elaine Ellard McDonald

Respite Ministry: *Susan M. Starr, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Peard, Joshua Michael Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Grace*; Pastor’s Discretionary Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lanoux*; Memorial Fund: *Bob Geddie, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bowden*

Harvey E. “Sonny” Cauthen

Pastor’s Discretionary Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lanoux*; Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Steve Marlowe*

Richard “Dick” Arthur Forster

Seekers Sunday School Class: *Joseph Ministry*

Clifford Anderson Lanier

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Jim Klingler, Mr. and Mrs. William McConnell*

Samuel Wayne Shannon

Memorial Fund: *Diane L. Buckner*

Caro Louise Jehle

Memorial Fund: *Diane L. Buckner, Mr. and Mrs. Ham Wilson*

William Adams Porter

Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Oates, Raymond, David and Michael Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Somers*

John Pios Mitchum

Music Ministry: *Joanne E. Blalock*

IN HONOR OF

Sara Beth Tribble, Charles Walters, Mary McDavid, Susan Cooper, Melissa Kendall

Honor Fund: *Gayle Page*

AROUND THE CONGREGATION

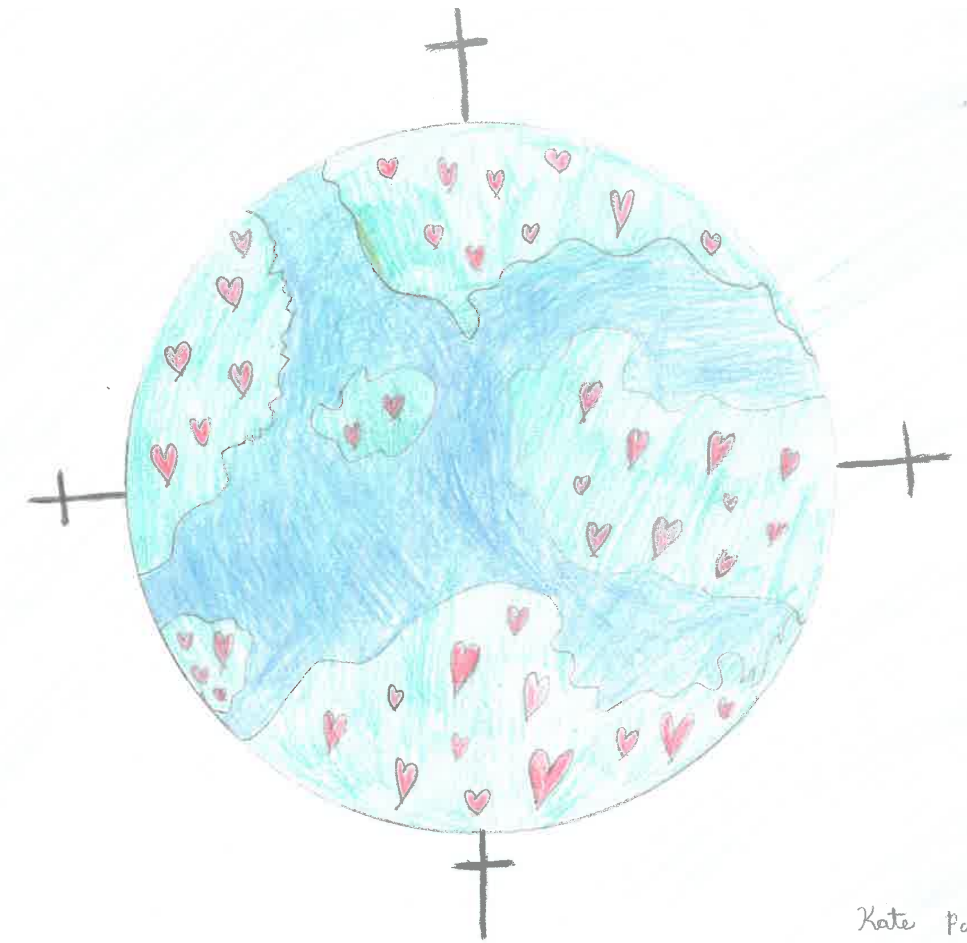
IN MEMORIAM

Timothy Paul Donley

March 2, 2020

Wednesday Night Chapel and Holy Communion | March 11

Dr. C. Jason Borders | 5:30 p.m. | Sanctuary



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry Congregation

**MARCH 8, 2020
CHILDREN’S SUNDAY**

*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

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MORNING WORSHIP

LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

Prelude	<i>Fugue</i>	César Franck
Welcome and Parish Notices		Rev. Jay D. Cooper
Chiming of the Trinity	<i>The three chimes signify the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit</i>	
Introit	<i>Praise the Lord</i>	arr. Boyd Bacon
*Processional Hymn	<i>For the Healing of the Nations</i>	428
*Call to Worship		(8:45) Della Skelley (11:00) Pickett Brittain
Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down; People: Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker. Leader: The hour is coming and is now here. People: In spirit and truth, let us worship God.		
*Invocation		
Leader: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you. Leader: Let us pray together. All: Lord God, Great I Am, you are living water. As we worship you this day show us who we are: agents of your love and carriers of your grace to all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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	<i>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.</i>	
Act of Praise	(8:45) <i>I Want to Be Like Jesus</i> <i>Siyahamba</i> Agape and Wesley Choirs Sarah Fell, Director of Children's Choirs Rosemary Blackmon, Accompanist	arr. Cindy Berry arr. Brad Nix
	(11:00) <i>The Butterfly Song</i> Joy Choir Hannah Miller and Jayee Posey, Directors Ruth Russell, Accompanist	arr. Brian Howard
	<i>Love Is...</i> Carol Choir Hannah Thomas, Director Jeanne Friesen, Accompanist	arr. Jeff Reaves
Concerns of a Caring Fellowship		Rev. Ben A. McDavid
*Preparation for Prayer	<i>Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying</i>	arr. Ken Medema
*Morning Prayer		(8:45) Frances Brooks (11:00) Elle Ingram

*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	<i>Be Not Afraid</i> Cathedral Choir	arr. Taylor Davis
	<i>Be not afraid, for I have redeemed you. Be not afraid for I have called you by name. My love for you is everlasting, my love for you shall have no end. When you walk through the waters, I will surround you. When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er. When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed. You are my child, you are so precious to me. You are my child, and I'll love you always. Just hold my hand, and I'll lead you home. When you feel lost, always remember: I am right here, just call out my name. You are my child, you are so precious to me.</i>	
Presentation of the Tithes and Offerings		
Doxology	<i>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.</i>	HAMBURG
(11:00) Act of Praise	<i>I'm Gonna Sing, Sing, Sing</i> <i>Father, I Adore You</i> The children of the Early Childhood Development Center and First School	TRADITIONAL Terry Coelho Strom
Children's Minute	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.	Rev. Lucas S. Tribble
*Gospel Lesson		Matthew 18:1-7 pg. 18-19, New Testament (8:45) Ellie Callahan (11:00) Chapman Baker
Sermon	<i>No Labels: "-Isms" and Phobias</i>	Rev. Jay D. Cooper
Observe a Label-Free Lent	<i>Please find a blank label on the end of each pew. Take a brief moment to write down a label you hope to remove or overcome. The person on the inside of each pew will pass the white bag down the pew. Place your label in the bag. Pass the bag to the end of each pew where a member of our clergy team will collect them to be placed at the cross.</i>	
Music During Collection of Labels	<i>Draw the Circle Wide</i> Cathedral Choir	arr. Mark Miller
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	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i>	191
*Benediction		(8:45) Chapman Robertson (11:00) Oliver Steen
*Benediction Response	<i>Go In Peace</i>	arr. Hal Hopson
*Postlude	<i>Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne</i> <i>After the service, please turn and greet those nearest you.</i> <i>*Please stand as you are able.</i>	D. Buxtehude
	The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Virginia Stabler by her family: Carolyn Golson, Margaret and Craig Kneisel, and Ann and Stan Williams.	