



ATHENS FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

October 27, 2013

8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 a.m.

Welcome

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Our ushers and greeters are happy to help you find your way. You may also pick up a map of the church in the narthex, at the front entrance of the sanctuary. We'd love to get to know you, so please come for coffee, donuts and conversation beginning at 9:30 every Sunday morning in Hancock Hall!

Worship

We ask that your cell phones be turned off or switched to silent and that you refrain from using flash photography during worship. Each Sunday, the 11:00 service is broadcast on WRFC 960 AM, and the 9:45 and 11:00 services are streamed live at athensfirstumc.org/webcast.

Nursery Availability

For infants through four-year-olds

Sundays | 8:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesdays | 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Children's Church

For children in kindergarten through second grade

Wonder of Worship (W.O.W.), or Children's Church, follows the Children's Message during 11:00 Worship all Sundays except for Communion Sundays. Worship activity bags (age appropriate for all preschool and elementary children) are available every Sunday in the narthex and by the south entrance of the sanctuary.

Website

Please visit our website, athensfirstumc.org, for information about our ministries, to register for events, to give online, to view our church wide calendar, and to listen to sermons from our sermon archive. We encourage you to sign up for our newsletter that is emailed weekly by contacting amelia@athensfirstumc.org.

Church Office Hours

Monday through Friday | 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

If you need assistance, please call 706-543-1442. We are happy to help you!

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The Worship of God
on the
Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

Gathering

THE PRELUDE

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

A. Organ

THE WELCOME AND PARISH NOTES

Led by Martha Aenchbacher

THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

9:45 & 11:00 "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"
Sung by the Sanctuary Choir

Bach

Praise & Thanksgiving

***THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 89**

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

HYMN TO JOY

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***THE 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. Amen.

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

THE STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Martha Aenchbacher
Minister of Congregational Care

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

8:30 Led by Beth Dickinson

9:45 & 11:00 Led by Betsy Butler

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

8:30 & 11:00 At the 11:00 service, children in kindergarten through second grade will go to W.O.W. in the Caravans room on the third floor. Parents are to pick up children from the Caravans room at the end of the service.

Proclamation of the Word

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

8:30 "How Great Thou Art"
Mark Maxwell, Classical Guitar

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9:45 & 11:00 "Laudate Dominum"
Sung by the Sanctuary Choir; with Rachael Fischer, violin; Josh Holritz, violin; Megan Chisom Peyton, viola; David Peyton, cello; Chris Enghauser, bass; Matthew Huff, bassoon Evelyn Shreves, soprano soloist

Mozart

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes,
laudate eum omnes populi.
Quoniam confirmata est
super nos misericordia ejus,
et veritas Domini manet
in aeternum.
Gloria patri et filio
et spiritui sancto,
sicut erat in principio
et nunc et semper
et in saecula saeculorum.
Amen.

Praise the Lord, all ye nations(peoples),
praise him, all ye peoples.
For his loving kindness (mercy)
has been bestowed upon us,
and the truth of the Lord endures
for eternity.
Glory to the Father, Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen.

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom 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!

THE SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:6-7

⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

THE MESSAGE

Chuck Hodges

"If I Should Wake Before I Die"

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

8:30 *Page 9 in the hymnal*

THE RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

8:30 At Athens First United Methodist Church, all are invited to commune at Christ's table. If you need to be served in your pew, please call this to the attention of an usher. Note that gluten free elements are available at either station.

Sending Forth

THE CLOSING PRAYER

*THE HYMN 389

"Freely, Freely"

FREELY, FREELY

*THE POSTLUDE

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Burkhardt

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF DR. ROBERT BIRD MOORE, SR., BY MRS. ROBERT BIRD MOORE, SR. AND CHILDREN.

*Please stand as you are able.

The congregation speaks or sings the text in **bold type**.

Sermon Notes

October Ushers

8:30 a.m. Jim Belger, Ann Brown, Paul Brown, Larry Deal, Hugh Larkey, Mack Lowery, Jim Lyons, Candler Meadors, Olan Moore, Bob Noble, Grace Rabek, Ken Reece, Keith Wilson, & Sharon Braun

9:45 a.m. Chris Bostdorff, Tom Cooper, David and Jane Disney, Mark Ellison, Mark Firth, Tom Hedges, Dan Lasseeter, Jim Lyons, Dave Matthews, Sharon Milton, Tom Milton, Al Rogers, & Bill Trigleth

11:00 a.m. Lee Brinson, Head, Nathan King, Ryan Brinson, Claude Felton, Steve Greer, Mack Furlow, Josh Brooks, John Bateman, Jim Lyons

Attendance on October 20

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| Sunday School..... | 429 |
| Total Worship | 1,150 |
| 8:30 a.m..... | 139 |
| 9:45 a.m..... | 333 |
| 11:00 a.m..... | 624 |
| Online..... | 54 |

Greeters

Vic Armstrong, Charlotte & Hal Northrop, Al Rogers, Mary & Bob Wimberly, Will Cunningham, Anna Alyssa McKoy

First Light Acolytes

8:30 Peyton Shedd, Annie Miller

9:45 Barrett McLanahan, Madeline Jackson, Jack McLanahan, Evan Williams

11:00 Larsen Block, Oliver Hedges, Harrison Hedges

Financial Report

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| Budget for 2013 | \$2,431,217 |
| Amount Given YTD | \$2,005,789 |
| Goal for September | \$162,241 |
| Amount after 2 Sundays | \$111,511 |
| Current Debt Balance | \$201,667 |
| Total Debt Reduction YTD | \$820,141 |

Offering Stewards

Bob Booth and Charlie Grimes, co-chairman; Jim Lyons, Nat Carmack, Henry Garrard, Nathan King, Al Hawley, Sean Rogers, Charlie Upchurch III

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living in
grace.&
gratitude

Make a joyful noise to
the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with
gladness; come into his
presence with singing.

PSALM 100



Dear Church Family,

I recently graduated from college and returned to my home city, Athens, and my home church—this church. I wanted to volunteer but needed a place to start. I contacted Robin Stewart and arranged to teach an elementary Sunday School class for a month. It was a wonderful experience!

I taught in the Tabernacle, which is a story-telling class. Our lesson was the story of Noah obeying God. The children and I had so much fun learning about God! While I read the Scripture we acted out all the different animals as they boarded the ark: chimpanzees, mice, lions, bulldogs, and more. We flicked the lights, pounded the floor, and pattered our hands on our knees as “lightning” flashed, “thunder” rolled, and “rain” fell above the “rising flood”. We even made construction-paper arks!

When you volunteer as a teacher in any of the children’s Sunday School classrooms, you commit to teach for a month. Lesson plans and directions are already prepared for you. If teaching is difficult for you consider becoming a Shepherd. Shepherding allows you to meet teachers and children while helping them during class.

People speak about being blessed through giving. What a wonderful way to experience God’s blessings—tithing your time and service sharing His word with children!

In Christ,
Lorien Campbell



Service of Remembrance

honoring every child of God

November 3, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Our Sanctuary

Each year there are people in our community who pass away with no family or friends to mourn them. Service of Remembrance offers our community an opportunity to act as a surrogate family to those who have died without family or friends to mark their passing.

Representatives from several local congregations will share scripture, prayers and words of encouragement. The Wesleyan Youth Choir will offer music. Refreshments will immediately follow in Hancock Hall. This is an interfaith service. All are welcome.

Contact: Janis Maxwell |
janis@athensfirstumc.org

Announcements



New Members

On October 20 we welcomed Lydia and Ron Menzies, Janet Ramser and Jack Stump, Mary Talmadge Hardman, Laura Welch, and Lilyan West to the Athens First United Methodist family.



Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to John McLanahan and family in the loss of his father, John Dudley McLanahan, on October 13 in Athens, Georgia.



Baptism

On October 20 Marvin Alan Kennedy III, "Mak," received the Sacrament of Baptism in our sanctuary. Mak is the son of Rebecca and Alan Kennedy.



Children's Basketball | Register October 1–November 4

Our winter Children's Basketball league will take place November 12, 2013–March 1, 2014. We have leagues for boys and girls ages 4–10. We look forward to creating a supportive environment where children grow in both their knowledge of basketball and Christian values. For more information on our leagues and registration, please visit athensfirstumc.org/childrensbasketball. Contact: Rusty Wood | rusty@athensfirstumc.org



Interfaith Hospitality Network of Athens Town Hall Meeting | October 28

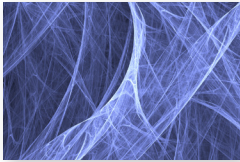
Interfaith Hospitality Network of Athens is celebrating Family Promise Week with a Town Hall meeting October 28 at 7:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church. Please come for dinner, fellowship, question/answer period, to meet new staff, to celebrate the work of Interfaith Hospitality Network/ Family Promise, and to learn about the current and future efforts of Interfaith Hospitality Network. Contact: Betsy Butler | betsy@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442



Parenting with Purpose | *Small Group Meetings*

You are invited to be a part of a small group discussing parenting with purpose. Robert Miles will lead a group on Sundays at 4:30 p.m. Please go to athensfirstumc.org to sign up and get more information.

Contact: Beth Dickinson | beth@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442



Early Book Group | *October 30*

This group meets weekly at 4:45 p.m. in the Cornerstone classroom (Room 261). On October 30 they are going to begin *The Luminous Web* by Barbara Brown Taylor. After Thanksgiving they will read *If Grace Is True* by Philip Gulley and James Mulholland. New members welcome.

Contact: Cindy and George Kuhlman | gckuhlman@charter.net



Care Packages for College Students

Thanksgiving is near, and it is right to give thanks all the time for the many blessings from above. That's why we are making college care packages to celebrate something we are thankful for—our college students. The youth will be collecting specific supplies for care packages from now until Sunday morning, November 10. You can begin dropping off shopping list items in designated collection bins in the hallway of the youth department beginning Sunday, October 27. Please go to athensfirstumc.org/office/announcements/ for the list of shopping items.

Contact: Josh Miles | josh@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442



Blood Drive | *November 10*

Volunteers are needed to both donate and serve at the Sunday, November 10, blood drive. Sign up online through the American Red Cross website to donate (search for sites with the zip code 30601). Contact Geoff Hill or Rev. Betsy Butler to serve, or complete the form below. Service opportunities include welcoming and signing donors in, donating, and running the canteen.

Contact: Geoff Hill | glhill_42@yahoo.com or

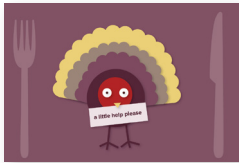
Betsy Butler | betsy@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442



33 The Series: A Man and His Design | *November 6*

Every man must understand and come to grips with the defining moments and key relationships that have shaped his unique "story." In this second volume of *33 The Series*, men explore their stories through a Biblical perspective. This study is led by Keith Wilson and completion of part one is not required to participate. Pre-registration is requested. Cost is \$14. Childcare is available by registration. Meets Wednesdays, November 6-December 18, 6:30-8 p.m. in room 119. Register online, athensfirstumc.org/registration, or at the reception desk.

Contact: Keith Wilson | kcw2236@gmail.com



Volunteer Need at International Student Life

Thanksgiving Dinner | *November 11*

Volunteers of every talent are needed to help serve the nations at the REACH International/International Student Life Thanksgiving Dinner on November 11 in Hancock Hall. From decorating to helping with children to hosting and serving, you and your talents are needed! Please visit athensfirstumc.org/reachisl to learn more about different volunteer roles and to sign up. Please sign up by November 4.

Contact: Lynn Bryant | lynn@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442



Spectrum Ministries Information Session | *November 17*

You're invited to join the youth to meet Aaron and Matt, the directors of Spectrum Ministries. You have the opportunity at this special information session to learn more about our mission connection to Tijuana, Mexico. Join our students at 6:00 p.m. in our awesome youth space (room 126) for worship to kick off our time together.

Contact: Eric Fessler | eric@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442 or
Betsy Butler | betsy@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442



Agapé

We are collecting deodorant, new washcloths, razors, travel wet wipes, and toothpaste for our Agape collection. These items will go to local mission partners. Please bring donations of these items to the basket behind the reception desk.

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This Week

For a detailed calendar see our website, athensfirstumc.org/calendar.
Maps of the church are located in the narthex, at the front entrance of the sanctuary.

Sunday, October 27

Joel 2:23-32

- 8:30 a.m.** Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Preschool Nursery and Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m.** Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Sunday School Classes
- 11:00 a.m.** Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Bridges Sunday School (Hull Dining Room)
- 11:30 a.m.** Children's Church (Caravans)
- 1:00 p.m.** Volley Performance (Gym)
- 3:45 p.m.** Agape Rehearsal (Room 163)
- 4:00 p.m.** Alleluia Ringers (Room 165)
- 4:30 p.m.** Wesleyan Youth Choir Rehearsal (Room 163)
Route 56 | Open Road (Rooms 123, 124, & 125)
- 4:30 p.m.** Parenting With Purpose Small Group Meeting | Miles (John Wesley Parlor)
- 5:00 p.m.** Carillon Ringers (Room 165)
- 5:30 p.m.** Disciple 1 (Room 256)
Disciple 2 (Room 254)
- 5:30 p.m.** Namesake Women's Study | Yun (Room 252)
- 6:00 p.m.** Youth Volleyball (Gym)

Monday, October 28

Psalms 149

- 5:30 a.m.** Fashion Fitness (Room 126)
- 11:30 a.m.** United Methodist Women Circle 5 (Hull Dining Room)
- 1:00 p.m.** Volley Performance (Gym)
- 1:15 p.m.** Monday Bible Study Group (Room 221 & 253)
- 5:30 p.m.** Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting (Hull Dining Room)
- 6:00 p.m.** Basketball Coach Meeting (Room 120)
- 6:30 p.m.** Financial Peace Course (Room 256)

Tuesday, October 29

Psalm 65

- 5:30 a.m.** Fashion Fitness (Room 126)
- 7:00 a.m.** Men's Bible Study (Hull Dining)
- 9:00 a.m.** Wesley Foundation Staff Meeting (Room 252)
Community Bible Study Leaders Council (Youth Area)
- 7:00 p.m.** Fashion Fitness (Room 126)
Boy Scouts | Troop 1 Meeting (Saye Scout Hut)

Wednesday, October 30

2 Timothy 4:6-8

- 5:30 a.m.** Fashion Fitness (Room 126)
- 9:30 a.m.** Beth Moore: *Living Beyond Yourself* (Room 252)
Wednesday Morning Bible Study (Hull Dining Hall)
- 12:30 p.m.** Beth Moore: *Living Beyond Yourself* (Room 252)
- 4:30 p.m.** Children's Lyric Choir and Celebrate Chimes (Music Suite)
Jesus Calling Express Study (Room 254)
Prayer Shawl Ministry (Room 221)
- 4:30 p.m.** Fun Gym (Gym)
- 4:45 p.m.** Early Book Group (Room 261)
- 5:15 p.m.** Children's Cherub, Celebrate, Sonshine, Joy Choirs, Lyric Chimes (Music Area)
Route 56 | GPS (Room 125)
Jesus Calling Express Study (Room 254)
- 5:30 p.m.** Connect Small Group Meeting | Dean (Marketplace)
- 5:45 p.m.** ONE Student Ministry Snack Supper (Youth Area)
- 6:00 p.m.** Courage for Crisis Living (Room 255)
Measure of a Man Men's Bible Study (Room 258)
Bible Study 101 (Room 256)
Connect Small Group | Allen (Room 128)
Connect Small Group | Sams (Room 257)
Connect Small Group | Tabernacle (Room 363)
This We Believe John Wesley Video (John Wesley Parlor)
- 6:15 p.m.** Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Room 163)
Connect Group Meeting | The Psalm Trees (Room 362)
- 6:15 p.m.** Namesake Women's Study | Dickinson (Room)
- 6:30 p.m.** The Truth Project (Room 254)
Men's Study | *33 The Series: A Man and His Design* (Room 119)
- 7:00 p.m.** Engage (Youth Area)
- 8:00 p.m.** Chamber Ensemble (Room 163)
Tijuana Youth Trip Prep Session (Room 120)

Thursday, October 31

1 Timothy 16-18

5:30 a.m. Fashion Fitness (Room 129)

9:00 a.m. Community Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Fashion Fitness (Room 126)

Friday, November 1

Luke 18:9-14

7:00 a.m. REACH International Retreat Departs

Saturday, November 1

Joel 2:12-22

12:00 p.m. REACH International Retreat Departs

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