



Karl Jenkins's Stabat Mater
Sunday, March 30

Sung
by the
Sanctuary
Choir with
orchestra
8:15, 9:45
& 11:00 a.m.

STABAT MATER

ATHENS FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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 **no child care this evening.**

Wednesdays | 5:30-8:00 p.m. kindergarten-grade 5

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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Worship of God on The Fourth Sunday in Lent

The Prelude

"The Only Son from Heaven" | Burkhardt

The Welcome and Opening Prayer

8:30 Led by Beth Dickinson • 9:45 Led by Betsy Butler • 11:00 Led by Chuck Hodges

The Reading

"His Mother Wept" | A modern translation of the Stabat Mater

Stabat Mater

Karl Jenkins (1944-)

I. Cantus lacrimosus

Stabat mater dolorosa
juxta Crucem lacrimosa,
dum pendebat Filius.
Cujus animam gementem,
contristatam et dolentem
pertransivit gladius.
O quam tristis et afflicta
fuit illa benedicta,
mater Unigeniti!
Quae mœrebat et dolebat,
pia Mater, dum videbat
nati poenas incliti

At the Cross her station keeping,
stood the mournful Mother weeping,
close to Jesus to the last.
Through her heart, His sorrow sharing,
all His bitter anguish bearing,
now at length the sword has passed.
O how sad and sore distressed
was that Mother, highly blest,
of the sole-begotten One.
Christ above in torment hangs,
she beneath beholds the pangs
of her dying glorious Son.

II. Incantation

DEANA
FRINK,
SOLOIST

Salli li ajlinaa
ya qaddisa Maryam
ya walidat Allah,
al adharaal adhara
salli li ajlinaa.

Pray for us,
O Holy Mary,
O mother of God,
O virgin of virgins,
Pray for us.

III. Vidit Jesum in tormentis

Quis est homo qui non fleret,
matrem Christi si videret
in tanto supplicio?
Quis non posset contristari,
Christi Matrem contemplari
dolentem cum Filio?
Pro peccatis suæ gentis
vidit Iesum in tormentis,
et flagellis subditum.
Vidit suum dulcem Natum
moriendo desolatum,
dum emisit spiritum.
Eia, Mater, fons amoris
me sentire vim doloris
fac, ut tecum lugeam.
Fac, ut ardeat cor meum
in amando Christum Deum
ut sibi compleceam.

Is there one who would not weep,
whelmed in miseries so deep,
Christ's dear Mother to behold?
Can the human heart refrain
from partaking in her pain,
in that Mother's pain untold?
For the sins of His own nation,
She saw Jesus wracked with torment,
All with scourges rent:
She beheld her tender Child,
Saw Him hang in desolation,
till His spirit forth He sent.
O thou Mother! fount of love!
Touch my spirit from above,
make my heart with thine accord:
make me feel as thou hast felt;
make my soul to glow and melt
with the love of Christ my Lord.

IV. Lament

EVELYN
SHREVES,
SOLOIST

Feeling all the grief and sorrow
We live life with shadows in our hearts and minds,
with tears that wait to fall when sorrow in the world is more than we can truly bear.

We hear the cries of children,
we see death cast shadows on their hearts and minds,
as mothers in their grief stand crying,
weeping, weeping, crying, crying,
weeping, weeping for this world.

On our bed of thorns such sorrow must surely end,
our tears can wash away the sins of the world, no more crying, weeping, weeping,
crying, crying, weeping, weeping in this world, this world.

V. Sancta Mater

Sancta Mater, istud agas,
crucifixi fige plagas
cordi meo valide.
Tui Nati vulnerati,
tam dignati pro me pati
pœnas mecum divide.
Fac me tecum pie flere
crucifixo condolere,
donec ego vixero.
Juxta Crucem tecum stare,
et me tibi sociare
in planctu desidero.

Holy Mother! pierce me through,
in my heart each wound renew
of my Savior crucified:
Let me share with thee His pain,
who for all my sins was slain,
who for me in torments died.
Let me mingle tears with thee,
mourning Him who mourned for me,
all the days that I may live:
By the Cross with thee to stay,
there with thee to weep and pray,
is all I ask of thee to give.

VI. Now my life is only weeping

Sung in English and Aramaic

EVELYN
SHREVES &
DEANA
FRINK,
SOLOISTS

Now my life is only weeping,
like a candle melting,
like a flute my cries are song.

Barchay balchoorodd hashha haina,
sharach barmooth shaooth shra,
barmooth baroof rauvai kal.

VII. And the Mother did weep

And the Mother did weep.
Vehaeym bachetah (Hebrew)
Lacrimavit Mater (Latin)
Warkath hahi imma (Aramaic)
Kai eklausen he meter (Greek)

VIII. Virgo virginum

Virgo virginum præclara,
mihi iam non sis amara,
fac me tecum plangere.

Virgin of all virgins blest!,
Listen to my fond request:
let me share thy grief divine;

IX. Are you lost out in darkness? | The Offering

Sung in English and Aramaic

Are you lost out in darkness?
Is your sleep, your silence, endless?
Can you no more hear my voice?

Ahtu sheereek bercheshka?
Damkuthak shetkaak dalalam?
Meshar arlam mashma kaalee?

X. Ave Verum

**PERRY
WRIGHT,
SOLOIST**

Ave, verum corpus natum
de Maria Virgine.
Vere passum immolatum
in cruce pro homine.
Cujus latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine.
Esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.
Jesu dulcis! Jesu pie,
Fili Mariae. Amen

Hail, true body
born of the Virgin Mary,
who truly suffered, sacrificed
on the Cross for mankind,
whose pierced side
flowed with water and blood,
be for us a foretaste
in the trial of death.
Sweet Jesus! Blessed Jesus,
Son of Mary. Amen.

XI. Fac, ut portem Christi mortem

**SUNG
BY THE
CHAMBER
ENSEMBLE**

Fac, ut portem Christi mortem,
passionis fac me sortem,
et plagas recolare.
Fac me plagis vulnerari,
fac me Cruce inebriari,
et cruore Filii.

Let me, to my latest breath,
in my body bear the death
of your dying Son of divine.
Wounded with His every wound,
steep my soul till it hath swooned,
in His very Blood away.

XII. Paradisi gloria

Flammis ne urar succensus,
per te, Virgo, sim defensus
in die iudicii.
Christe, cum sit hinc exire,
da per Matrem me venire
ad palmam victoriæ.
Quando corpus morietur,
fac, ut animæ donetur
paradisi gloria. Amen.
Alleluia.

Be to me, O Virgin, nigh,
lest in flames I burn and die,
in His awful Judgment Day.
Christ, when Thou shalt call me hence,
be Thy Mother my defense,
be Thy Cross my victory;
While my body here decays,
may my soul Thy goodness praise,
safe in Paradise with Thee. Amen.
Alleluia

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Sidney and Myrtice Dickerson by Dianne D. Wall and family.

Sanctuary Choir

Stephen Mitchell, Director of Music | Jason Bennett, accompanist

Soprano

Susan Abell	Pat Daugherty	Rita Mathew	Evelyn Shreves
Sara Braucher	Gretchen Evans	Lynne Nagy	Callie Waller
Melissa Bush	Cathy Felton	Erica Prater	Debbie Willingham
Suzanne Carter	Deana Frink	Carol Reeves	Ny Riavo Voarintsoa
Cumby Cobb	Deana Jones	Nancy Seagraves	Perry Wright
Kasey Darley	Tina Lord	Deena Sheram	

Alto

Beth Baile	Arlyn Hawley	Eva Miller	Jane Seaton
Martha Beeson	Mary Hutcherson	Joy Ovington	Sarah Slappey
Kelsey Brown	Cindy Kuhlman	Helen Plymale	Claire Swann
Anna Conner	Amy McCollum	Cathy Prager	Gail Walton
Mackenzie Davis	Lynette Maxey	Evelyn Riley	Helen Zeagler

Tenor

Carlyn Haley	Greg Kirby	Tim Saxon	Craig Widenhouse
Jim Hilliard	Beverly Pool	Ross Sheppard	
Steven Jones	Kevin Rowland	Dave Walton	

Bass

Blaine Bostelman	Jim Evans	Stephen Hutchings	Olin Parker
Jack Carr	Matthew Everhart	George Kuhlman	Shelly Prescott
David Conley	Joe Hay	Josh Luke	Joe Wyrick
Steven Dasher	Chris Holland	Dan Maxey	

Orchestra

Violin 1: Rachael Fischer, Lucas Scalamogna, Saikat Karmakar, Ben Lo **Violin 2:** Emily Laminack, Julie Saxton, Carly King, **Viola:** Megan Chisom Peyton, Ryan McDonald, Melissa Loga **Cello:** David Peyton, Ana Abrantes Sicilia **Bass:** Emory Daniel, Mauricio Souza **Flute:** Amelia Dicks, Brianna Futch **Oboe:** Adam Smith, Holly Blanchette **Clarinet:** Daniel Martinec, Michael Pace **Bassoon:** Kyle Bickwit, Matthew Huff **Trumpet:** David Burrell, Micheal Meo, Gillian Huff **Horn:** Joel Ockerman, Peter Riggs **Trombone:** David Gonzalez, Kevin Schoeller, Wilson Wong **Riq:** Nate Lee **Darbuka:** Jacob Powers **Percussion:** Justin Iadonisi, Brad Robinson **Timpani:** Josh Luke

March 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, Michael & Sharon Broun

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

11:00 a.m. Mark Graham, Mike McCord, Charlie Upchurch III, Allan Hixon, Mason McWhorter, Gene Deal, Jim Lyons

Attendance on March 23

Sunday School	466
Total Worship	1,133
8:30 a.m.....	161
9:45 a.m.....	334
11:00 a.m.....	568
Online.....	70

Greeters

Gay Crowe, Frances and Nat Hansford, Melanie and Allan Hixon, Charlotte and Hal Northrop, Jennifer Golden, Caroline Block, Grace Griffith

Financial Report

Budget for 2014	\$2,431,008
Amount Given YTD	\$602,477
Goal for March	\$203,343
Amount after 3 Sundays	\$144,590

Offering Stewards

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





A DAY OF PRAYER

A RESPONSE TO PRAYER

Martha,

Pleased to report the 1:00 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. Day of Prayer time slot was successfully filled.

God was talking right back to me. I felt like the guy in the antacid commercial, the one where the giant baked chicken is slapping the guy barbecuing in the back yard.

Certainly got my attention and I know I got more from it then the Lord did- that's the whole purpose, isn't it? He and you are sneaky that way.

The prayer guide was so helpful! I did skip the coloring as I failed early in grade school the section on staying between the lines so no need to subject even Jesus' capacity for tolerance to that potential mess.

The Church, family, friends, and big groups of the suffering and oppressed had good representation as the guide instructed, but I suspect it was the building up of my connection with God that will allow him to affect those people as he uses me according to his plan.

Thank you for recruiting me for the Day of Prayer!

Blessings,

Bill Trigleth

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JUNE 23-27

It takes a small army
to make Vacation Bible
School happen every
summer. There are
volunteer options for every
age and skill level. Visit
athensfirstumc.org/vbs
to see what you can do.





Holy Week

Palm Sunday

April 13 | 8:30, 9:45, & 11:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday

A Service of Holy Communion

April 17 | 6:00 p.m.

Good Friday

April 18 | 12:00 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Service

April 20 | 6:30 a.m. | Evergreen Memorial Park

Easter Sanctuary Services

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

Member News



In Memoriam

Marian Martin
November 29, 2013

Durward Entrekin
March 20, 2014

Betty Doyle
March 22, 2014



Baptisms

On March 23 Sebastian Hill Moore received the Sacrament of Baptism in our sanctuary. Sebastian is the son of Sarah and Isaac Moore, and the grandson of Debbie and Phil Kincaid.



Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Marilyn Entrekin and family in the loss of her husband, Durward Entrekin, on March 20.

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Jean Palmer and family in the loss of her daughter, Betty Doyle, on March 22.

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Alan Cannon and family in the loss of his father on March 24.

Ways to Fish

For more information about fishing, visit athensfirstumc.org/im-new/sermons and listen to January 26 sermon, "Those Called to Fish Must Fish."



Blood Drive | Today

Save a life today by participating in the American Red Cross Blood Drive in Hancock Hall. Walk-ins are welcome. If donating blood makes you queasy we invite you to participate by praying for those donating and receiving this gift of life.

Contact: Geoff Hill | glhill_42@yahoo.com or
Betsy Butler | betsy@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442



Great Day of Service | May 3-4

Saturday, May 3, is the day for the 2014 Great Day Of Service. This is a day to serve together, both at projects out in the community and here at the church. Projects will be announced soon. There are many ways for families and individuals to participate.

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

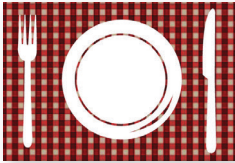


Toilet Paper Needed for Souper Supper Store

Thank you for bringing in peanut butter crackers, cans of ravioli, packages of Spam, and dish soap. This week 4-count packages of toilet paper are needed for the Thursday evening Souper Supper store. These items go to those in need in our community. Please bring donations to the basket behind the reception desk.

Contact: Mary DeLoach | marymdeloach@yahoo.com or

Kate Kelly | kate@weequahic.com



Boy Scout BBQ | *April 6*

Boy Scout Troop 1 is selling BBQ chicken box lunches for \$8.50 per plate for pick up on Sunday, April 6, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Lunches include a BBQ chicken half, freshly cooked that morning, plus coleslaw, applesauce, and bread. Tickets will be sold from 9:30–11:00 a.m. in the reception area and at noon outside the sanctuary today, or can be purchased from any Troop 1 member. Lunches will be available in the kitchen for carry-out or you may dine in Hancock Hall. Limited walk-up lunches will be available, so buy a ticket to be sure you get one! Thank you for supporting Troop 1 as they raise funds for trips and equipment for our growing and active Scout troop.

Contact: Jeanna Wilson | jeannaw@uga.edu



Easter Lilies | *Order by April 7*

Lilies will once again be placed on our altar for Easter Sunday services. They may be purchased for \$12.00 each in memory or in honor of a loved one. Orders with payment must be placed at the church office or by mail by April 7. Lilies may be picked up on Easter Sunday, April 20, after the 11:00 a.m. service or on Monday, April 21.

Contact: Cookie Daniel | cookied@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442



Good Friday | *April 18*

The source of our term for the Friday before Easter, “Good Friday,” is not clear. It may be a corruption of the English phrase “God’s Friday.” It is a day that proclaims God’s purpose of loving and redeeming the world through the cross of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is a day that is good because God was drawing the world to God’s self in Christ. As seen in John’s gospel, particularly, God was in control. God was not making the best of a bad situation, but was working out God’s intention for the world — winning salvation for all people. We call it “good” because we look backward at the crucifixion through the lens of Easter! Our Good Friday Service will be held at noon on April 18.



Youth Sunday | *April 27*

Join us in celebrating Youth Sunday on April 27! The youth will be leading the 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00 services that morning. The senior class will be recognized during the 11:00 service. For more information, contact Josh Miles.

Contact: Josh Miles | josh@athensfirstumc.org

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, March 30

1 Samuel 16:1-13

- 8:00 a.m.** Blood Drive (Hancock Hall)
- 8:15 a.m.** Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Preschool Nursery and Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m.** Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Sunday School Classes
- 10:00 a.m.** Sack Lunch Ministry (Hull Street Entrance)
- 11:00 a.m.** Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 p.m.** Bridges Class and Lunch (Hull Dining Room)
- 1:00 p.m.** Volley Performance (Gym)
- 3:00 p.m.** Cub Scout Pack 1 (Scout Hut)
- 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 123-125)
Disciple 2 (Room 254)
Disciple 1 (Room 256)
- 5:00 p.m.** Carillon Ringers
- 5:45 p.m.** Encounter
- 6:00 p.m.** Launch (Off Campus)
- 7:00 p.m.** Parenting with Purpose (Hancock Hall)

Monday, March 31

Psalms 23

- 7:00 a.m.** Fashion Fitness (Gym)
Men's Bible Study (Hull Dining Room)
- 1:15 p.m.** Monday Bible Study Group (John Wesley Parlor)
- 6:00 p.m.** Volley Performance (Gym)
Missions Advisory Board Meeting (Hull Dining Room)
- 6:30 p.m.** *Financial Peace* Course (Room 256)

Tuesday, April 1

Ephesians 5:8-14

- 5:30 a.m.** Fashion Fitness (Gym)
- 9:00 a.m.** Wesley Foundation Staff Meeting (Hull Dining Room)
Community Bible Study Leaders Council
- 5:00 p.m.** Girls' Spring Volleyball League (Gym)
- 7:00 p.m.** Boy Scouts | Troop 1 (Scout Hut)

Wednesday, April 2

John 9:1-41

- 7:00 a.m.** Fashion Fitness (Room 126)
- 9:30 a.m.** Gospel of John Bible Study (Hull Dining Room)
- 4:30 p.m.** Children's Lyric Choir and Celebrate Chimes (Music Suite)
Prayer Shawl Ministry (Room 221)
Fun Gym (Gym)
Chick-fil-a (Hull Dining Room)
- 4:45 p.m.** Early Book Group (Room 261)
- 5:15 p.m.** *Jesus Calling* Express Study (Room 252)
Route 56 GPS (Rooms 123-125)
Children's Cherub, Celebrate, Sonshine, Joy Choirs, Lyric Chimes (Music Suite)
- 5:30 p.m.** Connect Small Group | Sams (Rooms 257)
- 5:45 p.m.** Connect Small Group | Langley (Room 255)
- 6:00 p.m.** Men's Study | *It's Not Too Late* (Room 256)
Connect Small Group | Tabernacle (Room 363)
- 6:15 p.m.** Connect Small Group | The Psalm Trees (Room 362)
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals (Room 163)
- 6:30 p.m.** *Lent for Everyone: Matthew* (Room 253)
Connect Small Group | Allen/Anderson (Room 128)
24 Hours That Changed the World Lenten Study (Hancock Hall)
- 7:00 p.m.** Engage | One Student Ministries (Youth Area)
- 8:00 p.m.** Chamber Ensemble (Room 163)

Thursday, April 3

Isaiah 53:10-12

- 5:30 a.m.** Fashion Fitness (Gym)
- 9:30 a.m.** Community Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m.** Souper Supper (Hancock Hall)
Girls' Spring Volleyball League (Gym)
- 5:30 p.m.** Fashion Fitness (Room 126)
- 6:00 p.m.** Men's Softball (Bishop Park)

Friday, April 4

Isaiah 54:9-10

- 12:00 p.m.** REACH International Retreat Departs
- 6:30 p.m.** Young Life Leadership Event (Hancock Hall)

Saturday, April 5

Leviticus 23:1-8

- REACH International Retreat*
- 8:30 a.m.** Tijuana Mexico Mission Trip Departs
- 10:00 a.m.** Youth Soccer (Clarke Central High School Girls' Softball Field)

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