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ATHENS FIRST  
UNITED  
METHODIST  
CHURCH

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*The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

MAY 25, 2014  
8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 A.M.

# Welcome

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We're glad you're here! Thank you for joining us today. Members of this congregation have been gathering here to worship since 1804, when our church was formed to minister to the Native American and European settlers in Athens. Over the past two centuries our congregation has changed, but our mission remains the same: to make disciples of Jesus Christ. We are inspired by the words of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, who encouraged believers to "do all the good you can, in all the ways you can." At Athens First United Methodist, there are many ways to get involved, grow in your faith, and do good in our community.

If you are unable to attend worship in person, each Sunday our 11:00 a.m. service is broadcast on WRFC 960 AM, and our 9:45 and 11:00 a.m. services are live-streamed on our website at [athensfirstumc.org/webcast](http://athensfirstumc.org/webcast).

## *Nursery*

Our nursery is available for infants through four-year-olds on Sundays from 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Nursery is also available on Wednesdays from 4:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. The last Wednesday for nursery care is May 21. The nursery area is located on the first floor of the building, off the Washington Street entrance.

## *Children*

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. Children's Church is held for children in kindergarten through second grade and follows the Children's Message during 11:00 a.m. worship all Sundays except for Communion Sundays.

## *Sunday School*

We offer Sunday School for all ages, kindergarten through adult, each Sunday from 9:45-10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School (kindergarten-grade 4) is located on the third floor of the building. Classes for students in grades 5-12 meet on the first floor. For a list of adult Sunday School classes and locations, visit [athensfirstumc.org/adultsundayschool](http://athensfirstumc.org/adultsundayschool).

## *Connect*

If you would like to find out more about our church or are interested in becoming a member, we invite you to attend our Newcomer Orientation every second Sunday of the month at 9:45 and 11:00 a.m. We also encourage you to visit our website, [athensfirstumc.org](http://athensfirstumc.org), for information about our ministries, to register for events, and to listen to sermons from our sermon archive. Visit [athensfirstumc.org/thesteeples](http://athensfirstumc.org/thesteeples) to sign up for our weekly newsletter, the *eSteeple*. You can also connect with us via social media. Find us @athens\_firstumc on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Pinterest.

Our church office is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. If you need assistance, please call 706-543-1442.

# The Worship of God

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\*Please stand as you are able. The congregation speaks or sings the text in **bold type**.

## Gathering

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. W.C. Burkhart by their daughters Anne Burkhart and Catherine Healey.*

### THE PRELUDE

“Prelude in C Major” | Bach

### WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

8:30 a.m. | Martha Aenchbacher • 9:45 & 11:00 a.m. | Betsy Butler

### THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP | 9:45 & 11:00 a.m.

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir

## Praise & Thanksgiving

### \* THE HYMN 771

"For all the Saints" | SINE NOMINE

### \* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This is the good news  
which we have received,  
in which we stand,  
and by which we are saved:

**Christ died for our sins,  
was buried,  
was raised on the third day,  
and appeared first to the women,  
then to Peter and the Twelve,  
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe Jesus is the Christ,  
the Anointed One of God,  
the firstborn of all creation,**

**the firstborn from the dead,  
in whom all things hold together,  
in whom the fullness of God  
was pleased to dwell  
by the power of the Spirit.**

**Christ is the head of the body, the church,  
and by the blood of the cross  
reconciles all things 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.**

**\* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\* THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE FALLEN**

"American Anthem" | Scheer/Arr Purifoy

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

*Daughter of  
Jean and  
Trevor  
Mangan*

8:30 a.m. | Rebecca Anne Mangan

**Rebecca, Rebecca, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and  
loves you too. We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always  
be. Rebecca, Rebecca, God claims you, God helps you, protects you,  
and loves you too.**

*Children of  
Carolyn and  
Chris Morgan*

11:00 a.m. | Eleanor Ruth and James Paulk Morgan

**Children, children, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and  
loves you too. We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always  
be. Children, children, God claims you, God helps you, protects you,  
and loves you too.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. | Beth Dickinson • 9:45 a.m. | Martha Aenchbacher

**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.**

## *Proclamation of the Word*

### **THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

At the 11:00 a.m. 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.

### **THE OFFERING**

### **THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

8:30 a.m. "Find Us Faithful" | Green

Sung by Julie Caldwell

9:45 & 11:00 a.m. "We Are Surrounded" | Martin

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir

### **\* 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 READING**

Hebrews 12:1-2

**Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.**

## THE MESSAGE

"Running To Win" | Chuck Hodges

# *Response to the Word*

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION | 8:30 a.m.

Please turn to page 9 in our hymnal. 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. Gluten-free communion elements are available at the stations in the front of the sanctuary.

## \* THE HYMN 206

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" | HOUSTON

Verses 1 and 3

# *Sending Forth*

## \* THE BLESSING

## \* THE RESPONSE

"Depart in Peace"

**Depart in peace, and may God's grace sustain and bless you day by day. Depart in joy and may His truth support and guide you in His way.**

## \* THE POSTLUDE

"Grand Epilogue" | Broughton

# Sermon Notes

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If you would like an audio copy of this sermon or would like to listen to previous sermons, visit [athensfirstumc.org/sermons](http://athensfirstumc.org/sermons) for a complete library of sermons.

## MAY USHERS

**8:30 a.m.** Jim Belger, Ann and Paul Brown, Larry Deal, Hugh Larkey, Mack Lowery, Jim Lyons, Candler Meadors, Olan Moore, Bob Noble, Grace Rabek, Ken Reece, Keith Wilson, Michael and 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 and Reeves McNeill

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

## OFFERING STEWARDS

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

## GREETERS

Susan and Don Crews, Patrick Jones, Marty and Mitch Mitchell, Lorie and Mark Petersen, Anna Alyssa McKoy

## FIRST LIGHT ACOLYTES

**8:30 a.m.** Barrett McLanahan, John Cunningham  
Jack McLanahan

**9:45 a.m.** Glynn Chesser, James Chesser

**11:00 a.m.** Dylan Wyrick, Toby Chapeau

## ATTENDANCE ON MAY 18

**Total Worship | 1,065**

**Sunday School | 489**

8:30 a.m. | 145

9:45 a.m. | 353

11:00 a.m. | 466

Online | 101

## COMMUNION SERVERS

**8:30 a.m.** David and Sara Steger

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget for 2014 | \$2,431,008

Amount Given YTD | \$1,095,366

Goal for May | \$165,405

Amount after 2 Sundays | \$132,442

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# The Steeple

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## Member News

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### Member Loss

Cliff Baile  
May 19, 2014

### Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Beth Baile and family in the loss of her husband Cliff on May 19.

### New Members

On May 18 we welcomed Morgan and Sam Massey, Bethany and Thomas Nguyen, and Molly and Tyler Talley to the Athens First United Methodist family.

### Baptisms

Holt Lendon Day received the Sacrament of Baptism on May 18 in our sanctuary. Holt is the son of Katie and Mark Day.

Merritt Allen Seale received the Sacrament of Baptism on May 18 in our sanctuary. Merritt is the son of Lauren and Scott Seale.

## Announcements

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### Last Week to Register for Music and Arts Week

At Music and Arts Week, children will be Movin' in the Spirit to a host of music, movement and art activities. All children in grades 1-4 are invited to join us June 3-5, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Registration has begun and will close on May 28, or until spaces are filled. The registration fee is \$30. Registration is available online, [athensfirstumc.org/registration](http://athensfirstumc.org/registration), or at the registration tables in the children's Galleria and Library.

Contact: Carol Reeves | [creeves@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:creeves@athensfirstumc.org) | 706-543-1442

### Congratulations Disciple 1 & 2 Graduates

Congratulations to our Disciple 1 and 2 graduates. Disciple 1 class member Donnie Goodwin commented that Disciple 1 was "a unique journey in Bible study made even more special by the bonds formed with your fellow travelers." After completing Disciple 1, Yenie Le Tran reflected that "sharing in faith, love, and service with other members of Athens First in Disciple 1 has challenged my fiancé and me to deepen our faith together and commit ourselves to more active service in Christ." Congratulations to all those who completed these year-long Bible studies.



### Job Opening | Director of Facilities and Grounds

A full-time Director of Facilities and Grounds position is available. The director will serve the church in all areas associated with the physical plant and grounds. Knowledge of building operations and repairs is required, and management experience is desired. All completed applications and resumes may be sent to Katherine Hodges, [katherine@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:katherine@athensfirstumc.org).

### Wesleyan Youth Choir Collecting Toiletries

The Wesleyan Youth Choir will be assembling toiletry kits for the homeless in New York City. We will assemble and distribute these kits at Metro Baptist Church during our



tour this summer. We are collecting travel-sized donations to take with us. Please consider donating travel-sized shampoo, razors, shaving cream, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and deodorant. You can drop off donations in the music suite anytime before Friday, May 30. Thank you!  
Contact: Janis Maxwell | [janis@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:janis@athensfirstumc.org)



## Contribute to the Children's Consignment Sale

Please consider donating your gently used children's items to the second annual Children's Consignment Sale August 15-16. We will accept gently used fall and winter children's clothes in good to excellent/new condition, sizes three months to youth 16; toys in good condition and complete with all pieces, books and DVDs; bedding (quilts, blankets, sheets); miscellaneous baby and child supplies, furniture, saucers, bouncy seats, swings, pack and plays, and strollers; and maternity clothes. Please bring donations to the church Monday-Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., to Diana Zylow's office, behind the reception desk. On weekends, a drop-box is located near the gym. Donations will be accepted through July. Donation receipts are available upon request.

Contact: Betsy Butler |  
[betsy@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:betsy@athensfirstumc.org) | 706-543-1442

## Recreation Summer Camps

We are excited to offer a variety of camp programs this summer through our recreation department. Jr. Jam Basketball Camp for kids ages 4-10 will take place June 16-20. Vacation Bible School Day Camp takes place from noon-5:00 p.m. during Vacation Bible School week, June

23-27. Volleyball camps for girls in grades 6-12 will be held five different weeks. Please visit [athensfirstumc.org/recreationcamps](http://athensfirstumc.org/recreationcamps) for more information and to register for camps.

Contact: Rusty Wood | [rusty@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:rusty@athensfirstumc.org)



## Mobile Food Pantry | May 31

One Saturday a month, ten thousand pounds of food are delivered to our church for us to distribute to people in need in our community. You and your family are invited to serve on Saturday, May 31! Volunteers help with set-up at 8:00 a.m., distribution begins about 9:00 a.m. and we finish around 11 a.m. Children are welcome to serve with their parents, as long as they stay with them at all times.  
Contact: Jon Mills | [jon@mills.net](mailto:jon@mills.net)

## Adult Sunday School Philippians Study | June

The adult Sunday School Class "Disciples" is beginning a new study in June on Philippians. This class is described like a family, gathering with other believers to study the word of God while sharing responsibilities, lifting each other up in prayer, and enjoying fellowship together. New members and guests are welcome to attend this class. Disciples meets in the Saye building (across Hancock Street from the church) at 9:45 a.m.

Contact: Susan Whitehead | [susanwhitehead@icloud.com](mailto:susanwhitehead@icloud.com)

## Smart Lunch, Smart Kid | June-July

Individuals of all ages are invited to make sack lunches for the Smart Lunch, Smart Kid program each week in June

and July. More information will be announced. Smart Lunch, Smart Kid is a branch of Action Ministries. To learn more and watch a video about Smart Lunch, Smart Kid, go to [actionministries.net/locations/smart-lunch-smart-kid](http://actionministries.net/locations/smart-lunch-smart-kid).

Contact: Betsy Butler | [betsy@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:betsy@athensfirstumc.org) | 706-543-1442

## Wesleyan Youth Choir Home Concert June 6

The Wesleyan Youth Choir invites you to join them as they share stories and songs from their summer tour to New York City. The concert will take place in Hancock Hall on Friday, June 6, at 4:00 p.m. No tickets or reservations are required.

Contact: Janis Maxwell | [janis@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:janis@athensfirstumc.org)

## Senior Fun Luncheon | June 19

The June 19 Senior Fun luncheon will be another great one featuring a program of music by Dr. Gregory Broughton, distinguished professor of music at the University of Georgia, who is both a gifted vocalist and pianist. Please save the date.

Contact: Dan Maxey | 706-613-1562

## Summer Worship | June 22

We will have summer worship beginning June 22, featuring extended congregational singing of old hymns and camp meeting songs as well as guest musicians. The worship schedule will remain the same: 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00 a.m.



## Choir Tour to Italy | June 2015

The Sanctuary Choir is planning a tour to Italy in June 2015. Trip highlights will include singing in a late afternoon Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, singing a mass concert in the Basilica di Santa Maria sopra Minerva, and guided tours of Rome, Venice, Siena, and Florence. Non-singers and guests are welcome to participate. For more information and a brochure, please contact Stephen Mitchell.

Stephen Mitchell | [stephen@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:stephen@athensfirstumc.org)

## Save the Date: Fall Kickoff August 27

On August 27 we will welcome back Wednesday night programming. We will celebrate this night with free food and greeters to guide anyone who is unfamiliar with our building.

## This Week

Not sure where a room is? Maps of the church are located at the front entrance of the sanctuary to help you find your way around the church, or visit [athensfirstumc.org/map](http://athensfirstumc.org/map) to see an online map.

**SUNDAY, MAY 25 | ACTS 17:22-31**

**8:30 a.m. Worship Service** SANCTUARY

**Preschool Nursery & Sunday School** FIRST FLOOR

**9:45 a.m. Elementary Sunday School** THIRD FLOOR

**Worship Service** SANCTUARY

10:00 a.m. **Sack Lunch Ministry** HULL STREET ENTRANCE  
11:00 a.m. **Worship Service** SANCTUARY  
11:30 a.m. **Children's Church** CARAVANS  
1:00 p.m. **Volley Performance** GYM  
4:30 p.m. **Wesleyan Youth Choir Rehearsal** ROOM 163

## MONDAY, MAY 26 | PSALM 66:8-20

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

6:00 p.m. **Volley Performance** GYM

## TUESDAY, MAY 27 | I PETER 3:13-22

5:30 a.m. **Fashion Fitness** GYM  
5:00 p.m. **Girls' Spring Volleyball League** GYM  
5:30 p.m. **Fashion Fitness** GYM

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 28 | JOHN 14:15-21

7:00 a.m. **Fashion Fitness** GYM  
**Jesus and Donuts** IKE AND JANE'S  
6:15 p.m. **Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals** ROOM 163  
6:30 p.m. **Covenant Bible Study Pilot Group** ROOM 256  
7:30 p.m. **Adult Pick-up Volleyball** GYM

## THURSDAY, MAY 29 | PROVERBS 4:1-9

5:30 a.m. **Fashion Fitness** GYM  
5:00 p.m. **Girls' Spring Volleyball League** GYM  
5:30 p.m. **Fashion Fitness** GYM  
6:00 p.m. **Men's Softball** BISHOP PARK  
**Wesleyan Youth Choir Rehearsal** ROOM 163

## FRIDAY, MAY 30 | PROVERBS 8:1-4, 22-31

6:30 p.m. **REACH International Bible Study & Dinner** ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL HALL

## SATURDAY, MAY 31 | PROVERBS 7:1-4

8:00 a.m. **Wesleyan Youth Choir Tour Departs**  
8:30 a.m. **Mobile Food Pantry** SANCTUARY

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