

The background features a stylized illustration of three fish in grey and black outlines, swimming in a clockwise direction. The fish are partially enclosed by thick red lines that form a partial square and a partial circle. There are also two solid red circles, one in the top left and one in the bottom right.

ATHENS FIRST
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH

The Day of Pentecost

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

Welcome

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.

Nursery

Our nursery is available for infants through four-year-olds on Sundays from 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. 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.

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, for information about our ministries, to register for events, and to listen to sermons from our sermon archive. Visit athensfirstumc.org/thesteep 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

* 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 Jim Heery, by
Marguerite; Rip
and Lee, Rusty and
Ginger; Frank,
James, and Ben;
Clayton, Sam and
Henry Heery.*

THE PRELUDE

“Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart” | Jones

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Martha Aenchbacher

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

“Introit for Pentecost: A Rushing, Mighty Wind”
Sung by the Sanctuary Choir with Brass Ensemble

Praise & Thanksgiving

* THE HYMN 539

“O Spirit of the Living God” | FOREST GREEN

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of people long-silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in

*The flowers in
the narthex are
from the wedding
of Kellee Firth and
Shane McAdams.
They are given
in memory of
Thomas David
McAdams, the
father of the groom
and in memory of
Sarah McAdams,
the groom's
grandmother.*

our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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

8:30 & 9:45 a.m. | Betsy Butler • 11:00 a.m. | Chuck Hodges

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. "How Great Thou Art/America" | Maxwell
Performed by Mark Maxwell, classical guitar

9:45 & 11:00 a.m. "Christ Calls Us Forth" | Scott

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir with the Brass Ensemble

Christ calls us forth to Jerusalem, among its masses to proclaim to all in hopeless pain and need, the glory of his saving name. "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes to you, and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and Judea and Samaria, to the utmost ends of the earth." Christ sends us forth to Judea's plains, where angels told his wondrous birth. To humble villages around, retell the Savior's matchless worth. Christ sends us forth to Samaria to those of different clan and race, that they may know his loving care, the Gospel of redeeming grace. Christ sends us forth to the world around: "To every creature bear the word." Tell out the tidings through the earth, that all may own him as the Lord.

* 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

Acts 2 select verses | Common English Bible

⁷ In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young will see visions. Your elders will dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my servants, men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy... ³² This Jesus, God raised up. We are all witnesses to that fact. ³³ He was exalted to God's right side and received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit. He poured out this Spirit, and you are seeing and hearing the results of his having done so. ³⁷ When the crowd heard this, they were deeply troubled. They said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸ Peter replied, "Change your hearts and lives. Each of you must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ This promise is for you, your children, and for all who are far away—as many as the Lord our God invites." ⁴⁰ With many other words he testified to them and encouraged them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." ⁴¹ Those who accepted Peter's message were baptized. God brought about three thousand people into the community on that day.

THE MESSAGE

"An Outpouring of Power" | Beth Dickinson

Response to the Word

THE RECEIVING OF THE ELEMENTS OF COMMUNION

8:30 a.m.

Please turn to page 9 in your hymnal. At Athens First United Methodist, 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 all gluten-free communion elements are available at both altar stations.

Sending Forth

THE HYMN TFWS 2241

"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" | LAND OF REST

* 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

Sermon Notes

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

JUNE 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. Bob Green, Nat Carmack, Marty Webb, Ben Ayers, Spence Johnson, Jim Lyons, Kyle Beeson

OFFERING STEWARDS

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

GREETERS

Valerie Aldridge, Becky and Lee Brinson, Marty and Mitch Mitchell, Victor Wilson, Ben Butler, Bo Griffith

FIRST LIGHT ACOLYTES

8:30 a.m. Eliza Petersen, Mary Martin Harper

9:45 a.m. Evan Williams, Isabelle Channell

11:00 a.m. Peyton Shedd

ATTENDANCE ON JUNE 1

Total Worship | 974

Sunday School | 364

8:30 a.m. | 176

9:45 a.m. | 312

11:00 a.m. | 440

Online | 46

COMMUNION SERVERS

8:30 a.m. Ann & Paul Brown

FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget for 2014 | \$2,431,008

Amount Given YTD | \$1,142,578

Goal for May | \$165,405

Amount after 4 Sundays | \$179,654

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THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Angel Jackson and family in the loss of her grandmother, Doris Harrell, on May 27 in Forsyth, Georgia.

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Carol Rymer and family in the loss of her mother, Jean Duke, on May 31.

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Pat Dunleavy and family in the loss of her mother, Sara Godwin, on June 2

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Robin Stewart and family in the loss of her mother, Doris Hobbs, on June 4 in Milford, Delaware.

Pentecost

Pentecost is the festival that celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Christian church. In Acts Chapter Two, Jesus told the disciples to wait in the city where they would be clothed with power from on high. Fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus, they were gathered in one place and they were praying. There the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples with a mighty wind and tongues of fire. They were filled with the Spirit and began to preach the good news in many languages.

Celebrate Ms. Carol | June 22

After over 18 years serving the children of this church with unconditional love, Carol Reeves, Director of the Children's Music Ministry, has heard and responded to the call to become the full time Artistic Director with the Georgia Children's Chorus. While Carol's departure will be a great loss to our children's music ministry, we can rejoice and celebrate the extraordinary ministry she has shared with our church for these many years. Under her love and leadership, countless children have grown in their faith through music, drama, and visual arts. We have been blessed by her level of choral excellence, passion, and faithful teaching of the gospel.

We will honor Carol and celebrate her ministry of music with children on Sunday, June 22, during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. As part of this celebration, we would like to invite anyone who has ever been in a children's choir under Carol's direction to sing the anthem that

morning during worship. We will gather at 9:00 a.m. in the children's choir room to rehearse an anthem. In order to have plenty of music and to arrange the logistics, please let us know of your intent to join us in celebrating Carol's ministry by emailing Stephen Mitchell. If you know of others who may not see this information, please feel free to invite them.

Contact: Stephen Mitchell | stephen@athensfirstumc.org

Newcomer Orientation | Today

Join us at 9:45 and 11:00 a.m. in Hancock Hall for Newcomer Orientation. During Newcomer Orientation a member of our church will lead you on a tour of our church building. Your guide will stop to give a brief description of a each ministry or program area. We discuss opportunities to connect with others and what it means to be a part of the family of faith at Athens First United Methodist Church. You will receive a welcome packet that includes information about all of our ministries and programs. We believe that participation in a local church is about discipleship and we want to do everything we can to help you on your Christian walk.

Contact: Martha Aenchbacher |

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Bishop's Annual Offering | Today

We will take up the Bishop's Annual Offering in an effort to address two uniquely different aspects of children's health. The offering will go to the United Methodist Global AIDS Fund and the North Georgia Camps and Retreats. Funds will go towards vaccinations that will prevent HIV transmissions from mother to child and support Christian Leadership camps for high school juniors and seniors. Please mark your offering envelope *Bishop's Offering*.

Senior Fun Luncheon | June 19

The Senior Fun Group will be meeting a week early this month for the monthly luncheon. Dr. Gregory Broughton, Professor of Music at the University of Georgia, will perform for the group. He is a superb talent, and we encourage registration for a sure-to-be memorable program. Please save your spot by June 16 at noon by calling the church office. Fifty Senior Fun members will attend "My Fair Lady" at the North Carolina State

Playhouse in Flat Rock, North Carolina on June 26.
Departure time is 8:00 a.m. sharp from the back area parking lot at the Kohl's Department Store.
Contact: Dan Maxey | 706-613-1562

Smart Lunch, Smart Kid | June-July

Everyone is invited to assemble sack lunches for Smart Lunch, Smart Kid, a branch of Action Ministries, weekly during June and July. In June assemble lunches at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays, followed by delivery from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. In July, assemble lunches at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, and deliver lunches from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Registration is not required, but is appreciated. Register by visiting athensfirstumc.org/smartlunchsmartkid. Please note children must be accompanied by parents.

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

Tagging Tuesdays | Beginning July 8

Help organize and price donated items for the children's consignment sale Tuesdays beginning July 8, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the gym. The consignment sale is August 15-16. Visit athensfirstumc.org/childrensconsignmentsale to learn more about donating and the consignment sale.

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

Terry Kay Writing Class & Workshop June 21

The Ark is hosting Terry Kay to lead a writing class and workshop, "Tricks to Writing: How to Keep it Simple." This workshop, conducted by Georgia Hall of Fame writer Terry Kay, is designed to emphasize basic techniques used in all fields of writing, from fiction to memoir, screenplays to poetry, emails to annual reports, business letters to church bulletins. This workshop will be on June 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Emmanuel Episcopal Church (498 Prince Avenue). The cost is \$75.00 per person (proceeds to benefit The Ark), and lunch is provided by Big City Bread. Contact and Tickets: The Ark | arkumoc@msn.com | 706-353-3530

Vacation Bible School | Registration

We are quickly nearing the maximum number of children that we can accommodate for the safest and most fun experience! We encourage you to register your children soon! This year at *Weird Animals* Vacation Bible School we are learning that Jesus' love is one-of-a-kind. Children ages three-years-old by September 1, 2013, through those who have completed grade 4, are invited to join us for *Weird Animals*, June 23-27 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Adults and youth volunteers are needed. Volunteer needs range from prep work, shepherding, crafts, and more. Registration available online. For more information and to register visit, athensfirstumc.org/vbs.

Contact: Director: Mary DeLoach | marymdeloach@yahoo.com | 706-255-2704
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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 to see an online map.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8 | ACTS 2:1-21

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service SANCTUARY

Preschool Nursery & Sunday School FIRST FLOOR

9:45 a.m.

Elementary Sunday School THIRD FLOOR

Newcomer Orientation HANCOCK HALL

Worship Service SANCTUARY

10:00 a.m. **Sack Lunch Ministry** HULL STREET ENTRANCE
11:00 a.m. **Worship Service** SANCTUARY
Newcomer Orientation HANCOCK HALL
1:00 p.m. **Hispanic League Basketball** GYM
7:00 p.m. **Adult Pick-up Volleyball** GYM

MONDAY, JUNE 9 | PSALM 104:24-35

7:00 a.m. **Fashion Fitness** GYM
9:00 a.m. **"Little Labcoats" Preschool Camp** FIRST FLOOR
6:00 p.m. **Volley Performance** GYM
Deacons' Dinner HANCOCK HALL
7:00 p.m. **Women's Bible Study** ROOM 253

TUESDAY, JUNE 10 | I CORINTHIANS 12:3-13

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

5:30 a.m. **Fashion Fitness** GYM
9:00 a.m. **"Little Labcoats" Preschool Camp** FIRST FLOOR
5:30 p.m. **Fashion Fitness** GYM
6:00 p.m. **Volleyball Camp** GYM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11 | JOHN 7:37-39

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

7:00 a.m. **Fashion Fitness** GYM
Jesus and Donuts BIG CITY BREAD
9:00 a.m. **"Little Labcoats" Preschool Camp** FIRST FLOOR
9:30 a.m. **Smart Lunch, Smart Kid Lunch Preparation** ROOM 117
11:00 a.m. **Smart Lunch, Smart Kid Lunch Delivery**
Prayer Shawl Ministry Gathering
6:00 p.m. **Volleyball Camp** GYM

THURSDAY, JUNE 12 | GENESIS 13:1-18

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

5:30 a.m. **Fashion Fitness** GYM
9:00 a.m. **"Little Labcoats" Preschool Camp** FIRST FLOOR
5:30 p.m. **Fashion Fitness** GYM
6:00 p.m. **Volleyball Camp** GYM

FRIDAY, JUNE 13 | GENESIS 14:17-24

9:00 a.m. **"Little Labcoats" Preschool Camp** FIRST FLOOR
4:00 p.m. **Wesleyan Youth Choir Home Concert** HANCOCK HALL
6:00 p.m. **Volleyball Camp** GYM
6:30 p.m. **REACH International Bible Study & Dinner** YOUTH AREA

SATURDAY, JUNE 14 | GENESIS 15:1-20

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