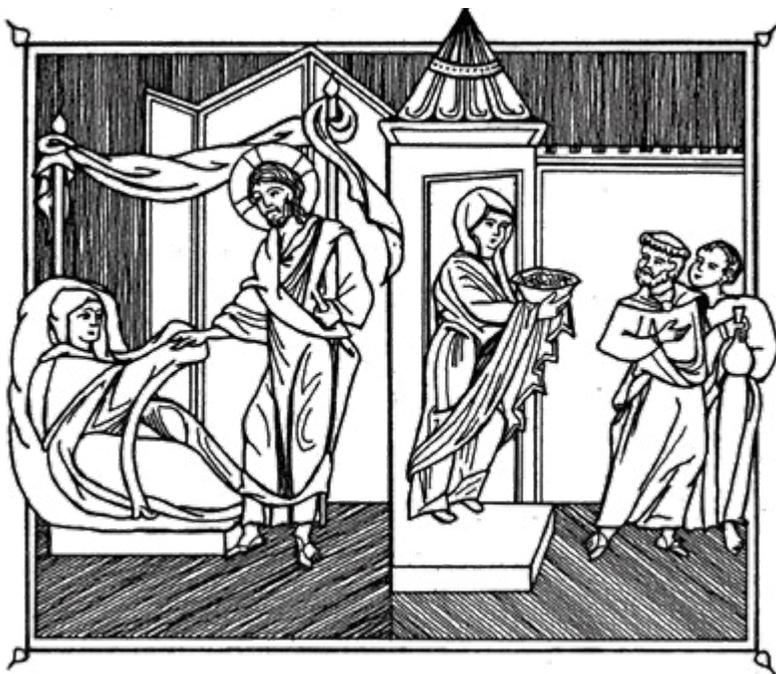




FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PENSACOLA

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 4, 2018 | 9:30 A.M.



Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law, who then serves the Apostles
(from a 13th century Armenian gospel)

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MISSIONS | 2018

WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us this Epiphany season. Founded in 1821, First Church is the oldest Protestant church in the area and the oldest Methodist church in Florida. This historic church, with four regular Sunday services, has a membership of 3200 and is overflowing with life. If you are visiting, we hope that you will consider becoming a member of our church family. You may join any Sunday by profession of faith or transfer of membership. Come and be a part of what God is doing here in 2018.

2018 | YEAR OF MISSIONS

From 2017 to 2021 we are having a five-year concentration on each of the core visions that guide us at First Church (Christian Worship, Missions & Outreach, Christian Education, Evangelism, and Christian Stewardship). 2017 saw a concentrated focus on "Christian Worship". We started with worship because it is at the center of everything we do. 2018 continues our five-year journey with a concentrated focus on "Missions & Outreach". As part of the 2018 Year of Missions, we will focus on a different category of missions each month. This focus will be highlighted in each week's bulletin in the new "Mission Focus" section on the inside right panel. Each monthly focus will also have a related mission project designed to be completed by the entire congregation. We hope everyone can be a part of this year of missions.

NURSERY & CHILDREN'S BULLETINS

Nursery is available this morning for children up to five years old. If you need help locating the nursery, please see an usher or greeter for assistance. Also, children's worship bulletins and crayons are available in the narthex

VISITOR / NEW MEMBER CLASS

We welcome all visitors and new members that are interested in learning more about First Church to an introductory class that consists of four parts. The class assembles at 9:30am in room PH101 next door in the Perry Home. Today's class, Introduction to First Church, gives you an opportunity to ask questions and learn about the history, theology, worship, and membership of this great church. Next week, Ministries of First Church is about all the programs and ministries of the church. Join us each week.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ruth Compton Martin by her family.



NEXT WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Join us next week here at First Church as we come together to worship God on the Transfiguration of the Lord. It is also UMC Scouting Sunday. This is the last Sunday before Lent begins. Dr. Wachob will preach for the 8:00 and 11:00am worship services here in the Main Sanctuary. The Rev. Brandon Bures will preach for 9:30am Main Sanctuary service and the ICON worship service at 11:00am in Wesley Abbey. Next Sunday's readings: *2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Cor. 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9.*

OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

9:30 A.M.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Libby K. Hargrave, *organ*

“Largo from ‘New World Symphony’” *arr. L.K. Hargrave*

***CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
And gathers the outcasts of Israel.
The Lord heals the brokenhearted,
And binds up their wounds.
Therefore, let us praise the Lord!
Let us sing praises to our God!

[Psalm 147]

***HYMN**

No. 139

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

***COLLECT**

Rev. Brandon Bures

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

PSALTER

Psalm 147 **No. 859**
Diane Ward, *lay reader*

***GLORIA PATRI**

No. 70

**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.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 1:29–39

SERMON

Dr. Wesley H. Wachob

PASTORAL PRAYER

CONFESSION, PARDON, & PEACE

No. 12

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

Please register your attendance on the registration pad. If you are visiting with us, include your address, telephone number, and email address so that we may welcome you in a more personal way.

OFFERTORY

Libby K. Hargrave, *solo*

“Bread of Life” *Bobby Fisher*

*DOXOLOGY

No. 94

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 GREAT THANKSGIVING

You are invited to come forward to the altar to receive the elements of Holy Communion.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“One Love Released” *Bob Frenzel, Kevin Keil*

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Anyone who wishes to join the church today, please come forward during the last stanza of the closing hymn.

*CLOSING HYMN

No. 395

“Take Time to Be Holy”

*BENEDICTION

*GOING FORTH

POSTLUDE

“Simple Gifts” *arr. L.K. Hargrave*

*Stand as you are able

HYMN NOTES

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (words by Joachim Neander, 1680; music from Erneuertem Gesangbuch, 1665)—The hymn is based on Psalm 103:1-6 and Psalm 150:6, and is one of the most exuberant hymns of praise in our hymnal, due partly to its galloping dactylic rhythm (a stressed syllable followed by two unstressed syllables) which allows fourteen syllables in each of the first two lines. It is highly probable that the author, who only lived 30 years, knew the tune as associated with an earlier chorale and wrote his outpouring of praise to Almighty God as Creator and Sovereign to provide new words.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

9:30: GREETERS – Karen S. Thompson & Susan Cole. USHERS – Jake Odom, Ruth Klarner & Miller Caldwell. COMMUNION STEWARD – Diane Turner. COMMUNION SERVERS – Gena Buchanan & Camille Barr.

TODAY'S LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES

First Lesson: Isaiah 40:21-31. The psalmist calls the people to sing the praise of God who has shown mercy throughout history and continues to sustain life.

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Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23. Free man Paul proclaims himself to be a "slave . . . for the sake of the Gospel."

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:29-39. Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law, and many others in and around Capernaum, before beginning his first preaching tour in Galilee.

DAILY READINGS

The daily readings expand the range of biblical reading in worship and personal devotion by providing daily citations for a three-year cycle. These readings complement the Sunday readings: Monday through Wednesday readings help the reader reflect on and digest what they heard in worship. Thursday through Saturday readings help prepare the reader for the Sunday ahead.

	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>Old Test.</u>	<u>New Test.</u>
MONDAY	102:12-28	2 Kings 4:8-17, 32-37	Acts 14:1-7
TUESDAY	102:12-28	2 Kings 8:1-6	Acts 15:36-41
WEDNESDAY	102:12-28	Job 6:1-13	Mark 3:7-12
THURSDAY	50:1-6	1 Kings 11:26-40	2 Cor. 2:12-17
FRIDAY	50:1-6	1 Kings 14:1-18	1 Timothy 1:12-20
SATURDAY	50:1-6	1 Kings 16:1-7	Luke 19:41-44

MISSION FOCUS (NEW SECTION FOR 2018!)

Each month this year we will focus as a congregation on a different category of missions and outreach. This section will show that focus along with any other relevant information. In addition, this section will show a congregational "call to action" that relates to the monthly focus.

FEBRUARY FOCUS: Hunger-Related Missions

This month we are focusing on First Church's missions and ministries that serve those who are hungry in our community. Today is the first collection of a month-long food drive. In the coming weeks we will discuss the ministries that are run and supported by our congregation.

CALL TO ACTION: Bring in non-perishable food items for Souper Bowl Sunday (today) and the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner (February 13). Drop off any donations on Sunday mornings and weekdays during office hours.

NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY | TODAY

Today is Souper Bowl Sunday. You can help make a difference in our community by bringing in non-perishable food items for Manna Food Pantries. Food will be collected by our youth in front of the Main Sanctuary and Wesley Abbey before and after each of the services next week.

BLUE LAKE WINTER RETREAT

On Friday, twenty-five of our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students along with seven adults left for Blue Lake Methodist Assembly to attend our conference's annual Winter Retreat. All weekend they have been worshipping, playing, and learning more about God. They are scheduled to return home at 12:00 noon today. Please pray for them as they travel this morning.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Join us this Wednesday between 5:00 and 6:00pm in The Wright Place for a delicious meal and good fellowship. This week's menu will be **Red Beans and Sausage, Rice, Salad, Cornbread, and Dessert**. Please make your reservations in the registration pads, by calling the church office (432-1434), or online. After dinner, at 6:00pm, join in with one of our Winter Session classes. The Senior Pastor's Bible Study meets in Wesley Abbey. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday nights.

NO YOUTH TONIGHT

We will not have Youth this evening. Instead, enjoy the Super Bowl with friends and family! We will continue our regularly scheduled activities next Sunday, February 11.

SATURDAY MORNING WITH FRIENDS | FEBRUARY 10

The United Methodist Women invite everyone to their 3rd Annual "Saturday Morning with Friends" this Saturday, February 10, here at First Church. The event will be in The Wright Place and Henry Roberts Activity Center. Come and experience an enjoyable morning fundraiser and breakfast with a program from the "Carol Burnett of Christian entertainment" Kay DeKalb Smith. Tickets are available in the Church Office this morning from 9:00-11:00am and Monday-Wednesday from 9:00am-4:00pm. This is a great way to support local missions.

SCOUTING SUNDAY & CHILI COOK-OFF | FEBRUARY 11

Next Sunday, in addition to being the Transfiguration of the Lord, is UMC Scouting Sunday. This is a day each year we recognize each of the scout units chartered by First Church. You'll see our scouts in each service next week. It will also be Boy Scout Troop 495's second annual Chili Cook-Off in The Wright Place. Everyone is invited to stop by anytime between 10:30am and 1:00pm. This is an all you can eat event for only \$5! Proceeds will go to support the troop in some of the great activities they have planned throughout the year. Participants will be asked to vote on their favorite chili and the boys with the most votes will receive prizes! We hope everyone can support our scouts next Sunday, February 11.

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