



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PENSACOLA

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 12, 2017 | 8:00 & 11:00 A.M.



5-Week Series in the Sermon on the Mount (*Matthew 5-7*)



## WELCOME

Welcome to First United Methodist Church, we are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. 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 2017.

## SERMON ON THE MOUNT

We are currently in the middle of a 5-week sermon series on The Sermon on the Mount. The Sermon on the Mount, found in the Gospel according to Matthew in chapters 5 through 7, includes some of the best known teachings of Jesus such as the Beatitudes and The Lord's Prayer. Dr. Wachob and the Rev. Bures are using the lectionary scriptures to lead us through the sermon in each of our services during this series. If you've missed any part of the series, you can watch or listen to the previous weeks' sermons on the church's website, FUMCPensacola.com. Make plans to join us the last two weeks of the series.

## 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, Ministries of First Church, is about all the programs and ministries of the church. Next week, February 19, Serving at First Church will help you find your place to use your gifts and talents in service in the church and community. On February 26, Tour of First Church will walk you through the historic buildings of our campus. We hope you join us each week.

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Anne and Gerald Woolard's 60th wedding anniversary on Valentine's Day.



## *NEXT WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH*

Join us next week here at First Church as we come together to worship God on the Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany. We will continue the series on the Sermon on the Mount. Dr. Wesley Wachob will preach at the 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00am worship services in the Main Sanctuary. The Rev. Brandon Bures will preach at the 11:00am ICON worship service. Next week's lectionary scriptures: *Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119:33:40; 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23; Matthew 5:38-48.*

# OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

8:00 & 11:00 A.M.

## WELCOME

## CHORUS

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

## PRELUDE

Heidi Branch, *piano*; Dr. Rick Branch, *organ*  
"We Sing the Greatness of Our God" arr. Neilson/Young

## \*CHIMING OF THE HOUR

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us praise God with upright hearts.  
**Let us come and learn of the ways of God.**  
Let us seek God with our whole hearts,  
**And find our joy in serving the Lord.**

[after Psalm 119]

## \*HYMN

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

(sts. 1-3, 7) **No. 62**

## \*COLLECT

(8) Rev. Brandon Bures; (11) Rev. Ken Autrey  
O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## THE PSALTER

Psalm 119:1-8 (use Response 3) **No. 841**

## \*THE GLORIA PATRI

**No. 70**

## ANTHEM

"How Firm a Foundation"

(8) Rick Branch, *organ*  
arr. Trey Clegg

"Sing Once More"

(11) Sanctuary Choir  
Greg Gilpin

## 11:00 CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children may come down to the front of the sanctuary as we sing together the first stanza of "Jesus Loves Me" (hymn No. 191).

## 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.

## \*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:21-37

## SERMON

"Reconciliation and Worship"

Dr. Wesley H. Wachob

## PASTORAL PRAYER

**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**

(8) Congregational Hymn Sing  
(11) Sanctuary Choir  
Craig Courtney

“Celtic Laud”

**\*DOXOLOGY****No. 95**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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

**COMMUNION HYMN****No. 408**

“The Gift of Love”

**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. 410**

“I Want a Principle Within”

**\*BENEDICTION****\*GOING FORTH****\*POSTLUDE**

“LASST UNS ERFREUEN”

arr. Paul Manz

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\*Stand as you are able

***HYMN NOTES***

“All Creatures of Our God and King” (words by Francis of Assisi, ca. 1125)—The life of the founder of the Franciscan monastic order is most astounding. Born to wealth, he forsook all for a life of asceticism, mysticism, and charitable works with the sick and downtrodden. It is said that he even preached to the birds and they listened! An early environmentalist, his “Canticle of the Sun” (from which this hymn was taken) was the first genuine religious poem in the Italian language. St. Francis saw all of nature and everything – including death (read stanza 6) – as praising God.

***THOSE SERVING TODAY***

8:00. **GREETERS**–Marie Percy, Bill Spain & Forrest/Danette Ferguson. **USHERS**–Tom Marucci, Carl Ashby, David Crow, Nancy Shealy, Jacob Head & Jason Onacki. **ACOLYTES**–Greggory Sherlock & Robert Sherlock. **COMMUNION STEWARD**–Vicki Adcox.

11:00. **GREETERS**–Carol Stevenson, Deborah Cathey & Joanna Harger. **USHERS**–Rusty Harris, Tom Cathey, Eric Enquist & Wayne Miller. **ACOLYTES**–Ally Blankenship, Abby Wimberly & Deion Crews. **COMMUNION STEWARD**–Jerry/Wendy Westmoreland. **COMMUNION SERVERS**–Paula Harris & Wendy Westmoreland.

## TODAY'S LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES

**First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20.** From Moses' final sermon: There are two ways—life and prosperity or death and endless troubles. The way of life requires us to walk in God's ways and not bow down to or serve any other gods.

**Psalms: 119:1-8.** It is in following the ways of God that true happiness is found. "Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord."

**Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9.** Despite their spiritual riches, Christians in Corinth were still living by the flesh as cliques forming around preferred leaders. To live by the Spirit is to recognize they are God's field, God's building.

**Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:21-37.** Sermon on the Mount continued. "You have heard it said... but I tell you." Jesus addresses the people about the ways of life and death in an exposition on the commandments.

## DAILY READINGS

(Find new daily readings in each week's bulletin in 2017)

The daily readings expand the range of biblical reading in worship and personal devotion by providing daily citations for the full three-year cycle of the Revised Common Lectionary. 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	119:9-16	Exodus 20:1-21	James 1:2-8
TUESDAY	119:9-16	Deut. 23:21-24:4, 10-15	James 2:1-13
WEDNESDAY	119:9-16	Proverbs 2:1-15	Matthew 19:1-12
THURSDAY	119:33-40	Exodus 22:21-27	1 Cor. 10:23-11:1
FRIDAY	119:33-40	Leviticus 6:1-7	Galatians 5:2-6
SATURDAY	119:33-40	Leviticus 24:10-23	Matthew 7:1-12

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS FORUM | TODAY AT 6:00PM

Join us this evening at 6:00pm in The Wright Place as we welcome two of our own who have a passion for international missions and outreach. They will share their stories and teach us how our church can become more actively involved in international missions. Those talking with us will be:

### Lea McLaughlin | South Sudan

In December of 2014, Lea began working with Samaritan's Purse in South Sudan. Samaritan's Purse is a Christian organization that helps meet the needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine. Lea will share stories of her ministry in the war-torn country of South Sudan.

### Gene Schmidt | Haiti

Following the devastating earthquake in 2010, Gene started volunteering with a variety of organizations in the poorest country in the northern hemisphere. He has made countless trips to Haiti, where millions of people live in extreme poverty. Gene will share how our church can support vital ministries in Haiti.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES

Join us this Wednesday evening between 5:00 and 6:00pm in The Wright Place for a delicious meal and good fellowship. This week's menu is: Spinach Lasagna, Salad, Bread, & Dessert. Please make your reservations in the registration pads, by calling the church office (432-1434), or online. Wednesday classes start after dinner at 6:00pm. There are a number of opportunities to connect and learn on Wednesdays. The Senior Pastor's Bible Study is an interesting look at the parables of Jesus through the book Short Stories by Jesus by Amy-Jill Levine. Join in anytime. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday nights.

## FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE WRIGHT PLACE | FEBRUARY 17

The Fifty Forward Ministry invites everyone to it's monthly fellowship, Friday Night at the Wright Place. Join us at 6:00pm for a delicious meal and entertainment from Joe Occipinti and Friends. Call the Church Office to make reservations (432-1434).

## YOUTH: WILDERNESS TRAIL WEEKEND | FEBRUARY 17-19

Matthew Blackburn, the director of Wilderness Trail, will be visiting us February 17-19. We will have an afternoon of games on Saturday and Matthew will join us for youth on Sunday evening. Come and show him how much FUMC loves him and his ministry!

## FIRST CHURCH JOB OPENING

First Church is looking to hire a full-time Program Administrative Assistant to provide administrative support for the program-area ministries, helping these ministries to grow and thrive through efficient and effective administration and communication. To learn more about the qualifications and responsibilities of the Program Administrative Assistant or to apply visit the church's website [FUMCPensacola.com/www/job-openings](http://FUMCPensacola.com/www/job-openings).

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