



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PENSACOLA

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 15, 2018 | 8:00 & 11:00 A.M.



Jesus Appearing to His Disciples (by the 20th century Italian sculptor D. Mastroianni)

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WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us this Easter 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 our Year of Missions.

EASTER

We are now in the season of Easter (also called Easter Time or Eastertide). Easter is a 50-day season that began on Resurrection Sunday and lasts until the coming of the fiftieth day, Pentecost Sunday (May 20). During this festal season we focus on celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Join with us throughout this Easter Season as we continue our celebration. The Lord is risen indeed!

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. On April 22, Serving at First Church will help you to find a place to use your gifts and talents in service in the church and community. On the fifth Sunday, April 29, Tour of First Church will walk you through the historic buildings of our campus. Join us each week.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Virginia Williams by Jennifer Fleming.



NEXT WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Join us next week here at First Church as we come together to worship God on the Fourth Sunday of Easter. Dr. Wachob will preach at the 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00am worship services here in the Main Sanctuary. The Rev. Brandon Bures will preach at the ICON worship service at 11:00am in Wesley Abbey. Next week's scriptures: *Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18.*

OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

8:00 & 11:00am

WELCOME

***CHORUS**

**Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,
that makest me dwell in safety.**

PRELUDE

Heidi Branch, *piano*

“The Risen Lord” *arr. Eugene Butler*

***CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!
Let us offer right sacrifices to God,
We put our trust in the Lord.
In peace we lie down and sleep;
In the Lord alone do we lie down in safety.

[Psalm 4]

***HYMN**

No. 308

“Thine Be the Glory”

***COLLECT**

(8) Rev. Brandon Bures, (11) Rev. Ken Autrey

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

RECOGNITION OF 50-YEAR MEMBERS

A list of the 50-year members in our congregation can be found on the insert to this bulletin.

ANTHEM

(8) “Improvisation-Toccat: The Strife Is O’er” *arr. Fedak*

Rick Branch, *organ*

(11) “Anthem for Resurrection” *arr. Jay Althouse*

Sanctuary Choir

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.**

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 24:36b-48

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

(8) Congregational Hymn Sing

(11) "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" *arr. Joel Raney*

Sanctuary Choir

*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. 618

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

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. 310

"He Lives"

*BENEDICTION AND GOING FORTH

POSTLUDE

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" *arr. Paul Manz*

*Stand as you are able

HYMN NOTES

"Thine Be the Glory" (words by Edmond L. Budry, 1904; translated by R. Birch Hoyle, 1923; music arranged from G. F. Handel, 1747)—This French hymn was written to be sung to the chorus "See, the conquering hero comes" from Judas Maccabaeus, an oratorio composed by G. F. Handel at the suggestion of the Prince of Wales. It was translated into English for the polyglot Cantate Domino (1924) for use by the World Student Christian Federation. All hymns (in Cantate Domino) were in at least English, French, and German (plus other languages for certain hymns) so that they could be used in international meetings with each person singing in his or her native tongue.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

8:00. GREETERS – Pete/Patsy Mellin, Elaine Mitchell, Linda Shearlock & Jason Onacki. USHERS – Marty Sherlock, Geoff Cook, Mike Jones, Neil Jones & John Thames. ACOLYTES – Lauren Wheelis & Virginia Hart. COMMUNION STEWARD – Sue Butsch.

11:00. GREETERS – Julie Seabrook & Skip/Ry Furlong. USHERS – John Gross, Mike Vance, Walter Glenn, Randy Maygarden, Nancy Emery, Charles Harger & Ed Muller. ACOLYTES – Deion Crews & Ashleigh Smith. COMMUNION STEWARD – Marcia Enquist. COMMUNION SERVERS – Marcia Enquist, Karen Thompson, & George Dreading.

TODAY'S LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES

First Lesson: Acts 3:12-19. In the Temple portico, Peter proclaims that he and John are witnesses of “Jesus whom you delivered up and denied.” He calls them to repentance “that your sins may be blotted out.”

Psalm: 4. One of David’s night prayers for help, confident in God who “has put more joy in my heart” than any others.

Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-7. The writer promises that “when (Christ) appears we shall be like him.” He then calls them to righteousness, even as Jesus was righteous.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:36b-48. The resurrected Christ appears to the ten disciples in Jerusalem and eats with them. He gives them understanding of the Scripture and tells them to preach it to all nations; however, they are to wait until they “are clothed with power from on high.”

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	150	Jeremiah 30:1-11a	1 John 3:10-16
TUESDAY	150	Hosea 5:15-6:6	2 John 1:1-6
WEDNESDAY	150	Proverbs 9:1-6	Mark 16:9-18
THURSDAY	23	Genesis 30:25-43	Acts 3:17-26
FRIDAY	23	Genesis 46:28-47:6	Acts 4:1-4
SATURDAY	23	Genesis 48:8-19	Mark 6:30-34

MISSION FOCUS

APRIL FOCUS: Missions Focused on Helping Senior Adults

One of our responsibilities as followers of Christ is to love and care for the elderly and widows. As a church we provide missions which serve senior adults and mission opportunities for senior adults to participate. We strive to involve older adults intergenerationally and in ways that empower and encourage them to use resources for skills, knowledge, experience, and spiritual insight. This month, we are wanting everyone to live into the mandate that is set by the Bible to assist our senior adults, the elderly, and widows.

CALL TO ACTION: Be a part of Senior Week, April 15–20. Help us honor our 50-year members in our services this morning. On April 20, volunteer to work in the kitchen, be a server, or just dine alongside our seniors at the Senior Banquet on Friday, April 20. Those wishing to help with this banquet should contact the church office or email MStevenson@fumcpensacola.com.

Note: Yesterday, the Great Day of Service was postponed again due to weather. Those interested in assisting our senior adults through this kind of service should watch for updates on work days in the coming weeks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HERITAGE SUNDAY: CELEBRATE 50-YEAR MEMBERS | TODAY

Today is Heritage Sunday at First Church. In each service we are recognizing and celebrating those in our congregation who have been members for 50 years or more. This is also the kick-off to our Senior Week activities.

FIFTY FORWARD: SENIOR WEEK | APRIL 15-20

Today marks the beginning of Fifty Forward Celebrates Senior Week, an annual week-long celebration of the lives and ministries of the older adults in our church. This celebration includes special recognition of 50-year members, trips, luncheons, dinners, entertainment and more.

Heritage Sunday: Today we begin the week by recognizing and honoring the members of our congregation who have been here for 50 years or more.

Bragg-Mitchell Mansion Tour – Mobile, AL: On Tuesday, April 17, a group will be going on a historic guided tour of the Bragg-Mitchell Mansion that was built in 1855. A special lunch will be provided in the tea room. Reservations were required for this event, so we hope to see everyone that reserved a spot at the church at 9:00am. Transportation will be provided via carpool from the church.

Senior Banquet: On Friday, April 20, we'll conclude our Fifty Forward celebration with a FREE banquet for all church members. Enjoy delicious food, fellowship, and special music from The Wright Street Boys, Mitzi Holt, & Paul Martin. If you plan on attending call the Church Office (432-1434) so we can get an accurate number for food. This event is also part of our missions "call to action" for the month, so if you want to honor our senior adult members by serving them at this event, contact the Church Office or email Michele Stevenson at MStevenson@fumcpensacola.com.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE | 8:30am-12:30pm

OneBlood's Big Red Bus is on campus again this morning to take donations from 8:30am-12:30pm. This drive is special because congregations from other churches in the area are participating as well. All those that are able are encouraged to donate. No reservations are necessary. An ID is required. Come save a life.

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 will be: **Teriyaki Pork, Fried Rice, Orange Ginger Carrots, Mandarin Almond Salad, Rolls, and Pineapple Upside-Down Cake.** Please make your reservations in the registration pads, by calling the church office (432-1434), or online. After dinner, at 6:00pm, come be a part of one of the Spring Session classes. The Senior Pastor's Bible Study meets in Wesley Abbey. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday nights this spring!



YOUTH MISSIONS NIGHT AT NEWK'S EATERY | APRIL 16

The Youth Bahamas Mission Team is hosting a Missions Night at Newk's Eatery by Cordova Mall tomorrow night from 5:00-7:00pm. 10% of all proceeds made during that time will go towards the Youth Mission Trip this summer.



RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE MISSION PROJECT | APRIL 21

The Children and Families ministry invites you to prepare dinner for the residents of the Ronald McDonald House this Saturday, April 21, starting a 4:00pm. The menu will be Chicken Pot Pie, Vegetables, and Dessert. All food must be prepared on-site. A large number of volunteers would be appreciated. If we get a great response we will help with the residents' daily chores or a special project of their choice. Please sign up during Sunday School hours or contact Bella Trivison (via her dad's cell phone) at 850-380-7685 or via email at briantrivison@yahoo.com.

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