

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, Introduction to First Church will give 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 celebration and honor of Betty Olliff with love and devotion from the JADE Club.



NEXT WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Join us next week here at First Church as we come together to worship God on the Seventh Sunday of Easter, also called Ascension Sunday. 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: *Ascension Sunday: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47 (UMH 781); Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53; Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98 (UMH 818); 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: **Red Beans and Sausage, Rice, Cornbread, Salad, and Dessert.** 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!

COMBINED 11:00AM SERVICE | TODAY

Today we will have a combined service at 11:00am. The 11:00am Main Sanctuary service and the ICON service will join together in Wesley Abbey to worship and celebrate the fact that the church has paid off the debt taken on by the purchase of the Perry Home/Wesley Abbey and is now completely debt free! This Service for the Dedication of a Church Building Free of Debt, which is outlined in the Book of Worship, will be a great celebration, giving glory to God. At this service we will pray that God will continue to use the Perry Home/Wesley Abbey space for the worship of God, the preaching of the everlasting gospel, and the celebration of the Holy Sacraments. We will pray that it will continue to be a place where those who mourn are comforted, a place where those who are tempted will be strengthened, and a place that shines a light for years to come.

REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER CAMPS

Registration for Vacation Bible School, Summer Splash, and Mid High Week continues today! There are registration tables set up in the lobbies and you can also pick up registration forms from the Church Office and on the church's website. Camps are June 10-14. VBS is for children preschool through 4th grade. This year's theme is Rolling River Rampage - Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God! Summer Splash is a week of fellowship, fun, and faith formation. It is a fun, messy, over the top, Vacation Bible School designed for students who have just completed the 5th and 6th grade. Mid-High Week is a rewarding week where students who have just completed the 7th and 8th grades have fun and fellowship while learning to help, serve, and live like Jesus. If you have questions about the camps feel free to call the Church Office, 432-1434.

50 FORWARD LUNCH OUT | MAY 10

All are welcome to attend May's Lunch Out at The Gift Horse Restaurant in Foley, Alabama on May 10 at 11:30am. Please call the Church Office to reserve your spot at 850-432-1434. Lunch Out is a ministry activity of 50 Forward.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE | MAY 13

Graduating Seniors will be recognized and given their Senior Bibles during the Baccalaureate Service on Sunday, May 13 at the 8:00am Main Sanctuary Service. Helen Trawick, 2018 graduating senior class representative, will speak at all four services. Graduating seniors who wish to participate in the Baccalaureate Service are asked to arrive at 7:30am on May 13 and meet in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd next to the Main Sanctuary. Graduating Seniors are also asked to wear their cap and gown for the Baccalaureate Service. If you have any questions contact Denise Van Atta at dvanatta@fumcpensacola.com.

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PENSACOLA

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 6, 2018 | 9:30 A.M.



Jesus Loving (after a print by the 20th century artist Frite Eichenberg)
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OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

9:30am

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Heidi Branch, *flute*; Dr. Rick Branch, *piano*

“Praise to the Lord!” *arr. Brant Adams*

*CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Sing to the Lord a new song.

The Lord has done marvelous things!

Let all creation praise the Lord

And break forth into Joyous singing!

[Psalm 98]

*HYMN

No. 139

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

*COLLECT

Rev. Brandon Bures

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as

surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that

we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises,

which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives

and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

PSALTER

Psalm 98 (Response 1) **No. 818**

*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

Matthew 16:13-18

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

Heidi Branch, *piano*; Bob Matteson, *drums*

“I Want Jesus to Walk With Me” *arr. Mark Hayes*

*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.

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. 557

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

*BENEDICTION

*GOING FORTH

POSTLUDE

“Cwm Rhondda” *arr. David M. Cherwien*

HYMN NOTES

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (words by Joachim Neander, 1680; music from Erneuernten 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. USHERS – Jake Odom, Wade Peters & Miller Caldwell. COMMUNION STEWARD – Diane Turner. GREETERS – Karen S. Thompson & Susan Cole. COMMUNION SERVERS – Gena Buchanan & Camille Barr, Lay Persons.

TODAY’S LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES

First Lesson: Acts 10:44-48. During Peter’s sermon to Cornelius, the Holy Spirit is poured out on all who hear him, even the Gentiles. He baptizes those who come “in the name of Jesus Christ.”

Psalm: 98. The Lord has brought salvation, and it is witnessed by all the earth. Therefore both people and nature are called to sing praises to God.

Second Lesson: 1 John 5:1-6. Those who believe will be victorious because “whatever is born of God overcomes the world.” It is through faith in the One who came as God Incarnate that the victory is won.

Gospel Lesson: John 15:9-17. Jesus commands his disciples to love on another, that their joy may be full.

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> |
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| MONDAY | 93 | Deuteronomy 7:1-11 | 1 Timothy 6:11-12 |
| TUESDAY | 93 | Deuteronomy 11:1-17 | 1 Timothy 6:13-16 |
| WEDNESDAY | 93 | Deuteronomy 11:18-21 | Mark 16:19-20 |
| THURSDAY – Ascension of the Lord (40th Day After Easter) | 47 <i>or</i> 93 | | Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53 |
| FRIDAY | 47 | Exodus 24:15-18 | Revelation 1:9-18 |
| SATURDAY | 47 | Deuteronomy 34:1-7 | John 16:4-11 |

MISSION FOCUS

MAY FOCUS: Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference Mission Projects

In addition to the internal missions of our conference, the Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference is in partnership with nine mission agencies across the Alabama-West Florida area. As a local church, we have the responsibility to support these agencies. Two of these ministries, Milk and Honey Outreach Ministries and Pensacola United Methodist Community Ministries impact our area directly and are located close to home. While all of these ministries could use financial support, there are many ways to be involved.

CALL TO ACTION: In addition to supporting the nine mission agencies across our conference (and specifically those in our district), the conference-wide mission project this year is to collect and send UMCOR kits to the annual conference meeting the first week of June. We will be sending all the kits we collected during our March call-to-action, but invite the congregation to continue making kits to send to conference. Supply lists for the kits are still available in the Church Office and online.