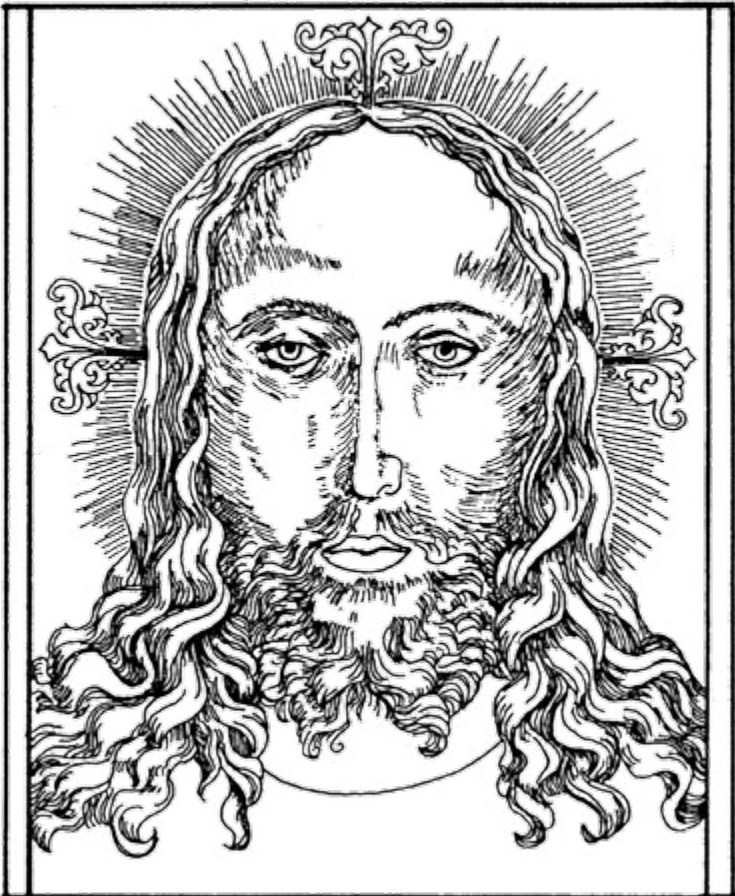




FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PENSACOLA

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 14, 2017 | 9:30 A.M.



An early 16th century woodcut of Christ
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WELCOME

Welcome to First United Methodist 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 2017.

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 (June 4th). 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. Christ is risen!

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, Serving at First Church will help you find your place to use your gifts and talents in service in the church and community. On May 28, 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 our 2017 Graduating Seniors.



NEXT WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Join us next week here at First Church as we come together to worship God on the Sixth Sunday of Easter. It is also Confirmation Sunday. Our current 6th grade class will be confirmed into the life of the church during the 11:00am worship. 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 Sunday's readings: *Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21.*

OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

9:30 A.M.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Libby K. Hargrave, *piano*

arr. Mike Springer

*CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

In the Lord we will seek refuge.

God will never let us be put to shame.

The Lord is our rock and our refuge;

God is a strong fortress to save!

*HYMN

“How Firm a Foundation”

No. 529

*COLLECT

Rev. Ken Autrey

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

APOSTLE’S CREED

No. 881

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.

BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS

Meryl Jones

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

John 14:1-14

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

“A Perfect Heart”

Libby K. Hargrave, *solo*
Reba Rambo and Dony McGuire

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

COMMUNION MUSIC

“We Gather at Your Table, Lord”

arr. Walter Egret

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. 445

“Happy the Home When God Is There”

*BENEDICTION

*GOING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

“Foundation”

arr. L.K. Hargrave

*Stand as you are able

HYMN NOTES

“How Firm a Foundation” (words by “K” in Rippon’s A Selection of Hymns, 1787; music is Early USA melody, harmonized in 1866)—Since Richard Keen was the precentor (song leader) in Dr. Rippon’s church in London, it is reasonable to assume that he was the author. There are many Scriptural references: Isaiah 43:1-5, 12; II Timothy 2:19; and Hebrews 13:5. It is basically about the promises of God, and quotation marks are used for all of the stanzas in which various promises are quoted. The last line, “I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake!” is a triumphant conclusion.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

9:30. GREETERS—Dona Hill & Carol Ross. USHERS—John Susko, Carter Haynes & Ruth Klarner. COMMUNION STEWARDS—Amy Voeltz & Kelly Davies. COMMUNION SERVERS—Ruth Klarner & Diane Ward.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTHER'S DAY | TODAY

Today is Mother's Day. We want to honor all mothers and those who have been like mothers to us in our worship this morning. If you brought flowers with you, you can place them in the baskets at the front of the sanctuary.

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY | TODAY

Today is also Baccalaureate Sunday. At the 8:00am worship service, this year's high school graduating seniors are being presented to the congregation. Also, a senior class representative is addressing the congregation at each of the services. A list of all our graduating seniors is on the insert to this bulletin. Let's be thankful and pray for the graduating class of 2017.

ARTISTS OF THE MONTH | RECEPTION FROM 9:00-11:30AM

Our new Artists of the Month are the members of the Pensacola Branch of the National League of American Pen Women. Their new show is called "Pen-Sational", an Art & Poetry Exhibit. In honor of the 2017-18 75th Anniversary year, this exhibit will celebrate the essence of the creative woman, the power of word and the visual image, and the impact that local women of courage and note have had in developing the arts of our community. There is a reception for the artists from 9:00-11:30am this morning in The Wright Place. Stop by and see these amazing pieces. The exhibit will be on display through June 11.

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: **Grilled Hamburgers, Mac and Cheese, Watermelon, Green Salad, and Ice Cream.** 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!

FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE WRIGHT PLACE | MAY 19

Fifty Forward Ministries invites everyone to its monthly fellowship event, Friday Night at The Wright Place. May's program is called, "Spring is in the Air". We'll enjoy some delicious Caribbean cuisine, fellowship, and entertainment by Tim Jackson. Call the Church Office to sign up (432-1434).

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY | MAY 21

Next Sunday, May 21, is Confirmation Sunday. For our 6th grade class, it is the continuation of one's faith journey, a journey begun at baptism, and the beginning of one's covenant relationship with the church. In the 11:00am Main Sanctuary service next week, we will renew our baptism vows, profess our faith together with the confirmands, promise to do all in our power to support these newest professing members, and with them renew our covenant to be the body of Christ for the world.

YOUTH TALENT SHOW AND DESSERT BAR | MAY 24

The annual Youth Talent Show will be next Wednesday, May 24. Join us for a dessert bar starting at 6:30pm with the Talent Show starting at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and a love offering will be taken. Proceeds go to support our annual Youth Choir Tour.

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