



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PENSACOLA

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 5, 2018 | 9:30 A.M.



*Jesus as the Bread of Life (from a 5th century ivory)*

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## WELCOME TO FIRST 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 this summer.

## 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

Each Sunday morning 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. On August 19, Serving at First Church will help you find a place to use your gifts and talents in service in the church and community. We hope that you can join us next week.

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our mothers, Ann Miller and Cleo McElvain by Jack and Kay Behr.



## NEXT WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Join us next week here at First Church as we come together to worship God on the Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost. It will also be the first Sunday in "The Growing Season" in the Year of Missions. "The Growing Season" is our annual discipleship campaign, and on the first Sunday, our focus will be on Christian Education. 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: *2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 • Psalm 130 • Ephesians 4:25-5:2 • John 6:35, 41-51.*

# ***OUR WORSHIP OF GOD***

9:30am

## **WELCOME**

## **PRELUDE**

Libby K. Hargrave, *piano*

“As the Deer *with* Fairest Lord Jesus” *arr. Mark Hayes*

## **\*CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Create in us clean hearts, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within us.  
Restore us to the joy of salvation,  
And uphold us with a willing spirit.

[Psalm 51]

## **\*HYMN**

**No. 421**

“Make Me a Captive, Lord”

## **\*COLLECT**

Rev. Brandon Bures

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *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**

John 6:24-35

## **SERMON**

Dr. Wesley H. Wachob

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## **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**

“God Exalted Him” *Linda Lee Johnson, Tom Fettke*

## \*DOXOLOGY

No. 94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**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

“Behold the Lamb” *Bob Dufford*

“We Proclaim Your Name” *Libby K. Hargrave*

## 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. 422

“Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love”

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*GOING FORTH

## POSTLUDE

“Behold the Lamb” *arr. Libby K. Hargrave*

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\*Stand as you are able

## HYMN NOTES

“Make Me a Captive, Lord” (words by George Matheson, 1890; music by George J. Elvey, 1868)—Entitled “Christian Freedom” and using the Ephesians 3:1 text, “Paul, the prisoner of Christ,” the hymn is an excellent example of the use of paradox: captive-free, give up sword-conqueror be, imprison-strong, monarch throne-crown resign. The phrase “varies with the wind” refers to the amount of tension with which a spring is wound, not to the blowing of the wind. The author was a brilliant student and preacher, but suffered poor eyesight, being virtually blind by his 18th birthday.

## THOSE SERVING TODAY

9:30. GREETERS – Karen S. Thompson & Susan Cole. USHERS – Wade Peters, Jeff Cagle & Ruth Klarner. COMMUNION STEWARD – Diane Turner. COMMUNION SERVERS – Gena Buchanan & Camille Barr, Lay Persons.

## TODAY'S LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES

**First Lesson: 2 Samuel 11:25–12:13a.** After the death of Uriah, David marries Bathsheba. Nathan the prophet tells a parable which indicts David for his sin. David is moved to repentance.

**Psalm: 51:1-12.** David's prayer of confession and forgiveness. He depends solely upon the mercy of God to redeem him and restore his salvation.

**Second Lesson: Ephesians 4:1-16.** Paul exhorts the Ephesians to forbear one another for the sake of the Church's unity. He says that Christ called people to various ministries for the building up of the body. Therefore, they are to "speak the truth in love."

**Gospel Lesson: John 6:24-35.** In response to the miraculous feeding, some people follow Jesus again. He tells them that the true bread they seek is not the manna Israel ate in the desert but to do the works of God.

## 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	107:1-3, 33-43	Num. 11:16-23, 31-32	Ephesians 4:17-24
TUESDAY	107:1-3, 33-43	Deuteronomy 8:1-20	1 Cor. 12:27-31
WEDNESDAY	107:1-3, 33-43	Isaiah 55:1-9	Mark 8:1-10
THURSDAY	34:1-8	1 Samuel 28:20-25	Romans 15:1-6
FRIDAY	34:1-8	2 Samuel 17:15-29	Galatians 6:1-10
SATURDAY	34:1-8	1 Kings 2:1-9	Matthew 7:7-11

## THE GROWING SEASON



### AUGUST MISSION FOCUS: The Growing Season in the Year of Missions

Each August, as children go back to school and families get back into a post-summer routine, we have a discipleship campaign called "The Growing Season." This is a time to re-commit ourselves to the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. During "The Growing Season" we'll take a close look at the principles that guide our ministry as a church body in Christian Education, Missions and Outreach, Worship, Evangelism, and Christian Stewardship. Over the next two months, our mission focus will be woven into these 5 core principles. There will be media and activities each week to help guide our thoughts, prayers, and actions, and our hope is that we can all be better disciples because of it. Watch for a Growing Season packet in the mail this week.

**CALL TO ACTION:** Faithfully attend each Sunday in "The Growing Season" and participate in this journey to better discipleship.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES | BACK TO SCHOOL

This Wednesday is the Back to School Celebration. Join us as we celebrate the upcoming school year. Dinner will be from 5:00–6:00pm. This weeks menu is: BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Corn Cole Slaw, Summer Tomatoes, Cornbread and Dessert. There will also be an inflatable water slide and other water activities for the children. Come fellowship with us. Please make your reservations in the registration pads, by calling the church office (432-1434), or online.



## THE GROWING SEASON | AUGUST 12 - SEPTEMBER 16

Next week we will begin our annual discipleship program at First Church called “The Growing Season.” During “The Growing Season” we will take time to explore the five core principles that make up our mission statement, help guide us in our ministry, and form us into disciples of Christ. Additionally, because of our extended focus on Missions and Outreach in 2018, we will view each of these five principles through the lens of Missions and Outreach. A Growing Season packet, which provides an overview of our discipleship program, will be mailed to all members this week.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY | AUGUST 12

We will kick-off this year’s Growing Season with Christian Education Sunday on August 12. There will be a Blessing of the Backpacks at each service. All students are invited to bring their backpacks to worship where we’ll pray over them and any teachers in the congregation for the coming school year. Children will also be promoted to their new Sunday School classes. Also, Fall Semester classes will begin Wednesday, August 15, so we’ll discuss class offerings and other education opportunities coming in the fall.




## FALL SEMESTER CLASSES

Course catalogs for the new semester of Christian Education classes are available now. You can find them in the Church Office and at the entrances to the worship spaces. We hope everyone looks through these class offerings and finds a place to grow in faith and knowledge this semester.



## NIGHT OF THE CLASSICS | AUGUST 17 & 18

During The Growing Season, join us for a special missions event called Night of the Classics. Night of the Classics is a dinner and live music show featuring music from the 1940’s through the 1980’s. All proceeds from this event will benefit the building of a church in Tanzania as part of the 2018 Year of Missions and Teaming With Tanzania. The show will involve musicians from First United Methodist Church, Pine Forest United Methodist Church, and Myrtle Grove United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$15 per person. Shows are on Friday and Saturday nights, August 17 & 18, at 6:00pm. You can grab tickets at the table in the lobby this morning, or you can stop by the church office during the week or visit the church’s website.

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