

WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. You've joined us at a special time in our year. It's our "Growing Season." Find out more about "The Growing Season" in other parts of the bulletin. 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 during our Growing Season.



THE GROWING SEASON: STEWARDSHIP

Today is the fifth Sunday of "The Growing Season". The Growing Season is our annual discipleship campaign at First Church, and during this 6-week period, we take a Sunday to look at each of our 5 core visions of Christian Education, Missions and Outreach, Worship, Evangelism, and Christian Stewardship and learn through these things how to be better disciples of Jesus Christ. **Today we are focusing on Christian Stewardship.** To belong to our congregation is to be a steward. Today, each of us are getting a "Christian Stewardship" pamphlet and an "Estimate of Giving" card. Read over these materials carefully, take them home, and pray about how God is calling you to serve. We ask that you bring the Estimate of Giving cards back with you next week, on Consecration Sunday.

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.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lauren Ramsey on her 42nd birthday by her mother and brother, Jan and Charles.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FREE EVANGELISM DINNER | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

The Evangelism Dinner, originally scheduled for last week, is now this Wednesday, September 12. We want everyone, members and guests alike, to come out and join in the fellowship at The Wright Place between 5:00 and 6:00pm. This is also a great opportunity to invite someone new! This week's menu will be **Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Salad, and Cake Medley.** The meal is free but we would still like to have an idea about how many of you are coming, so please still make your reservations in the registration pads, by calling the church office (432-1434), or online. After dinner you can continue the fellowship or join in with one of the age-level activities. There will be something for everyone. Adults not already attending a class are invited to join Dr. Wachob as he begins his study of the New Testament at 6:00pm in Wesley Abbey.

SR. PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY | STARTS SEPTEMBER 12

Dr. Wachob's Wednesday evening study starts this week at 6:00pm in Wesley Abbey. He'll be using the book *A Beginner's Guide to the New Testament* by William Barclay. If you are not currently in an adult study, this is a great one to be a part of. It's a mix of lecture and discussion in a comfortable, casual environment.

BIBLE WITH BRANDON | STARTS SEPTEMBER 12

Bible with Brandon, a weekly lunchtime study of the coming Sunday's lectionary scriptures, resumes this Wednesday, September 12. The study starts just after 12:00 noon in The Wright Place. A delicious lunch is available each Wednesday for just \$5.

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, Ministries of First Church is about all the programs and ministries of the church. Next week, Serving at First Church will help you to find a place to use your gifts and talents in service in the church and community. Join us!

SUNDAY NIGHT STUDY ON MISSIONS & OUTREACH | TONIGHT AT 6:00PM IN THE CHAPEL

Everyone is invited to join a special Year of Missions class this evening at 6:00pm. Tonight's topic will be "how to do missions effectively." It will be led by Katie Ramsey, Chair of the Missions Committee here at First Church. Join us this evening at 6:00pm in the chapel, next to the Main Sanctuary.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY CELEBRATION | SEPTEMBER 16

Next week, on Consecration Sunday, we will conclude our Growing Season in the Year of Missions and celebrate our five visions by dedicating ourselves to our Lord Jesus Christ. If you've missed any of the Sundays in the Growing Season you'll have the opportunity to look at the commitment cards from each Sunday and fill out any where you feel called to serve. As a congregation, we will bring to the altar any commitments we've made for the coming year. We will also celebrate with a free brunch from 9:00-11:00am in The Wright Place. Those attending the 11:00am services should arrive early so you can take part in the festivities. We hope you join us on Consecration Sunday! *Next week's scriptures: Proverbs 1:20-33 • Psalm 19 • James 3:1-12 • Mark 8:27-38.*

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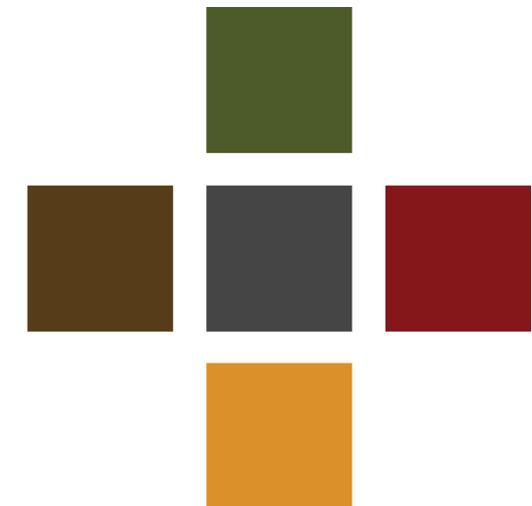


FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PENSACOLA

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

(SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST)

September 9, 2018 | 8:00 and 11:00 A.M.



THE GROWING SEASON

in the *year of missions*



OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

8:00 and 11:00am

WELCOME

*CHORUS

**In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north;
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.**

PRELUDE

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

“Alleluia” *Mozart/Schrader*

*CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Those who trust in the Lord

Cannot be moved, but abide for ever.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord

Who made heaven and earth.

[Psalms 124 and 125]

*HYMN

No. 57

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

*COLLECT

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

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

MISSION MINUTE: STEWARDSHIP

ANTHEM

(8) “This Little Light of Mine” *arr. John Purifoy*

Rick and Heidi Branch, *piano*

(11) “Canticle of Praise” *Lloyd Larson*

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalms 124 *and* *Mark 7:24-37

SERMON

Dr. Wesley H. Wachob

“Spiritual Geography”

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. We also invite you to take this time to look over the “Christian Stewardship” pamphlet and card you received this morning.

OFFERTORY

(8) “DUKE STREET” *arr. Mark Hayes*

Rick Branch, *piano*

(11) “Ain’t Got Time to Die” *Hall Johnson*

Sanctuary Choir; Floyd Replogle, *solo*

*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. 454

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

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. 438

“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord”

*BENEDICTION

*GOING FORTH

The Church goes out to be “doers of the word” and to be faithful **stewards** of God’s good gifts. See the “Mission Focus” section on the next panel and **take an invitation card or two as you leave the sanctuary. Invite someone to the Evangelism Dinner this Wednesday and to worship next Sunday.**

POSTLUDE

“Canticle of Praise on ‘Azmon’” *arr. Alice Jordan*

*Stand as you are able

THOSE SERVING TODAY

8:00. GREETERS – Marie Percy, Bill Spain & Ben/Susan Paramore. USHERS – Carl Ashby, David Crow, Nancy Shealy & Jason Onacki. ACOLYTES – JD Paris, Brady Paris, & Sammi Paris. COMMUNION STEWARD – Cissy Martin.

11:00. GREETERS – Jackie Pergande, Andrea Edgar & Jane Moseley. USHERS – Rusty Harris, Tom Cathey & Eric Enquist. ACOLYTES – Will Blankenship & Zach Morgan.COMMUNION STEWARDS – Jerry/Wendy Westmoreland. COMMUNION SERVERS – Marcia Enquist, Paula Harris, & Linda Wade.

TODAY’S LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES

First Lesson: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23. Because God has made both rich and poor, they are equal before the Lord. Therefore mercy and justice are the ways of life.

Psalms: 125 or 124. Both psalms proclaim the mighty protection of God who delivers the righteous from all calamities.

Second Lesson: James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17. Continuing the theme from Proverbs, James exhorts his audience to “show no partiality” between rich and poor. He calls for them to keep the whole law and to show mercy in all things by doing works of charity. “Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.”

Gospel Lesson: Mark 7:24-37. On the road to Tyre and Sidon, Jesus tries to keep the “Messianic Secret.” Unable to do so, Jesus casts out a demon from the daughter of a foreigner. Traveling on, he heals a deaf-mute. The more Jesus calls for silence the more his marvelous works are proclaimed.

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.

| | <i>Psalms</i> | <i>Old Test.</i> | <i>New Test.</i> |
|-----------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| MONDAY | Isaiah 38:10-20 | Joshua 6:1-21 | Hebrews 11:29-12:2 |
| TUESDAY | Isaiah 38:10-20 | Joshua 8:1-23 | Hebrews 12:3-13 |
| WEDNESDAY | Isaiah 38:10-20 | Judges 15:9-20 | Matthew 17:14-21 |
| THURSDAY | 116:1-9 | Joshua 2:1-14 | Hebrews 11:17-22 |
| FRIDAY | 116:1-9 | Joshua 2:15-24 | James 2:17-26 |
| SATURDAY | 116:1-9 | Joshua 6:22-27 | Matthew 21:23-32 |

MISSION FOCUS

SEPTEMBER MISSION FOCUS: The Growing Season in the Year of Missions

This week, just as in weeks past, our year-long focus on missions is being woven into the 5 core visions that guide our ministry at First Church. Today we have focused on Christian Stewardship. How does Stewardship tie in to our 2018 focus on Missions and Outreach? Where we put our time, abilities and resources matter. First, we did nothing to earn the hours, the days, the weeks of our lives. Time is a gift of God. How we choose to use it is a matter of stewardship. Secondly, as stewards, we acknowledge the gifts we have and put our talents to work in ministry. A third vital aspect of our stewardship is our giving to Christ’s work in the world. In this Growing Season let us commit to putting these three things into the missions and outreach of the Church this year and next. There will be plenty of opportunity to do so in the remainder of the Year of Missions. Commitment cards are available today in the parlor outside the east door of the sanctuary and they will all be available on Consecration Sunday.

CALLS TO ACTION:

1) Take an Estimate of Giving card, prayerfully consider how you should fill it out, make a commitment, and dedicate it to God on Consecration Sunday, next Sunday.

2) Take an invite card and invite someone to church this Wednesday and next Sunday. Invite cards are available again as you exit today.