

## 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 fall.

## 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, Tour of First Church, walks you through the historic buildings of our campus. The class cycle starts again on October 7 with Introduction to First Church. 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. Join us each week!

## PRAYER & PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer is an essential part of the lives of Christians. If you have a prayer request you would like the church to pray for, please fill out a blue PRAYER REQUEST card located in the pews. Completed cards should be placed in the offering plate or in the prayer request boxes located around campus. These requests are prayed for by our laity prayer team weekly. You can also add prayer requests to the church-wide prayer list by contacting the church office at 850-432-1434. To receive the church-wide prayer list contact Ginger Raines at GRaines@FUMCPensacola.com. The list is emailed out each Tuesday. A list of recent births, deaths, and members who are hospitalized is also available in the church office. The congregation is encouraged to check these lists often and pray regularly.



## NEXT WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Join us next week here at First Church as we come together to worship God on the Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost. It will also be World Communion Sunday. Dr. Wachob will preach at the 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00am worship services here in the Main Sanctuary. The youth will take over the ICON worship service at 11:00am in Wesley Abbey. Dawson Kuba will preach. Next Sunday's readings: *Job 1:1, 2:1-10 • Psalm 26 • Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 • Mark 10:2-16.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THIRD GRADE SUNDAY | TODAY

Today is Third Grade Sunday. At the 11:00am Main Sanctuary service, all third graders will receive their 3rd grade Adventure Bible. This is a milestone in the lives of our students at First Church. Third graders and their parents are invited to meet outside the chapel at 10:30am so they can enter together.

### THE GROWING SEASON RESPONSE

Response cards for the different sections of The Growing Season are still available today. Stewardship cards are in the pew pockets, and in the Church Office. You can find other response cards at the entrances and in the office as well. Turn these in today or take them with you. Pray to God about your response. Fill out the cards and bring them to the church whenever you return. Read the Mission Focus section of this bulletin for more.

### COMMUNITY GROUP LAUNCH | TODAY AT NOON

The Community Group launch event is today at 12:00 noon in The Wright Place. Anyone who signed up to be a part of a Community Group this fall is invited to come for lunch and an introduction to your group. Community Groups are intimate groups of 8-12 people that commit to meet and connect with each other. They are intended to foster deeper relationships with God and group members, which encourages greater transparency, transformation, and accountability in the lives of participants.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT 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 Herb Pork Loin, Roasted Potatoes, Broccoli Parmesan, Salad, Rolls and Dessert. Please make your reservations in the registration pads, by calling the church office (432-1434), or online. After dinner, at 6:00pm, join in with one of one of the Wednesday evening classes. Join in any class at any time. Please note that Dr. Wachob's class will not meet as he will still be out of town. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesdays.

### PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS | OCTOBER 3-7

This fall Lifetouch will be on campus to take photos for the church's next pictorial directory. The first set of dates available for photo sessions is October 3-7. That's this Wednesday to Sunday. There is still time to sign up if you want to have your picture taken. Just visit the church's website and click on the "Church Directory" box on the right side of the homepage to check available time slots. More photo sessions are available October 17-21, and future dates will be announced.

### YOUTH SUNDAY AT ICON | OCTOBER 7

Next Sunday, October 7, is a Youth Sunday at the ICON worship service. This means that members of our youth group will serve in every role in the service from ushers and greeters to leading music and preaching. Everyone is invited to come support our youth and be a part of this unique worship experience at 11:00am in Wesley Abbey.

### BLESSING OF THE BEASTS | OCTOBER 7

Everyone is invited to our annual Blessing of the Beasts next Sunday, October 7, at 4:00pm by the fountain. Bring your pets to be blessed at this special service commemorating the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. This short service will be led by Rev. Brandon Bures. You are also encouraged to bring donations for the Humane Society including: Purina Kitten Chow, Canned Pedigree/Alpo Dog Food, Laundry Detergent (liquid or powder), and Bleach.



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PENSACOLA

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 30, 2018 | 8:00 and 11:00 A.M.



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# OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

8:00 and 11:00am

## WELCOME

### \*CHORUS

I want a principle within of watchful, godly fear,  
a sensibility of sin, a pain to feel it near.  
I want the first approach to feel of pride or wrong desire,  
to catch the wandering of my will, and quench the kindling fire.

### PRELUDE

Dr. Rick Branch, *organ*

“Allegro” *Karl Heinrich Graun*

### \*CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Because the Lord is on our side,  
**We have been saved from tragedy.**  
Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**Who made heaven and earth.**

[Psalm 124]

### \*HYMN

No. 160

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

### \*COLLECT

Rev. Ken Autrey

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### 8:00 PSALTER

Psalm 124 No. 846

### \*8:00 GLORIA PATRI

No. 70

“Glory Be to the Father”

### ANTHEM

<sup>(8)</sup> “No Time” *arr. Susan Brumfield*

Sanctuary Choir

(This is a traditional Camp Meeting song.)

<sup>(11)</sup> “Siyahamba” *arr. Doreen Rao*

Youth Choir; Braden Shumpert, *tone bars*

(translation of Zulu: We are marching in the light of God)

### 11:00 THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

Lisa Bond

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,  
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.d  
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

### SERMON

<sup>(8)</sup> Rev. Brandon Bures, <sup>(11)</sup> Dr. Tim Trent

### 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

<sup>(8)</sup> “Come, Thou Fount” *arr. Eric Nelson*

Sanctuary Choir

<sup>(11)</sup> “Every Good Gift” *David Ludwig*

Youth 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. 526

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

### 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. 463

“Lord, Speak to Me”

### \*BENEDICTION AND GOING FORTH

### POSTLUDE

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” *arr. Alice Jordan*

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\*Stand as you are able

### HYMN NOTES

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” (words by Edward H. Plumptre, 1865; music by Arthur H. Messiter, 1889)—Everyone enjoys a festival, and this hymn was written for a Diocesan Festival in Peterborough Cathedral in 1865. It originally contained eleven stanzas, necessary to get all of the choirs into the cathedral. Based on Psalm 20:4, Psalm 147:1, and Philippians 4:4, it is a call for youth, the elderly, men, women – everyone to rejoice.

### THOSE SERVING TODAY

8:00. GREETERS – Colleen Ball, Ken/Robin Rohde, Bill Spain, & Linda Shearlock. USHERS – Raymond Lanphere, Russ Parris, Larry Davison, & Herb Ferreira. COMMUNION STEWARD – Sue Butsch.

11:00. GREETERS – Frank/Mary Willis. USHERS – Walter Glenn, Ed Muller, Rusty Harris, John Gross, Mike Vance, & Brent Hough. ACOLYTES – Deion Crews & Margaret Anne Adair. COMMUNION STEWARD – Karen Thompson. COMMUNION SERVERS – Karen Thompson, George Dreading, & Roz Leahy.

## TODAY’S LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES

**First Lesson: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22.** While exiled in Babylon, the Jews are threatened with extinction by the intentions of an evil vizier. Esther, who has been set as queen over the Jews, intercedes with the king. He spares them and condemns the vizier. As a thanksgivings, the feast of Purim is established.

**Psalm 124.** David’s first of a series of psalms giving thanks for God’s deliverance of the people of Israel. He proclaims that God is the One who saved them, and he offers his praise.

**Second Lesson: James 5:13-20.** The Apostle encourages the sick to submit themselves to the Lord for healing. Through the ministry of anointing and the laying-on-of-hands, God grants forgiveness and brings the people to wholeness.

**Gospel Lesson: Mark 9:38-50.** Continuing his discourse on humility, Jesus teaches his disciples that the smallest act of mercy is worthy in God’s sight. He warns them against leading others astray, and calls them all to be “salt.”

## DAILY READINGS

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>Psalm</i>	<i>Old Test.</i>	<i>New Test.</i>
MONDAY	5	Zechariah 6:9-15	1 Peter 1:3-9
TUESDAY	5	Zechariah 8:18-23	1 John 2:18-25
WEDNESDAY	5	Zechariah 10:1-12	Matthew 18:6-9
THURSDAY	8	Genesis 20:1-18	Galatians 3:23-29
FRIDAY	8	Genesis 21:22-34	Romans 8:1-11
SATURDAY	8	Genesis 23:1-20	Luke 16:14-18

## MISSION FOCUS



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

On Consecration Sunday we completed the first part of our discipleship campaign, “The Growing Season.” During The Growing Season, we made commitments to God by dedicating our time, our talents, our gifts, and our service to the mission of the Church. Consecration Sunday has come and gone, but that doesn’t mean that we can’t still take part in The Growing Season. At First Church there is always opportunity to join a class; take part in missions (local and global); worship God; invite our neighbors and friends to share in our worship; and pledge our time, talents, and gifts to the service of God. All members of this family of faith, from the longest serving member to the visitor that just walked in the doors this morning, are called to be in discipleship with Jesus Christ. Christ set the example and we are to follow.

**CALL TO ACTION:** If you haven’t turned in an Estimate of Giving for 2019, prayerfully consider turning one in today. Stewardship cards are available in the pew pockets or you can pick up an Estimate of Giving card from the Church Office. You can also take a card with you to fill it out at home.