EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 13, 2019  |  9:30 A.M.

A 5th century Ivory of Jesus Curing the Leper
**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 at the entrances.

**VISITOR / NEW MEMBER CLASS**

Each Sunday we welcome all visitors and new members that are interested in learning more about First Church to an introductory class consisting 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 of the church and community. On October 27, Tour of First Church will walk you through the historic buildings of our campus. Join us each week.

**FLOWERS**

The flowers in the Main Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Wil and Jackie Pergande’s 55th wedding anniversary on October 10th.

**THOSE SERVING**

OUR WORSHIP OF GOD
9:30am
the Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME

PRELUDE
Libby K. Hargrave, organ
“Air” Jean-Baptiste de Bousset

*CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
Sing the glory of God’s Name!
How awesome are the deeds of God.
Give God glorious praise! [Psalm 66]

*HYMN
“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” no. 57

*COLLECT
Rev. Brandon Bures
Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us,
that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE PSALTER
Psalm 66:1-12 no. 790

*GLORIA PATRI
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
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
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INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were still sinners;
that proves God’s love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Response: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God. Amen.

*THE PEACE

All exchange signs and words of God’s peace.

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

Please register your attendance on the registration pads. If you are visiting with us, we’re glad you’re here! Please include your address, phone number, and email so that we may welcome you in a more personal way.
OFFERTORY
Almighty God, who neither needs nor is enriched by our gift, yet who loves the cheerful giver: Receive these our offerings which we present to you, and with them ourselves, our souls and bodies, as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

“Worthy Is the Lamb” Libby K. Hargrave, solo
Ricky Manalo

*DOXOLOGY no. 95
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 no. 13
You are invited to come forward to the altar to receive the elements of Holy Communion.

COMMUNION MUSIC
“The Supper of the Lord” Laurence Rosania

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. 140
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*BENEDICTION

*GOING FORTH

POSTLUDE
“Old 113th” arr. Hal Hopson

*Stand as you are able
NEXT WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Join us next week here at First Church as we come together to worship God on the Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost. Dr. Wachob will preach at the worship services here in the Main Sanctuary. The Rev. Brandon Bures will lead worship for those attending the Church-wide Retreat at Blue Lake. Due to the church-wide retreat, the ICON service will join with the 11:00am Main Sanctuary service. The Sanctuary Choir will sing at 11:00am.


TODAY’S LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE

Proper 23

The First Reading—Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7—the prophet Jeremiah offers surprising counsel from Jerusalem to the elders, priests, and prophets now in exile in Babylon.

The Psalter—Psalm 66:1-12—A hymn of praise and thanksgiving to God who rules in majesty and delivers God’s people.

The Second Reading—2 Timothy 2:8-15—Paul bids Timothy to be a faithful worker, reminding himself and others of Jesus’ resurrection and the new life that is to be known with him.

The Gospel—Luke 17:11-19—Jesus’ command brings about the cleansing of the lepers, but only one, a Samaritan, returns to give thanks.

DAILY READINGS - PROPER 23

Each of us is encouraged to read scripture during the week. If you don’t already have a daily devotion, the scriptures below are designed to expand the range of biblical reading in worship and personal devotion. You can find them in the bulletin each week. The Daily Readings are taken from “The Daily Office Lectionary” in The Book of Common Prayer. Make a commitment this fall to read scripture each day. It will be a blessing. It can change your life.

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Unveiling of Perry Home Historical Marker | 10:30am
This morning at 10:30am we are joyfully unveiling a new Florida Historical Marker on the lawn in front of the Perry Home. The Perry Home, as it is known today, was built in 1867. It was once the home of Edward A. Perry, who served as Governor of Florida from 1885-1889, and eventually passed into the hands of the Scottish Rite Building Association in 1922. First Church purchased this historic property in 2008 to expand its ministries. This updated marker replaces a previous marker that was damaged.

Youth Sunday at ICON | Today
This morning at 11:00am, the youth are taking over 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 children’s sermon. Everyone is invited to come support our youth and be a part of this unique worship experience in Wesley Abbey.

Wednesday Evening Activities
Join us this Wednesday between 5:00 and 6:00pm in The Wright Place for a delicious meal and good fellowship. This week’s menu will be Beef & Cheese Enchiladas, Rice, Black Beans & Corn, 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, join us as we continue our Fall Semester classes. Come on out! There’s a place at the table for you.

Teaming with Tanzania Mission Trip | October 19-29
This coming Saturday a group of 11 missionaries from our conference (9 from our church) will leave for Mwanza, Tanzania to continue our partnership with Methodist Churches in the region. The names of those going on the trip can be found in the church’s newsletter. Those participating from our congregation are being commissioned this morning in the ICON worship service at 11:00am in Wesley Abbey. Pray for the team’s work and their time spent traveling. Look for updates on our conference’s work in the area when the team returns.

Blue Lake Church-Wide Retreat | October 19-20
Next weekend, a large group from our congregation will gather for the Church-Wide Retreat at Blue Lake in Andalusia, AL. This annual getaway gives our families a time to refresh, recalibrate, and reunite. The retreat begins on Saturday morning with check-in from 8:00-9:00am and will conclude on Sunday at 11:00am.

Combined 11:00am Service | October 20
Please note that because of the Church-Wide Retreat next weekend, the 11:00am ICON service will be joining with the 11:00am service here in the Main Sanctuary.

Stained Glass Concert Series
Mary and Martha: Heart and Hand | October 20
First Church invites you to the premiere performance of a presentation in story and song entitled “Mary and Martha: Heart and Hand” on October 20 at 6:00pm in the Main Sanctuary. The music has been composed by Allen Pote with Tom Long as lyricist. It will be performed by Sewell Jeter Griffith as Mary, Chandra McKern as Martha, and Corey McKern as Jesus. This unique artistic event celebrates Mary and Martha’s faith in relationship to Jesus as depicted in the Gospel of Luke, and portrays the significance of women among the disciples of Jesus. The work was inspired by the beautiful stained glass window, completed in 1908, along the western side of the Main Sanctuary. The concert is free and open to the public. Join us next Sunday at 6:00pm.