

WELCOME

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today. 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.

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, Serving at First Church, helps you to find a place to use your gifts and talents in service in the church and community. On November 26, Tour of First Church will walk you through the historic buildings of our campus. We hope you join us each week.

PRAYER & PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer is an essential part of the lives of Christians and our worship. 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 weekly on 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.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Warren Williams' birthday today by Richard and Shirley Knight.



NEXT WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Join us next week here at First Church as we come together to worship God on the Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. It is the last Sunday of the Christian year, Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday. Dr. Wachob will preach for the 8:00 and 9:30am here in the Main Sanctuary and at the ICON worship service at 11:00am in Wesley Abbey. The Rev. Brandon Bures will preach the 11:00am worship service in the Main Sanctuary. Next Sunday's readings: *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100 (UMH 821); Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

We will not have our regular Wednesday Night activities this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Wednesday dinner and classes will resume on November 29. There will be one more week of Fall session classes before we begin our weekly Advent activities. We hope you join us next Wednesday night.

GREAT DAY OF GIVING FOOD DRIVE | NOVEMBER

There is only about a week left in our Great Day of Giving Food Drive. Throughout the month we have been collecting food items that will go into gift boxes on our annual Great Day of Giving. We are grateful for all the food we have received so far and hope to have even more come in over the next few days. If you are still looking to donate, we are asking that each age level bring in specific items:

Adults | Instant Oatmeal & Pancake Mix (add water kind)

Youth (7th-12th Grade) | Boxes of Crackers & Jars of Peanut Butter

5th & 6th Graders | Boxes/Bags of Pasta and Jars of Spaghetti Sauce

4th Grade | Canned Meats

3rd Grade | Chili

2nd Grade | Soup

1st Grade | Rice

Kindergarten | Mac 'n Cheese

Preschool | Canned Veggies & Fruit

Food items can be dropped off in our collection boxes located in the front office, Perry Home, and Education Building by November 27. Food boxes will be assembled by church members at our Great Day of Giving event on December 4.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE | TONIGHT

This evening the community will gather together at First Presbyterian Church and join in the annual Pensacola Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Service. The service will be at 5:00pm and the Rev. Freddie N. Tellis will deliver the sermon. Churches participating in the service include Christ Episcopal Church, First Presbyterian Church, First United Methodist Church, The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, Temple Beth El, and First Baptist Church.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM THE FUMC STAFF

Happy Thanksgiving to all from your First Church staff. We are thankful to God for this congregation and pray that each of you have a joyful holiday; and to those of you leaving town, we pray for safe travels. God bless you all.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office will close on Wednesday at Noon and remain closed on Thursday and Friday of this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Regular hours will resume on Monday, November 27.

CHURCH ADVENT STUDY | MONDAYS STARTING NOVEMBER 27

Everyone is invited to join the Monday Night Class for a church-wide advent study. The class will meet on Mondays, November 27 through December 18, at 6:00pm in the Perry Home. The class will use Adam Hamilton's book *Not a Silent Night*. Contact the Church Office if you would like a book. All are welcome.

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PENSACOLA

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 19, 2017 | 8:00 & 11:00 A.M.



The Parable of the Talents (from an early 20th sketch by Eugene Burnand)

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