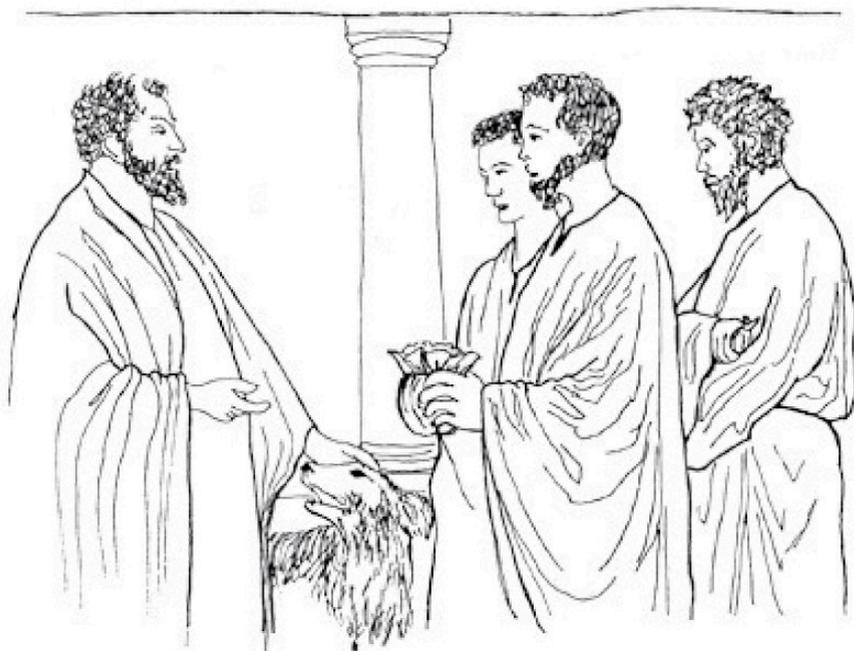




FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PENSACOLA

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 19, 2017 | ICON at 11:00am



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

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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 lobbies.

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 AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer is an essential part of the lives of Christians and the life of the church. 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.

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 8:00am, 9:30am, and 11:00am services in the Main Sanctuary. The Rev. Brandon Bures will preach at the ICON service at 11:00am in Wesley Abbey. Next Sunday's readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100 (UMH 821); Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeb Hunt

PRELUDE

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

George Elvey

*TRINITY CHIME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Denise Van Atta

Great is the Name of the Lord.

God is more majestic than the mountains!

Let us make our vows to the Lord and keep them;

Let us bring gifts to our great and awesome God!

*SONG OF PRAISE TO GOD

ICON Praise Band

“Great Are You Lord”

Jason Ingram

“It’s your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise, pour out our praise.”

*COLLECT

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*SONG OF PRAISE TO GOD

“From the Inside Out”

Joel Houston

*“A thousand times I’ve failed still Your mercy remains, should I stumble again I’m caught in Your grace
Everlasting Your light will shine when all else fades, never ending Your glory goes beyond all fame.”*

*APOSTLES’ CREED

*GLORIA PATRI

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

Please register your attendance in the registration pad. If you are visiting, include your address, telephone number, and email address so that we may welcome you in a more personal way.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Lisa Bond

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

“Thy Word”

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON

Rev. Brandon Bures

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

“Give Thanks”

Henry Smith

*“Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He’s given, Jesus Christ, His Son.”*

*THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost, Amen

EUCCHARIST

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

COMMUNION SONG

“Here I Am To Worship”

Tim Hughes

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Anyone who wishes to join the church today, please come forward during the closing song.

*CLOSING SONG

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Martin Luther

*“A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing,
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.”*

*BENEDICTION AND GOING FORTH

*Please Stand As You Are Able

SERVING TODAY

Clergy: Rev. Brandon Bures (*Associate Pastor*); **Liturgist:** Denise Van Atta (*Director of Tween and Youth Ministries*) **Children’s Sermon:** Lisa Bond (*Director of Children and Family Ministries*) **Music:** Jeb Hunt (*Creative Director*), Rick Puckett (*Electric Guitar*), Jenny Hurd (*Acoustic Guitar*); **Sound:** Kyle Hall, Larry Hines

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY EVENING 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.

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