



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PENSACOLA

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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



The Woman at the Well with the Universal Saviour (by Hsu San Ch'un)

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WELCOME

Welcome to First United Methodist Church, we are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us this Lenten season. 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 in 2017.

LENT

Today is the Third Sunday in Lent. The season of Lent is a solemn religious observance that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends the day before Easter (40 days, not counting Sundays). It is a time of preparation and reflection. During Lent we are focusing on living our faith through the holy practices of self examination, repentance, prayer, fasting, self denial, and reading and meditating on God's word. See the Daily Readings section for devotion material and be a part of the worship services and activities at First Church during the season of Lent.

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 will help you find your place to use your gifts and talents in service in the church and community. Next week, Tour of First Church will walk you through the historic buildings of our campus. On April 2, the class cycle begins again with Introduction to First Church. We hope you join us each week.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gene Martin by his family.



NEXT WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Join us next week here at First Church as we come together to worship God on the Fourth Sunday in Lent. Dr. Wesley Wachob will preach at the 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00am worship services in the Main Sanctuary. The Rev. Brandon Bures will preach at the 11:00am ICON worship service in Wesley Abbey. Next week's scriptures: *1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41.*

OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

8:00 & 11:00 A.M.

WELCOME

CHORUS

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

PRELUDE

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Dr. Rick Branch, *organ*
arr. Paul Manz

*CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O Come, let us sing to the Lord;

Let us make a joyful noise to our God!

Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving,

And make a joyful noise with songs.

[Psalm 95]

*HYMN

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

No. 127

*COLLECT

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

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE PSALTER

Psalm 95 **No. 814**

*THE GLORIA PATRI

No. 70

ANTHEM

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

(8) Sanctuary Choir
arr. Lloyd Larson

“Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us”

(11) Heidi Branch, *flute*; Rick Branch, *piano*
arr. Rebecca Bonam

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

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

*THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 4:5-42

SERMON

“With Every Choice”

(8) Dr. Wesley H. Wachob

“Real Conversations Matter”

(11) Rev. Brandon Bures

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

“Song of Surrender”

(8) Sanctuary Choir; Ty LoVette, *solo*

David Lantz III

“Arioso”

(11) Heidi Branch, *piano*; Rick Branch, *organ*

Bach/Stickles

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

No. 95

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

You are invited to come forward to the altar to receive the elements of Holy Communion.

COMMUNION HYMN

“Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring”

No. 644

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

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

No. 479

*BENEDICTION

*GOING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

“Aberyswyth”

arr. Paul Manz

*Stand as you are able

HYMN NOTES

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” (Words by William Williams, 1745; Music by John Hughes, 1907)— At the urging of a Welsh evangelist, under whom he was converted, the author began writing hymns as a Welsh Calvinist-Methodist minister. His brother Peter, who was later expelled from the church for heresy, provided the English translation. The Exodus and the journey through the wilderness to Canaan is the basis of the hymn with references to “Bread of heaven” (Exodus 16:4-18), “the fiery, cloudy pillar” (Exodus 13:21), “verge of Jordan” (Joshua 3:14-17). The reference to “Death of death and Hell’s Destruction” is to Christ (II Timothy 1:10 and Revelation 1:17, 18).

THOSE SERVING TODAY

8:00. GREETERS—Pete/Patsy Mellin, Elaine Mitchell, Linda Shearlock & Jason Onacki. USHERS—Marty Sherlock, Geoff Cook, Mike Jones, Neil Jones & John Thames. ACOLYTE—Lacey Fisher. COMMUNION STEWARD—Vicki Adcox.

11:00. GREETERS—Sue Glenn & Julie Seabrook. USHERS—John Gross, Mike Vance, Walter Glenn, Randy Maygarden, Nancy Emery, Charles Harger & Ed Muller. ACOLYTES—Deion Crews, Abby Wimberly & Matthew Phillips. COMMUNION STEWARD—Ros Duckworth. COMMUNION SERVERS—Connie Vance & Ros Duckworth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY EVENING 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 **Orange Cranberry Pork, Wild Rice, Broccoli Parmesan, Salad, and Rolls**. Please make your reservations in the registration pads, by calling the church office (432-1434), or online. After dinner, at 6:00pm, we will join together in worship for a special service in the Main Sanctuary. We look forward to seeing you.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN WORSHIP

Our focus for 2017 has been Christian Worship. Each Wednesday during the season of Lent we will have a special worship service at 6:00pm in place of our regular Wednesday studies. Each week we will welcome guest speakers, have special prayers, sing songs, and open holy scripture. This week's speaker is the Rev. Alan Gantzhorn, pastor of Jackson First UMC, in Jackson, AL. Rev. Gantzhorn was an associate here from 2002–2005. Join us for worship on Wednesdays.

LENT FOR KIDS

Starting March 8 during our Wednesday Night Lenten services, parents are welcome to drop their children (K – 4th grade) off at the chapel (next to the Main Sanctuary) for a special program. Children will participate in a worship time geared just for them an activity time to follow. Lent is an important time in our Christian walk, so let's commit to teach our children what it is all about.

UMW: A CALL TO PRAYER AND SELF DENIAL | MARCH 21

On Tuesday, March 21, the UMW invites everyone (not just UMW members) to "A Call to Prayer and Self Denial." This event is an annual observance during which United Methodist Women members and friends reflect on the gospel of Christ, pray together, and make an offering to a mission concerning women, children and/or youth in response to God's love and grace. The program this year will focus on "Maternal and Child Health." The offering received from the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial observance will support programming and advocacy for the health of mothers and their children. Please plan to come for a light dinner and program at 5:00pm in The Wright Place. Reservations are requested; contact Julia Crow at jagcrow@aol.com or 380-3863.

50 FORWARD: SILVER AND GOLD | MARCH 23

Fifty Forward Ministry invites everyone to its monthly luncheon fellowship Silver and Gold. The program will be "A Fresh Approach to Butterfly Gardening." We'll gather at 10:30am in The Wright Place. Call the church office to make a reservation (432-1434).

UMW CELEBRATES 148 YEARS | MARCH 26

United Methodist Women are celebrating 148 years of service this month and they want everyone to be a part of the celebration. If you weren't able to attend the celebration last week, stop by The Wright Place next Sunday between 9:30 and 11:30am to learn more about the UMW—its purpose and its mission locally, nationally, and internationally. Come eat cake, swap stories, and meet someone new. It's a party! For more information, contact Connie Vance at conniegv@bellsouth.net or 434-0869 or Julia Crow at jagcrow@aol.com or 380-3863.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH | RECEPTION TODAY

Our new Artist of the Month is the Art Study Club of Pensacola. Members are presenting their annual Spring Art Show and their 2017 juror, Gregory Saunders of Pensacola, Florida. There will be a reception for the artists today from 1:00–3:00pm. Stop by The Wright Place anytime to take in these beautiful pieces. The show will be on display through April 9.