

ORDER OF WORSHIP

11:00am Combined Service

GATHERING AND WELCOME

*CHORUS

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

PRELUDE

Heidi Branch, *piano*; Bob Matteson, *drums*

*CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”
This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.
Blessed be the Lord; may God’s glory fill the whole earth.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

*OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, let this building, which we dedicate to your name,
be a house of salvation and grace where Christians gathered together
may worship you in spirit and truth,
may learn of you, and may grow together in love.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ANTHEM

“He Never Failed Me Yet”
Kirby Clark & Cameron Jones, Braden Shumpert & Ben Spears, *duets*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

1 Kings 8:22-30
Psalm 24
Ephesians 2:13-22

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 16:13-18

SERMON

Dr. Wesley H. Wachob

PASTORAL PRAYER

CONFESSION, PARDON, AND PEACE

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

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

OFFERTORY

“There’s a Wideness In God’s Mercy”
Ben Spears, *solo*; Arden Duvall, Emily Duvall, Shayla Fulton, *trio*
This anthem was composed for our Youth Choir in 2017

Youth Choir

Mark Miller

*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.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION HYMN

“Spirit of the Living God”

PRESERVING THE PAST - EMBRACING THE FUTURE VIDEO

BURNING OF THE MORTGAGE

ACT OF DEDICATION

Dear friends, now that we have completed building,
and paid all indebtedness on it,
let us dedicate this building and rejoice in its holy use.

To the glory of God, who has called us by grace;
to the honor of Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us;
to the praise of the Holy Spirit, who illumines and sanctifies us;
R We dedicate this house.

For the worship of God in prayer and praise;
for the preaching of the everlasting gospel;
for the celebration of the Holy Sacraments; **R**

For the comfort of all who mourn;
for strength to those who are tempted;
for light to those who seek the way; **R**

For the hallowing of family life;
for teaching and guiding the young;
for the perfecting of the saints; **R**

For the conversion of sinners;
for the promotion of righteousness;
for the extension of God’s reign; **R**

In the unity of the faith;
in the bond of brotherhood and sisterhood;
in love and goodwill to all; **R**

In gratitude for the labors of all who love and serve this church;
in loving remembrance of those who have finished their course;
in the hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord; **R**

*CLOSING PRAYER

We now, the people of this congregation,
surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,
grateful for our heritage,
aware of the sacrifices of our mothers and fathers in the faith,
and confessing that apart from us their work cannot be made perfect,
dedicate ourselves anew to the worship and service of almighty God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

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

*CLOSING SONG

“God of This City”
ICON Praise Band

*BENEDICTION AND GOING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

*Please Stand As You Are Able

SERVING TODAY

Clergy: Dr. Wesley H. Wachob (*Senior Pastor*), Rev. Ken Autrey (*Executive Pastor*), Rev. Brandon Bures (*Associate Pastor*), Dr. Rick Branch (*Minister of Music*); **Acolytes:** Deion Crews, Conner Bare, Davis Bare, Jacob Bures; **Communion Servers:** Drexel Gilbert Wachob, Jackson Bare, Shannon Lipham, Holly Shumpert, Jerry Maygarden, Rhonda Maygarden; **Communion Stewards:** Lynn Fuller, Denise Van Atta; **Ushers:** Harvey Lester, Walter Glenn, Ed Muller, Bob Joseph, Charlie Armstrong, Jeff Fuller, Kenny Holt, Kent Lipham, Brian Hoffmaster; **Greeters:** Rhonda Maygarden, Karen Thompson; **MUSIC:** Heidi Branch (*Assistant Music Director/Accompanist*), Bob Matteson (*Percussion*); **ICON Praise Band:** Jeb Hunt (*Creative Director*), Rick Puckett (*Electric Guitar*), Daniel Campbell (*Bass Guitar*); **Sound, Video, and Lights:** Kyle Hall, Larry Hines

WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us this Easter 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 our Year of Missions.

EASTER

We are now in the season of Easter (also called Easter Time or Eastertide). Easter is a 50-day season that began on Resurrection Sunday and lasts until the coming of the fiftieth day, Pentecost Sunday (May 20). During this festal season we focus on celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Join with us throughout this Easter Season as we continue our celebration. The Lord is risen indeed!

NURSERY AND 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 lobby.

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, Introduction to First Church gave you an opportunity to ask questions and learn about the history, theology, worship, and membership of this great church. Next week, Ministries of First Church is about all the programs and ministries of the church. Join us each week.

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration and honor of Betty Olliff with love and devotion from the JADE Club.

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NEXT WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Join us next week here at First Church as we come together to worship God on the Seventh Sunday of Easter, also called Ascension Sunday. Dr. 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 ICON worship service at 11:00am in Wesley Abbey. Next week's scriptures: Ascension Sunday: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47 (UMH 781); Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53; Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98 (UMH 818); 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17.

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: Red Beans and Sausage, Rice, 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, come be a part of one of the Spring Session classes. The Senior Pastor's Bible Study meets in Wesley Abbey. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday nights this spring!

REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER CAMPS

Registration for Vacation Bible School, Summer Splash, and Mid High Week continues today! There are registration tables set up in the lobbies and you can also pick up registration forms from the Church Office and on the church's website. Camps are June 10-14. VBS is for children preschool through 4th grade. This year's theme is Rolling River Rampage - Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God! Summer Splash is a week of fellowship, fun, and faith formation. It is a fun, messy, over the top, Vacation Bible School designed for students who have just completed the 5th and 6th grade. Mid-High Week is a rewarding week where students who have just completed the 7th and 8th grades have fun and fellowship while learning to help, serve, and live like Jesus. Make plans to be a part of these camps this June and sign up today!

50 FORWARD LUNCH OUT | MAY 10TH

All are welcome to attend May's Lunch Out at The Gift Horse Restaurant in Foley, Alabama on May 10th at 11:30am. Please call the church office to reserve your spot at 850-432-1434. Lunch Out is a ministry activity of 50 Forward.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE | MAY 13TH

Graduating Seniors will be recognized and given their Senior Bibles during the Baccalaureate Service on Sunday, May 13th at the 8:00am Main Sanctuary Service. Helen Trawick, 2018 graduating senior class representative, will speak at all four services. Graduating seniors who wish to participate in the Baccalaureate Service are asked to arrive at 7:30am on May 13th and meet in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd next to the Main Sanctuary. Graduating Seniors are also asked to wear their cap and gown for the Baccalaureate Service. If you have any questions contact Denise Van Atta at dvanatta@fumcpensacola.com



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