

First United Methodist Church
11:00 AM Service of Worship
February 3, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

GATHERING

Before the Service Begins

Please write your praises or prayer concerns and either give them to the ushers or bring them to Pastor Mike during the Passing of the Peace. Prayer request slips are available in the Registration Pads in each pew and on the table in front of the Church Office.

WELCOME, REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS. Rev. Mike Brown

(Please sign and pass the attendance pad down your pew.

Guests: please include your phone number and complete address.)

PRELUDE "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" arr. by F. López

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Romans 13:8-10) Rev. Brown and Congregation

Love one another,

For the one who loves has fulfilled the law.

Love one another,

For all the commandments are fulfilled, if we love our neighbor as ourselves.

Love one another,

For this is the law of Christ.

Love does no wrong to a neighbor,

Therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Come, worship Christ,

who calls us to love one another. Amen.

--Rev. Mindi at <http://rev-o-lution.org>

*HYMN NO. 617. "I Come with Joy"

*RESPONSIVE READING UMH 646. "Canticle of Love"

*GLORIA PATRI. UMH 70

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

SHARING PRAISES AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER "Hear our Prayer, O Lord Thee". G. Whelpton Chancel Choir

MORNING PRAYER. Rev. Brown and Congregation

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For Lawson, our Resident Bishop; for Doreen, our District Superintendent; for all pastors in Christ; for all missionaries and church workers; and for all the people of God, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the faithful preaching of the Cross, for the Spirit to prepare the hearts of those who hear, and for the proclamation of Christ to bear the fruit of faith, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For works of love to accompany the witness in words, for those who show forth the mercy and compassion of God to those in need, and for the witness of hope in a world of fear and anxiety, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our President; for our Governor; for all elected and appointed public servants; and for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the health and support of the sick and for the care of those near death, that they may be sustained in their afflictions, healed according to the Lord's gracious will and brought to perfect healing in the life to come, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, for our stewardship of the earth and all the resources God has provided, and for the honest labors in which the Lord is glorified and our families and neighbors are served, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our deliverance from all human and natural disasters, for an end to war and pestilence, and for relief workers in their service to those so afflicted, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord, and for us to follow them in their faithfulness, especially under persecution and threat, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the saints, remembering God's mercy and His present help in time of need, let us commend ourselves, one another, our supplications and prayer, and, indeed, our whole life to Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

--www.lcms.org/worship, alt.

***HYMN NO. 144** "This Is My Father's World"

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Brown

OFFERTORY "How Firm A Foundation" arr. by G. Young

***PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS NO. 95** "The Doxology"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT. Ida Cooksey
(Children, Kindergarten and younger, are invited to leave the Sanctuary for age-appropriate learning activities.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13 Rev. Mike Brown
(Pew Bible NT p. 174)

SERMON "A More Excellent Way" Rev. Mike Brown

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation, Confession, and Pardon UMH p. 12

The Great Thanksgiving/The Lord's Prayer UMH pp. 13-14

Breaking the Bread/Sharing the Bread and Cup

*HYMN NO. 408. "The Gift of Love"

SENDING FORTH

*BENEDICTION Rev. Brown

*RESPONSE "Amen" from "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" J. Martin Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE "Come, Come Ye Saints" arr. F. Bock

*PLEASE STAND (AS ABLE)

Bulletin Baskets: are found at the back of the Sanctuary for your convenience to discard your bulletins.
Reminder to parents: Safe Sanctuary Policy - "No child is left unsupervised for any reason at any time".
Parents are encouraged to take their children to the restroom before any worship service begins. If a child needs to go to the restroom during worship, an adult or buddy needs to go with them.

Rose on the Altar

The rose on the altar is to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth of Charles Wesley Whittaker, son of Stephen and Allyson Walker Whittaker, and grandson of Charles and Lynn Walker, born Sunday, January 27, 2019, weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

Members Who Minister

Ushers for February 2019: Hal Earnest, John Bridges, Paul Johnson, Todd Mills

Greeters for February 3, 2019: 11:00 AM Montine O'Quinn, Catherine Catledge

Communion Servers for February 3, 2019: 2019 Confirmation Class

Calendar for February 3, 2019

Sunday, February 3, 2019

- *9:00 AM-----Contemporary Worship Service, J.O. Smith Building
- *9:45-10:45 AM----- Sunday School, Sharp Building and Adult S. S. Building
- *9:45 AM-----Confirmation Class, Library
- *11:00 AM-----Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 4:30 PM-----Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 5:00 PM-----Children's Snack Supper, Dairy Queen
- 5:30 PM-----Children's Fellowship, Sharp Building
- 6:00 PM-----Youth Super Bowl Bonfire, The Flowers
- 5:45 PM-----Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Handbell Room

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

- 9:00 AM-----Food Bank, Adult S. S. Building
- 6:00 PM-----Sistas Bible Study, Mildred Thigpen SS Classroom
- 6:00 PM-----Cub Scout Pack #519 Meeting, Scout Hut

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

- 12:00 PM-----Keenagers, J. O. Smith Building
- 3:00 PM-----Knitting/Crochet Ministry, Simmons Parlor
- 5:30 PM-----Two Year Old Music Group, Circle Room
- *6:00 PM-----Christian Fellowship Dinner, J. O. Smith Building
- *6:25 PM-----Children's Worship Arts, Drama Room
- *6:25 PM-----Preschool Music and Arts, Circle Room
- *6:40 PM-----Youth Small Group Bible Study, Youth Basement
- *6:40 PM-----Esther Bible Study, Esther Bible Study Room
- *7:30 PM-----Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Friday, February 8, 2019

- 7:00 PM-----Children's Movie Night, Movie Room

* denotes 'nursery provided'

Vashti Giving Day

The annual "Giving Day" for The Vashti Center, headquartered in Thomasville with in office here in Bainbridge, is today, February 3. The mission statement of The Vashti Center says that "With God as our cornerstone, we foster healing, hope, and transformation to empower and promote resiliency in children, families and communities in Georgia." Through a residential program for children ages 10-18 and community programs, The Vashti Center seeks to bring healing and wholeness to young people, their families, and the community. Please make a generous gift to this ministry that has a presence in our community! (If you are donating by check, please make it payable to the church and mark for "Vashti.")

Keenagers

Our February meeting of Keenagers will be held on Wednesday, February 6, at noon. Bainbridge City Councilwoman Roslyn Palmer will be our guest speaker. If you are able to attend, please call the Church Office or email Lauren.

United Methodist Men's Chicken and Rice Dinner

Our United Methodist Men will hold a Chicken and Rice Dinner on Sunday, February 10, from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the J.O. Smith Building. The cost is \$7.00 per plate, and tickets are available from UMM members, UMYF members, and the Church Office. The funds raised will go to the various ministries supported by our United Methodist Men.

DNOW

DNOW will be February 15-17. Registration with \$35.00 fee is due by Thursday, February 7. Registrations forms will be available from the Church Office. Remember to have a current Parent Consent for Medical Treatment form completed and on file.

Wesley Glen Annual Strawberry Sale

The annual Strawberry Sale benefitting Wesley Glen (our South Georgia Annual Conference Ministry to the Developmentally Disabled) has begun. The cost is \$18.00 per flat (12 pints). Pre-orders are being taken through the Church Office until February 26. Call the office at 229-246-1864 to place your order. Money must be turned in by February 28. Pick up will be on Friday, March 1, at the Church Office. Please make checks payable to "Wesley Glen Auxiliary." Thank you for your support of this ministry!

Luncheon to Benefit the Methodist Children's Home

Looking for a fun way to support The Methodist Home for Children and Youth? How about a way to do it and hear from Bainbridge-native UGA Coach Kirby Smart?

The Methodist Home is excited to announce the "Giving Childhood a Chance" Fundraiser Luncheon, which will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 featuring guest speaker Kirby Smart (Head Coach of the University of Georgia Bulldogs Football). The event will be at the Rivermill Event Center (3715 1st Ave., Columbus, GA.). All proceeds will benefit our boys and girls of The Methodist Home Columbus region. Individual tickets are \$50, and a Table of 8 is \$500. Purchase tickets here: <http://ow.ly/CDDb30nuJSF>.

Playground Equipment

The playground equipment is in the process of being ordered. Since insurance is only going to cover replacement cost, we will need additional funds to meet U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Code. Bringing the playground area up to code is for the safety of our children and to reduce liability on the church.