

11:00 am Worship
May 21, 2023 - Senior Sunday
7th Sunday of Easter

The altar is open for personal prayer time prior to the beginning of our service.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude Kelley Hill

Invocation Kay Evans-Burch

Call to Worship *Make a Joyful Noise* Chancel Choir

***Hymn of Praise** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* Hymn #327

***Responsive Reading** *adapted from* Romans 3:21-24

Leader: But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.

People: **This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.**

Leader: There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

People: **and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.**

Affirmation of Faith: *The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting, Amen.*
universal *means

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

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 who 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.

Hymn *Nothing but the Blood* Hymn #362

Children's Moment Hillary Eckstein

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Music *Lord Most High* Chancel Choir

***Prayer of Praise**

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

Message "A Diamond on a Black Cloth"
(Romans 3:20-26) Rev. Clint McBroom

***Hymn of Invitation** *Grace Greater than Our Sin* Hymn #365 (1,4)

***Benediction**

***Postlude** Chandler Ogles

*please stand as you are able

Did You Know?

We have a new membership class today at 5 PM in the 3rd floor library. If you have been attending First Methodist for a while and would like to explore membership, this 1/2 hour class will help you decide about membership. The class includes an overview of basic Christian beliefs and the Methodist tradition, the mission of our church, and lots more. You'll also meet some new friends!

Good Morning!
We're so glad you're here!

Name(s):

Email (optional):

Prayer Requests

Sign-Ups

Mission House

Check if interested in volunteering

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Announcements

Sunday, May 21

- 8:50 am - Encounter - Contemporary worship
- 10:00 am - Sunday school
- 11:00 am - Traditional worship
- 4:00 pm - Handbell Rehearsal, *bell room*
- 5:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal, *choir room*
- 5:00-6:30 pm – Youth & Kids - dinner provided, *fellowship hall*

Tuesday, May 23

- 9-11:00 am - Chrismons, *fellowship hall*

Wednesday, May 24

- 6:00 pm - Bake Sale, *fellowship hall*
- 6:00 pm - Food & Fellowship - meal provided by *Group 4*
- 6:30 pm - Small Groups, Youth & Kids Classes

NEED DESSERTS FOR GRADUATION OR MEMORIAL DAY?

Estelle Lockwood Circle is having a bake sale on May 24th during our Wednesday night activities. The proceeds from the bake sale will help with the printing cost of the cookbooks. The sales of the cookbooks will benefit the Peggy Jones Scholarship.

RENEWAL

Our theme for the summer is *Renewal*. During the month of June, our Wednesday night events will be focused on both fun and fellowship, as well as renewing our relationship with Jesus Christ.

The kickoff will be **Renewal Sunday** on **June 4**. We will have a combined worship at **10 AM** in the sanctuary, followed by a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Afterwards we'll have a time of singing, prayer and renewal in the sanctuary.

YOU HELPED US REACH OUR GOAL! THANK YOU!

With your generous support of our Vidalia Onion fundraiser, we were able to raise \$817.50!! Along with money we've been saving up over the past few years, we've now reached our mission goal of being able to purchase a well in Africa, so families can have access to clean drinking water. A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who bought onions, sold onions, and helped in any other way! We appreciate our church family so much!



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