

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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*"A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community Striving to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"*



August 13 2023  
Moring Worship  
10:45 a.m.

WORDS OF WELCOME -----Pastor Michael Atkinson

ORGAN PRELUDE ----- Dr. Jessica Scott

\*CALL TO WORSHIP -----Roxane Panarella, Liturgist

Leader: Sunshine and celebration! Rain and remembrance!

All are part of the richness of God's mercy and love for us!

People: God has blessed us in so many ways!

Leader: Welcome this day to a celebration of these blessings!

People: Thank you. We are glad to be here!

Leader: Lord, open our hearts and spirits to your love

People: Bring us safely through the trials and tribulations of life,  
for we ask this in Jesus' name.

\*OPENING PRAYER

God of mysterious ways, you take our fears and turn them into triumphs. You remind us that you are always with us and that we do not need to fear the wind and waves of life. Encourage us to step out of the boat; to come across these difficulties to your redeeming and transforming love. Give us courage and strength, joy and peace for all the times ahead. AMEN.

\*HYMN #152-----"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

\*PASSING OF GOD'S PEACE

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS WITH THE PASTOR-----Pastor Atkinson

## MORNING 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.

OFFERTORY MUSIC - - - "There Is a Happy Land" / arr. Russell Schulz-Widmar  
*FUMC Choir and Bells*

### SCRIPTURE LESSON----- Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

"Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SERMON -----"Stepping Out of the Boat" ----- Pastor Atkinson  
*(you are encouraged to use this space for notes)*

\*HYMN #512-----"Stand By Me"

\*BENEDICTION

\*SUNG RESPONSE #2190, v. 2 -----"Bring Forth the Kingdom"

ORGAN POSTLUDE ----- Dr. Scott

If you or someone you know is in the hospital, nursing home, has a need from the church,  
or would like a visit, please contact Pastor Atkinson.

**Please feel free to call or send a text to  
Pastor Michael Atkinson at 304-771-3309**

**Contact Tammy Matheny at 304-476-2015  
If you would like information about our Prayer Chain.**



## **THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH**

Tuesday, August 15 -- Monastic Meal at 12:15 p.m., in the Parlor  
Tuesday, August 15 -- Finance Committee at 5:00 p.m., in the Parlor  
Tuesday, August 15 -- Church Council at 6:00 p.m., in the Parlor  
Thursday, August 17 -- Women of First Church at noon, in the Parlor  
Thursday, August 17 -- Prayer Shawl Group at 5:00 p.m., in the Parlor  
Tuesday, August 22 -- Men's Group at 8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m., at FOP/Nutter Fort

### **GRAB AND "STAY" LUNCHES!**

The "Grab and Go" Lunch ministry is now "Grab and Stay"  
Those receiving sack lunches are to stay and eat in our parking lot.  
We join many other groups and individuals in providing these meals.  
If you would like to help, contact Anita Burns at 304-203-1279.



**JESUS CHRIST  
SUPERSTAR**



### **"JESUS CHRIST, SUPERSTAR"**

WVU Creative Arts Center in Morgantown  
Tuesday, October 10 at 7:30 p.m. \$59.00 (plus tax)

Interested?

Call the church office at 304-623-3397 by August 21

### **IN CONCERT AT FIRST CHURCH**

**Saturday, August 26 at 7:30 p.m.  
"An Evening of Sacred Choral Music"**

*(Don and Brett are singing in the choir, and Jess is organist!)*



### **A Note of Appreciation**

"Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$500 to the Vincent Memorial United Methodist Backpack Ministry! That will provide food for the children for a month. God bless!"



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