

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



February 12, 2023

10:45 a.m.

WORDS OF WELCOME ----- Pastor Michael Atkinson

ORGAN PRELUDE ----- Dr. Jessica Scott

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Happy are those who walk in God's ways.

People: Blessed are those who observe God's commandments.

Leader: Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.

People: Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.

Leader: Come, let us love the Lord our God.

People: We come to worship the One who leads us in the ways of life.

*OPENING PRAYER

Holy Spirit, guide us as we walk in faith, and guard us against the powers that would draw us away from your love. Help us live according to your commandments, that we might live long in the land you have prepared for us.

Prompt us to seek you with our whole heart and guide us to walk in your ways, that we may carry out the vows of the covenant we share. May our words and deeds bring life and faith to others, as we hold fast to the gift of faith.

Be near us each and every day, and bless us with your light, that our days may be filled with grace. Amen.

*HYMN # 546 ----- "The Church's One Foundation"

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

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 SOLO - - - - "This Is the Lord's Day" Mendelssohn/Van Camp
Brett Miller, tenor; Dr. Scott, piano

This is the Lord's day. I am alone out in the field.
One distant morning bell has pealed, it's still here and far away.
Both near and far away, heaven seems to be solemn and still
As if my soul with wonder to fill. This is the Lord's day.

SCRIPTURE LESSON - - - - - Matthew 5:21-37

You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell. Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.' But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.' But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil

SERMON ----- "Say What?" ----- Pastor Atkinson
(You are encouraged to use this space for notes.)

*HYMN #410 ----- "I Want a Principal Within" *(tune Cleansing Fountain)*
*SUNG BENEDICTION *(see insert)*----- "Go Gently, Go Lightly"
ORGAN POSTLUDE ----- Dr. Scott

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YOUTH CONFIRMATION SESSIONS 2023



Parents of any of our youth who have not yet been confirmed are encouraged to contact Pastor Mike to enroll in this year's Confirmation Classes, to be held in March, after morning worship.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FIRST CHURCH

Tuesday, February 14th -- Monastic Meal at 12:15 p.m.

Thursday, February 16th -- Prayer Shawl at 5:00 p.m.

Family Choir Rehearsal Schedule

February 19th - 9:45 a.m. rehearsal in the parlor; 10:45 a.m. sing in worship

Bell Choir Rehearsal Schedule

February 26th - 9:30 a.m. rehearsal in bell room 10:45 a.m. play in worship

March 5th - 9:30 a.m. rehearsal in bell room 10:45 a.m. play in worship

All are welcome to join! Contact Brett Miller for more details.



Twelve-Step Meetings (7 sessions each week) -- Monday through Thursday -- Library
Winter Shelter -- nightly from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m.

Our Prayers and Sympathy

Wesley and Christy Walls and family upon the death of his mother

Adrainne Jane Conrad Walls

October 28, 1955 - February 7, 2023

Visitation on Saturday, February 25, from 11:00 to 1:00

Memorial Service at 1:00

Amos-Carvelli Funeral Home in Nutter Fort

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

