

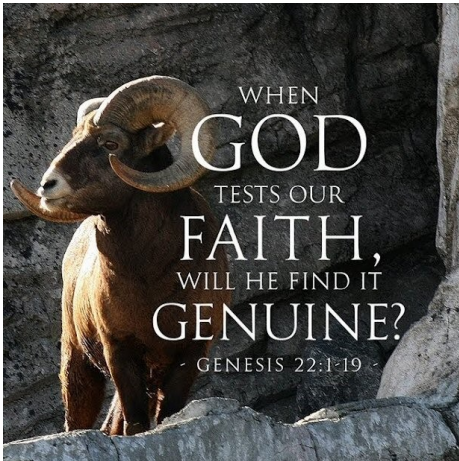
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. Michael Q. Atkinson, Pastor

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



July 9, 2023
Sunday Worship
10:45 a.m.

WORDS OF WELCOME ----- Pastor Michael Atkinson

ORGAN PRELUDE -----Dr. Jessica Scott

*CALL TO WORSHIP -----Nancy Ferber, Liturgist

Leader: Come on in and find some rest!

People: We need that rest, for we are weary!

Leader: Come on in and discover peace!

People: We need peace, for our spirits are weighed down by troubles.

Leader: You have come to the right place! Our Lord is here, waiting for you.

People: Thanks be to God, who brings us rest and peace.

*OPENING PRAYER

Lord of peace and hope, we open our hearts to you this day. Be with us as we hear your words of inspiration and healing. Guide our hearts and spirits as we seek to be witnesses to your redeeming and reconciling love. In Jesus' Name, we offer this prayer.
AMEN.

*HYMN #100----- "God, Whose Love Is Reigning O'er Us"

*PASSING OF GOD'S PEACE

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

VOCAL SOLO - - - - - "Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown" / arr. K. Lee Scott

Text UM Hymnal #386, v. 1, 2 & 4

Brett Miller, Tenor; Dr. Scott, piano

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON - - - - - Genesis 22:1-14, I Corinthians 10:13

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."

Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.

"The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

“Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.”

No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful; and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide a way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SERMON -----“The Divine Call, Part 2” -----Pastor Atkinson
(you are encouraged to use this space for notes)

*HYMN #467-----”Trust and Obey”

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE ----- Dr. Scott

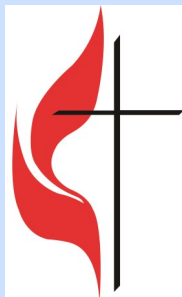
If you or someone you know is in the hospital, nursing home, has a need from the church, or would like a visit, please contact Pastor Atkinson.

**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.



New First Church Men's Group!



On Tuesday, July 25th at either 8:00AM or 6:00PM, all men are invited to join Pastor Mike for a meal, fellowship, conversation and devotion. Our group will meet at the FOP Restaurant.

You can help us with reserving a room by letting us know which time (8:00 AM or 6:00 PM) you plan to join Pastor Mike. Please call the church office at 304-623-3397 by Thursday, July 20.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

July 9th -- Youth here at FUMC at 6:00 p.m.
Madison Stout, Youth Director

July 11 -- Monastic Meal at 12:15 p.m. in the parlor
(Contact Don Gardner for more details)

July 11th -- Staff-Parish Relations Committee
6:00 p.m. in the parlor

July 13-- Prayer Shawl at 5:00 p.m.

Twelve-Step Meetings (7 sessions each week)

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Women's Fellowship

WOMEN OF FIRST CHURCH

Luncheon Meeting at 12:00 noon, in the church parlor
Thursday, July 20th

Shirley Murphy, president 513-600-8469



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