

First United Methodist Church

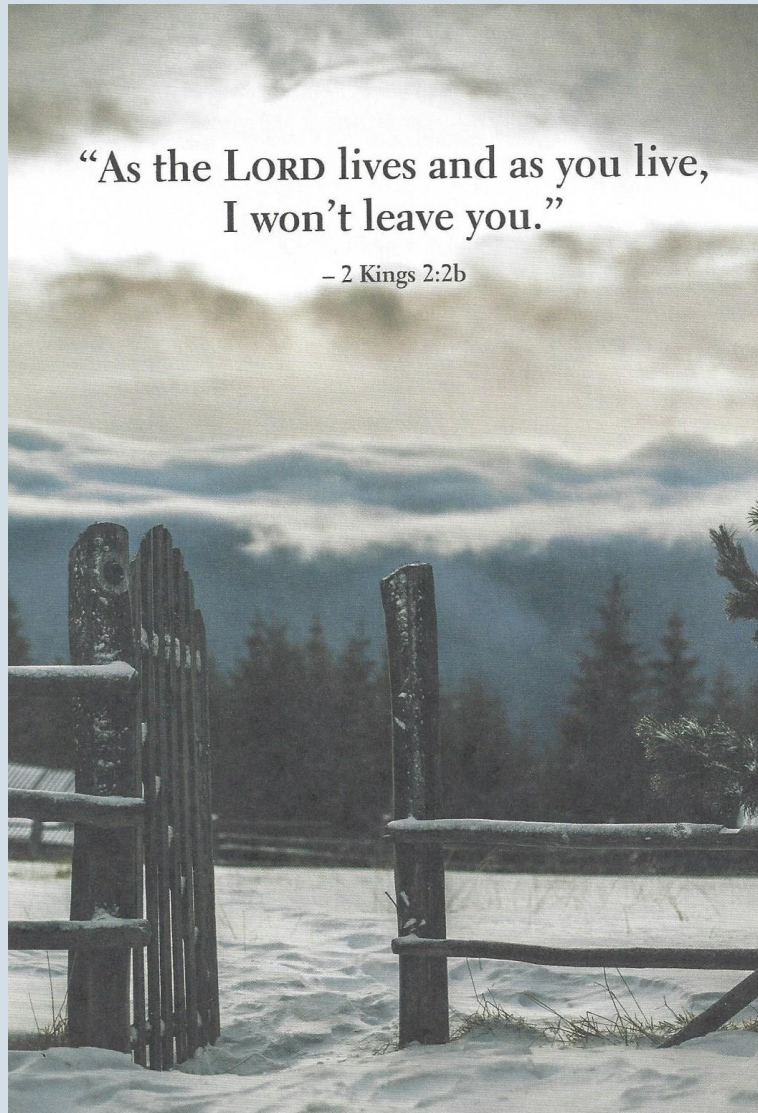
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Our Mission Statement: *“Called together by the Holy Spirit, we proclaim God’s presence and love in the world through prayer, worship, education and service. We invite children, youth and adults to become disciples of Jesus Christ, live fully in the Holy Spirit and embrace God’s love.”*



ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 11, 2018

Transfiguration Sunday

8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

Boy Scout Sunday

THE PRELUDE

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

J. Brahms/
arr. D. Giardiniere

GREETING

WELCOME, RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOY SCOUT MOMENT: (10:45)

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP (10:45)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Unison)

Today we recall the biblical story of how Peter, James, and John went up a mountain with Jesus to pray, and as they were there, they were privileged to share a special experience of Christ’s glory. Although we may not today share such a spectacular vision, let us come to the hour of worship with a sense of expectancy, for Christ indeed is with us.

INVOCATION (Unison)

Father in heaven, you know that we sometimes have become discouraged and confused; our spiritual energy runs low and we lost the excitement we once had.

On this Transfiguration Sunday, we pray that we may be assured of the presence of Christ, that our vision may be restored, that we may catch a glimpse of the glory that we will one day fully experience, and that we may be strengthened and encouraged for our daily challenges. Amen.

*HYMN

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

No. 126

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

When we come into the presence of the holy, we become aware of our sinfulness. When we meet the perfect, we realize how imperfect we have become. When we read your law, we are reminded of how disobedient we have been. When we are reminded of your rightful expectations, we realize how far we have fallen short. When we come to the light, our darkness becomes uncovered. Pardon us, we pray, unworthy as we are, and send us on our way with a new vision, a new confidence, and a new desire to serve you.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HYMN Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies No. 173
(Children are invited to come forward as we sing the last verse.)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN
(Children 4 years through 5th grade are dismissed for 10:45 Children's church.)

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 9: 2-9

MINISTRY OF MUSIC
8:15 *Alleluia! Alleluia! (Hymn to Joy)* L. Beethoven/
Brass and percussion arr. Lee Marcum
10:45 *To the Lamb on the Throne* Dan Forrest
Sanctuary Choir, brass and percussion

THE SERMON **"Something to Hold on To"** Rev. Rhein

***HYMN** *What Wondrous Love Is This* No. 292

THE PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

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. **Organ or Choral Response**

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

The Offertory *Jesus, My All* arr. R. C. Wilson

***THE DOXOLOGY** Pg. 95
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.

***SENDING FORTH HYMN** Lift High the Cross No. 159

***THE BENEDICTION** **Organ or Choral Response**

THE POSTLUDE *Built on a Rock* G. Martin/
arr. R. Weiss and A. Hutton

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS ARE AVAILABLE TODAY, AFTER THE 8:15 A.M. SERVICE, AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY.

FOR LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND BULLETINS, SEE AN USHER.

Personal hearing receivers (amplifiers) are also available from an usher. Please return them to the usher's table when departing. Thank you.

Children are a vital part of First United Methodist and are welcome in church. Children's bulletins are available from an usher. However, should you choose, there is a staffed nursery available for infants and children up to four years of age. Ask any usher for directions to the nursery.

Members, friends and guests, please join us in the Atrium for coffee, juice, and fellowship after both services.

Altar flowers are given by Kathy Hollister, in memory of her sister, Janese Rugg and nephew, Christopher.

Rosebuds on the altar are in honor of the births of Audrey Anna and Jack Leighton Palmer, twins born on February 2, 2018 in St. Louis. Parents are Andrea and Lee Palmer of Shiloh, IL. Grandparents are Lori and Les Palmer of Cartersville.

Instrumentalists: Robert Allison, Mike Absher, trumpets; Jennifer Presar, horn; Jessica Butler, trombone; John Hentschel, tuba; Mike Hanes, percussion.

Welcome Center: 8:15 Jon Gobert; 10:45 Mary Lou Goodman **Van Drivers:** Dan Anderson III, Don Bryant, Jr.

Indoor Greeters: Linda & Gail White

Outdoor Greeters: Jan & Gary Austin

Liturgists: 8:15 Deanna Diel; 10:45 Janet Earnest

Acolytes: 10:45 Rayna Lucas and Timothy Young

Sound System Operators: 8:15 Scott Wright; 10:45 Steve Mitchell **February Nametags:** Linda Meredith

Parish Nurse: (9:15 only) Betty Graig

Children's Church: Tabitha Koch; Sam Indorante, Carolyn Gibson

Coffee Hosts: 8:15 Kathy Hollister; 10:45 Alison & Trent Funk

Children's Church Registration: Sharon Sims

February Ushers: Mike Neill, Captain; 8:15 Susan & Don Frey

10:45 Krishna Balasubramanian, Ron Browning, Joe Lenzini, Lori Palmer, Pam Reno, and Will Stephens

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEBRUARY

11 Sunday *Transfiguration Sunday*
Boy Scout Sunday

8:15 Worship Service

9:30 Sunday School for all ages

9:30 Confirmation Class, Room 403

10:45 Worship Service

12:00 Confirmation Class, Room 403

12 Monday

6:00 Board of Trustees, Room 308

7:00 Finance Committee, Room 308

7:00 Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall

13 Tuesday

8:30 Men's Group, Heritage Room

9:00 Daniel Plan, Room 403

10:15 Golden Yoga, Room 404

14 Wednesday

Ash Wednesday

10:00 Children's Story Time, Diane Neill

Dorsey Mem. Children's Library & Rm 413

6:00 Scout Committee, Room 410

6:00 YOUTH GROUP CANCELED

7:00 Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary

8:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

15 Thursday

2:15 Chimes Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall and Bell Room

5:00 Memorials Committee, Heritage Room

7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

16 Friday

9:30 Golden Yoga, Room 404

17 Saturday

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