

The Church at Worship

August 12, 2018

9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

Twelfth Sunday
after Pentecost



† Indicates the congregation shall stand.

We Gather To Meet God

Chiming of the Hour
News of the Church 10:55 a.m.
Anne Jones
Prelude Organ
Organ Sonata in c minor, Op. 65, no. 2: III. Allegro maestoso e vivace
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

† Greetings & Hymn of Praise No. 158 Anne Jones
Come, Christians, Join to Sing SPANISH HYMN

† Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' 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;
and 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.

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† Gloria Patri MEINEKE

**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.**

Prayers for the People Anne Jones

Responsive Reading from Psalm 130 Anna Frances Alexander

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.
LORD, hear my voice!

**Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!**

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
LORD, who could stand?

**But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.**

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the LORD

**more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.**

O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.

**It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.**

† Offertory Hymn No. 472

Near to the Heart of God

Offering of Our Tithes & Gifts

"L'organiste"

† Doxology

**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.**

(Children Pre-K, Kindergarten & First Grades are invited to Children's Church)

God Speaks Through His Word

Act of Praise

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Scripture Reading

Psalm 1

Sermon

"Fast Lane vs Right Path"

We Respond To God's Word

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

† Closing Hymn No. 396

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Postlude

Pastor Stan

MCAFEE

Organ

César Franck

OLD 100th

Adult Choir

Pastor Stan

Pastor Stan

Pastor Stan

ANGEL'S STORY

Organ



*Billy Kay would like to thank the congregation and Pastor for all
of the kind wishes for his 90th birthday last Sunday. The cards
will be a constant reminder of the love that flows from
this congregation to the Kay family.
Many Thanks!*

Announcements

Sunday, August 19 - Stan will be preaching a homecoming.

Eric will be filling the pulpit in his absence.

Sunday, August 19, 4:00 p.m. – The Lay Leadership Committee
will be meeting in the conference room.



All Youth (7th-12th grade) are invited to a back to school
party at Brian and Jennifer Wright's house August 12th!

More details coming soon!

Thank you SUMC for the donations for First Love Kids!

We were able to purchase for 17 children. Each child received
four uniforms, backpacks, school supplies, undergarments,
socks and belts. SUMC is an awesome church!!



Preschool Wish List

Clorox wipes

Baby wipes

Hand soap

Lysol disinfectant spray

*If you would like to help our preschool you can drop off any
items or monetary donations to Felicia in the church office.*

Emergency Action Plan

You will find copies of our preliminary Emergency Action Plan
on the tables with the bulletins. Please read over the plan
and give your feedback to the committee listed on the last
page of the report. This plan has not been officially adopted.

It will be discussed in our next church council meeting on
Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 6:00 p.m.

Hospitality Group

We are in the process of updating and making new books for
our Hospitality Groups. These groups are asked to serve for a
funeral meal or a church event that requires hospitality. If you
are not on the list and would like to be added, please give
Felicia a call in the church office 478-552-3374.

Flowers for Worship

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of

William Loring Hall

by Mr. & Mrs. Emory Bennett Salter.



In memory of

Alice Carlson

given by

Margaret & John McCarty
to the building fund.

In memory of

Bill Hall

given by:

Michael Harris,
Pat Hood and
Margaret & John McCarty
to the building fund.

In memory of

Gloria Wildes

given by:

Margaret & John McCarty
and Polly & Wendell Tompkins
to the building fund.



9:00 A.M. Chapel Service

Prelude

† Greetings & Announcements

† Hymn No. 380

There's Within My Heart a Melody

Prayer

Offering of Our Tithes & Gifts

Scripture Reading

Psalm 1

Sermon

"Fast Lane vs Right Path"

Closing Chorus No. 328

Surely the Presence of the Lord

Next week at Sandersville UMC

Sunday, August 12

Blue Bag Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship - Chapel

10:00 a.m. Sunday School*

11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary*

Monday, August 13

5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, August 14

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, August 15

4:00 p.m. Bread of Life

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday, August 17

9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Preschool Open House

***Nursery Provided**

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Anna Frances Alexander

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Tommy Holton

Acolytes

Lillie McDonald

Carrie Wright

Children's Church

Laura Johnston

Anna Frances Alexander

Infant Nursery Volunteer

Kati Everett

Toddler Nursery Volunteer

Sydney Barrett

Oliver's Outreach

Randy & Bobbie Helton

& Bradley Tarbutton

Sound

Jonathan Bailey

In Our Prayers

Our Church Family

Raymond Alford

Colleen Carter

Tarver Averett

Ronnie Dorman

Edna Bailey

Billy Kay

Pete Booth

Dean McCaskill

Bess Boyd

Carolyn Sheppard

Mary James Wright

ECF Residents:

Sue Durden

Frances Miller

Carolyn Craft

Heritage Inn:

Idanne Buhler

Sarah Wilson

Tennille Assisted Living:

Carol Raines Vera Mimbs

Debbie Stanley

Pruitt Magnolia Manor (Moultrie GA):

JoAnn Marshall

Friends & Family of the Church

Family of Sybil Fowler

(Jason Prince's grandmother)

Jimmy Screws

(Tony Screws' father)

Dorothy Gardner

(Jerry Gardner's mother)

Angela Martin

(Denise Ray's sister)

Brooke Usry

Lynn Henderson

(Betty Brett's daughter)

Elizabeth Renee Johnson

Renea Johnson

(Terry Veal's sister)

Mark Waldrip

(husband of Lynn Chapman Waldrip)

Sandra Waters

(Debbie Wilcher's sister)

Larry Mathis

Pam Stewart

Charles Lee

Betty Brett

Shannon Everett

Jessie McWhorter

(Jessalyn Alexander's grandmother)

Casey Ogden

Allyson Maffett

Joy Lord

John Dickey

Tom Siepp

Pat Wolfe

Attendance & Stewardship

August 5, 2018

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| Sunday School | 67 |
| 9:00 a.m. Worship | 18 |
| 11:00 a.m. Worship | 147 |
| Total Worship | 165 |
| Weekly Need: | \$ 10,588.75 |
| Given This Week: | \$ 48,117.00 |
| Year to Date Need: | \$ 328,251.25 |
| Given Year to Date: | \$ 334,057.00 |
| Total Budget | \$ 550,615.00 |

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"The Power of Choice"

The Bible talks a lot about the importance of our choices. The entire 28th chapter of Deuteronomy is dedicated to choosing to do right and being blessed. Joshua 24:15 offers a clear choice between serving false gods or serving the Lord. When Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal, he asked, "How long will you falter between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal, follow him" (1 Kings 18:21). Romans 12:9 sums up the theme of choice: "Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good." Choosing to do right isn't always easy, but it's worth it. And God's grace is always sufficient.

Here are three ways to make good choices:

- 1. Recognize that everyone faces temptations.** That includes you! At some point, you WILL be tempted to make a bad choice. James 1:14 says that we are tempted when we become enticed by our own natural desires. Temptation is a given. Don't be surprised by it. Rather, expect to be tempted and be prepared for it.
- 2. Prepare NOW to make good choices in the future.** Praying and reading the Bible will fill you with wisdom and power so that you are prepared to make the right choice when you are faced with a difficult situation. If you wait to prepare until you are already facing the temptation, it is easier to make a bad choice. Prepare ahead of time. Pray and read your Bible on a regular basis. Start now!
- 3. Develop relationships with other people who are striving to make Godly choices.** Many of the people you encounter don't share your values. Attending church, volunteering to serve, and participating in a small group puts you in contact with others who face the same struggles you face. Making the right choice is easier together. Your choices matter. They determine the course of your life. In Deuteronomy 30:15, the Lord says, "Today I am giving you a choice. You can choose life and success or death and disaster." Make up your mind today to make good choices. Turn away from what is evil and hold on to what is good.