

The Church at Worship

October 7, 2018

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

*Twentieth Sunday
after Pentecost*



† Indicates the congregation shall stand.

We Gather To Meet God

Chiming of the Hour	10:55 a.m.
News of the Church	Eric Hindmon
Prelude	Organ
<i>Prelude in A Major</i>	T. Mee Pattison
† Greetings & Hymn of Praise No. 101	Eric Hindmon
<i>From All That Dwell Below the Skies</i>	DUKE STREET
† 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;
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
<i>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.</i>	

Prayers for the People	Eric Hindmon
Responsive Reading from Psalm 25	Randy Mayberry

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust;

do not let me be put to shame;

do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
**for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.**

Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

**Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!**

Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

**All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.;**

† Offertory Hymn No. 557	Pastor Stan
<i>Blest Be the Tie that Binds</i>	DENNIS
Offering of Our Tithes & Gifts	Organ
<i>Prelude on "Olivet"</i>	Albert Beck
† Doxology	OLD 100th
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	Mary Grace Kay
<i>His Eye is on the Sparrow</i>	
Scripture Reading	Pastor Stan
Psalm 13	
Sermon	Pastor Stan
"When God Seems Far Away"	

We Respond To God's Word

Celebration of Holy Communion	Pastor Stan
(Please refer to the insert for Holy Communion)	
Invitation to Christian Discipleship	
† Closing Hymn No. 374	Pastor Stan
<i>Standing on the Promises</i>	PROMISES
Postlude	Organ



*Don't forget next Sunday October 14 we will be having
our Homecoming Celebration, Rev. Jimmy Duke will be
the guest speaker. Make plans to join us for lunch in
church social hall following the 11:00 a.m. service.
Please RSVP with Felicia by Wednesday October 10.
There will be no 9:00 a.m. service.*



TODAY'S TOTAL:



The United Methodist Women will be traveling to Vashti in Thomasville on Thursday, October 11th. We plan on touring the campus and to take some supplies for the residents. This facility is a resource for children and families and has been a part of the Methodist church for many years. We would like to invite any ladies of the church to join us. We will leave the church at 8:30. Please call Felicia at the church if you are interested. Thomasville is a quaint town and we plan on having lunch there.



United Methodist Men Sub District will meet on October 15th at New Hope United Methodist Church. We will leave from the church parking lot at 6:30 pm. A great meal of Bar B Q chicken is planned. The guest speaker will be from Breaking Free. All men in the church are welcome to participate.



It is again the time of the year that we all look forward to!
Fruit Sale time!

We are officially kicking off our fruit sale this year on October the 14th! Be on the lookout to buy fruit and help our youth go on some great trips!

Flowers for Worship

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

DeeDee's (Deborah Cain) birthday
by her grandchildren
Baylor & Reese Cobb.

Emergency Action Plan

The E.A.P. Committee members would like to thank the Church Council for its support and approval of the Emergency action plan. The committee will be meeting to discuss the beginning of implementing this plan. As we move through this plan we'll working with individuals throughout the church who have the expertise in the fields relative to our need to guide us along the way.

9:00 A.M. Chapel Service

Prelude
† Greetings & Announcements
† Opening Hymn No. 378
Amazing Grace
Prayer
Offertory
Offering of Our Tithes & Gifts
Scripture Reading
Psalm 13
Sermon
"When God Seems Far Away"
Celebration of Holy Communion
Please refer to the insert for Holy Communion
Closing Hymn Chorus
O How He Loves You and Me
O how He loves you and me, O how He loves you and me,
He gave His life, what more could He give?
O how He loves you, O how He loves me,
O how He loves you and me.

Next week at Sandersville UMC

Sunday, October 7
9:00 a.m. Worship - Chapel
10:00 a.m. Sunday School*
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary*
4:00 p.m. Charge Conference - Grey

Monday, October 8

Columbus Day
5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, October 9

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, October 10

6:00 p.m. Small Groups*
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

*Nursery Provided

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Children's Church

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Peyton Prince

Infant Nursery Volunteer

Lauren Jeffords

Toddler Nursery Volunteer

Mary James Wright

Oliver's Outreach

Dona Archer,

Carwin & Cheryl Avant

Sound

Clay McDaniel

In Our Prayers Our Church Family

Raymond Alford Billy Kay
Edna Bailey Dean McCaskill
Bess Boyd Amy Screws
Ronnie Dorman Carolyn Sheppard
Ray Hollingsworth Wendell Tompkins
Emilee Jackson Mary James Wright

ECF Residents:

Sue Durden

Home Bound:

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 Charles Jordan

Sara McCollum & new baby

Wade Brown

Bill & Cora Snider

(Terry Torrez's friends)

Eric Brock

(Jon Moore's friend)

Suzanne Van Loo

Dorothy Gardner

(Jerry Gardner's mother)

Brooke Usry

Lynn Henderson

(Betty Brett's daughter)

Elizabeth Renee Johnson

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

John Dickey

Tom Siepp

Pat Wolfe

Attendance & Stewardship

September 30, 2018

Sunday School	95
9:00 a.m. Worship	26
11:00 a.m. Worship	135
Total Worship	161
Weekly Need:	\$ 10,588.75
Given This Week:	\$ 6,687.00
Year to Date Need:	\$ 412,961.25
Given Year to Date:	\$ 415,722.02
Total Budget	\$ 550,615.00



Blue Bag Sunday, October 14

Don't forget to fill your blue bag
and leave in the Narthex or in
the church office

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The Full Extent of His Love

(John 13:1 NIV) It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love.

There is a certain fascination within John's writings, for only John among the Gospel authors was an intimate friend of our Lord. Matthew was not among the inner four; Luke, as far as we know, never met the Lord in person; Mark was a young man at the time of the Crucifixion. Only John knew Jesus well. His writings reflect it; they are full of the personal kinds of remembrances you find when the author writes about someone he loves deeply. It is apt, therefore, that John begins the story of the Last Supper with the words, "he now showed them the full extent of his love."

If, without having read this passage, I were to ask you, "How did Jesus show the full extent of his love?", you would probably reply, "At the Cross." You'd be right. This verse, therefore, shows us that the Last Supper was simply the first act in the Crucifixion. It was not just simply the Passover which happened the night before; Jesus planned this Supper as part of His trip to the Cross. He planned it long before, when he had Moses institute the Passover. From before time the Cross was in view, and therefore this supper was in view. In it, Jesus begins to show his love for them.

Not just his love; the "full extent" of his love. It was as if he were saying, "Now you will see it all." We see it on the Cross.

He *showed* them. He did not tell them; he did not reveal some startling new doctrine. He showed them. The prophets revealed God's love, and mirrored it as best they were able. Jesus showed them in person. The Lord's Supper marks the full revealing.

What does it then reveal to us? Love is, first and foremost, a sacrifice. At the Cross, Love Himself became the sacrifice!