

The Church at Worship

September 15, 2019

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

Fourteenth 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	Brian Wright
Prelude	Organ
<i>O Worship the King</i>	Wyrzten
† Greetings & Hymn of Praise No. 73	Brian Wright
<i>O Worship the King</i>	LYONS
† 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
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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	Brian Wright
Responsive Reading from Psalm 14	Caroline McDaniel

Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."

**They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds;
there is no one who does good.**

The LORD looks down from heaven on humankind

to see if there are any who are wise,
who seek after God.

**They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse;
there is no one who does good, no, not one.**

Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers
who eat up my people as they eat bread,
and do not call upon the LORD?

**There they shall be in great terror,
for God is with the company of the righteous.**

You would confound the plans of the poor,
but the LORD is their refuge.

**O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!
When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.**

<i>Presentation to the Hindmon Family</i>	Lisa McDonald
† Offertory Hymn No. 384	Pastor Stan
<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	BEECHER
Offering of Our Tithes & Gifts	Organ
<i>Sweet By And By</i>	Raney
† 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.	

God Speaks Through His Word

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

Act of Praise	Adult Choir
<i>Here I Am to Worship</i>	
Scripture Reading	Pastor Stan
John 12:23-26	
Sermon	Pastor Stan
"The Power of One Life"	

We Respond To God's Word

† Closing Hymn No. 536	Pastor Stan
<i>Take the Name of Jesus With You</i>	PRECIOUS NAME
Postlude	Organ
<i>Great Is The Lord</i>	Bettcher

Responding to Hurricane Dorian:

Prayers and Giving

The Conference Disaster Response Team is continuing
to monitor how South Georgia can be of assistance.

In the meantime, here's how to help right now:

Prayer: Please join us in praying for all those already impacted
by this storm and for those in its continued path.

Giving: To help the recovery effort in the Bahamas, give to UMCOR
International Disaster Response #982450.



The UMW will resume our monthly meeting on
Wednesday, September 18th at 1:00 in the parlor.
We will continue our study, Seamless.
Hope you will make plans to attend.



*In memory of
James Goodman
given by Barbara Smith
to the foundation.*

*In memory of
Bill Miller
given by Barbara Smith
to the foundation.*

*In memory of
Imogene Chambers
given by Jean Hammock
to the foundation.*

*In memory of
James Goodman
given by: Jean Hammock,
Jana & Steve Joiner, Bett & Lee Lord,
Mary Jean Moore, Betsy & Ben Tarbutton, III,
Louise & Frank Young
to the altar fund.*

*In memory of
James Goodman
given by Jennifer & Eric Tillirson
to bread of life.*

*In memory of
James Goodman
given by Gena K. Tarbutton
to the angel fund.*

*In memory of
Bill Miller
given by Dianne & Cliff Sheppard
to the backpack fund.*

Flowers for Worship

The flowers in the sanctuary
are given to the glory
of God and in honor of
Marilyn Hall's birthday
and in memory of
Bill Hall
by Penderly & Scotty McCoy.



9:00 A.M. Chapel Service

Prelude
† Greetings & Announcements
† Hymn No. 84 Cokesbury Hymnal
Since Jesus Came Into My Heart
Prayer
† Offertory Chorus
More Precious than Silver
Lord, You are more precious than silver.
Lord, You are more costly than gold.
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds
And nothing I desire compares with You.
Offering of Our Tithes & Gifts
Scripture Reading
John 12:23-26
Sermon
"The Power of One Life"
Closing Chorus
Change My Heart, O God
Change my heart, Oh God,
make it ever true;
Change my heart, Oh God,
may I be like You
You are the Potter,
I am the clay;
Mold me and make me,
this is what I pray.

Next week at Sandersville UMC

Sunday, September 15

9:00 a.m. Worship - Chapel
10:00 a.m. Sunday School*
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary*
5:30 - 7:00 SNL

Tuesday, September 17

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, September 18

1:00 p.m. United Methodist Woman (Parlor)
4:00 p.m. Bread of Life
6:00 p.m. Small Groups
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

*Nursery Provided

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Caroline McDaniel

Usher Captain

Steve Joiner

Acolytes

Shaina McCallen

Cole Everett

Katie Wilson

Children's Church

Michelle Moore

Peyton Prince

Infant Nursery Volunteer

Ella Andrews

Toddler Nursery Volunteer

Lauren Jeffords

Oliver's Outreach

Deborah & Tommy Cain

and Penderly McCoy

Sound

Drew Wilson

Security Team

Eric Gibbs

Adam Lord

Clay McDaniel

Loren Noggle

In Our Prayers Our Church Family

Edna Bailey	Edna Lewis
Frances Bateman	Theo McDonald
Ruth Dollar	Mary Jean Moore
Billy Kay	Rosemary Smith
	Wendell Tompkins

ECF Residents:

Sue Durden
Shirley Friedman

Home Bound:

Carolyn Craft

Heritage Inn:

Idanne Buhler

Sarah Wilson

Tennille Assisted Living:

Carol English
Carolyn Sheppard

Pruitt Magnolia Manor (Moultrie GA):

JoAnn Marshall

Friends & Family of the Church

Family of Emory Roberts

Faye Lord

(Stacy Howell's mother)

Victims of Hurricane Dorian

Lynn Smith

Wayne Register

(Wade Register's dad)

Dianne Renfro

(Roy Etheridge's friend)

Kenny Waller

Shannon Ethridge Whitton

Eleanor Barksdale

Otis Smith

William Sheppard

(Carolyn Sheppard's son)

Linda Vaughan

(Emilee Jacksons' niece)

Betty Brett

Shannon Everett

Casey Ogden

Attendance & Stewardship

September 8, 2019

9:00 a.m. Worship	22
Sunday School	104
11:00 a.m. Worship	153
Total Worship	175
Weekly Need:	\$ 10,851.72
Given This Week:	\$ 8,616.25
Year to Date Need:	\$ 390,661.92
Given Year to Date:	\$ 410,655.72
Total Budget	\$ 564,289.44



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The Power of One Life

Throughout history, the influence Jesus had on the lives of people has never been surpassed. No other great leader has inspired so many positive changes in the lives of his followers. People who encounter the risen Christ are totally transformed. Their outlook on life is altered forever. Staying true to their faith, they do not hesitate to face hardship, persecution, and even death. Many consecrate their lives to serving others, minimizing their own needs and desires.

Jesus' younger brother, James, didn't think Jesus was anybody special. But after his resurrected brother appeared to him, James not only believed Jesus was Lord but became the leader of the Jerusalem church and died as a martyr in 62 AD.

Saul of Tarsus was the chief persecutor of early Christians. He dragged people to prison. When they did not recant their faith, he was a party to their execution. But he had a dramatic encounter with the risen Christ on his way to Damascus and he was transformed from Saul, the enemy of Christianity, to Paul, the main propagator of its message. He left his position of prestige in Jewish society to become a traveling missionary who experienced incredible suffering in order to share the love of Christ throughout the Roman empire.

Historian Philip Schaff described the overwhelming influence which Jesus had on the subsequent history and cultures of the world: "This Jesus of Nazareth, without money and arms, conquered more millions than Alexander, Caesar, Mohammed, and Napoleon; without science...he shed more light on things human and divine than all philosophers and scholars combined; without the eloquence of schools, he spoke such words of life as were never spoken before or since, and produced effects which lie beyond the reach of orator or poet; without writing a single line, he set more pens in motion, and furnished themes for more sermons, orations, discussions, learned volumes, works of art, and songs of praise than the whole army of great men of ancient and modern times."

The power of Christ knows no boundary of time or space. In our own age, many skeptics have been convinced just as thoroughly as their first-century counterparts. For example, Lew Wallace, a famous general and literary genius, was a known atheist.

When confronted by solid indisputable evidence, he could no longer deny that Jesus Christ was the Son of God. Later, Lew Wallace wrote the book Ben Hur, one of the greatest English novels ever written concerning the time of Christ.

Similarly, the late C.S. Lewis, professor at Oxford University in England, was an agnostic who denied the deity of Christ for years. But he, too, in intellectual honesty, submitted to Jesus as his God and Savior after studying the overwhelming evidence for his deity.

William and Katherine Booth, founders of the Salvation Army, believed that ministering to the poor was like ministering to Christ himself. The movement they launched enlisted the tireless efforts of enthusiastic people who wanted to make a difference in the world around them. This same Christ abides in our hearts through the Holy Spirit. The power of His life within us enables us to make a difference in our World.