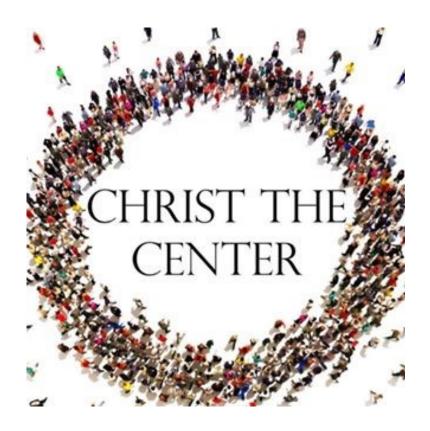
First United Methodist Church

Christ the King Sunday November 24, 2019



"Christ the Center!!"
Colossians 2:8-15

Order of Worship Christ the King Sunday

November 24, 2019 11:00 M

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

Enter quietly to prepare your heart to worship God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and WELCOME

(During this time, please register your attendance in the white notebook that can be found at the end of each row and pass it down and back.)

"May the Peace of Christ be with you. . . . and also with you."

TRINITY CHIMES

*CALL TO WORSHIP "Majesty, Worship His Majesty" Screen
*CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: Praise be to the LORD, for He has heard my cry for mercy.
- P: The LORD is my strength and shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped.
- L: The LORD is the strength of his people;
- P: Save your people, O LORD, and bless your inheritance.

All: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. (from Psalm 28:6 NIV)

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Come, Thou Almighty King" Page # 61

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed Page # 881

*GLORIA PATRI Page # 70

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER/PRAISES

(Prayer cards are in the pews and attendance notebooks. Please fill one out and place it in the offering plate.)

CALL TO PRAYER "Into My Heart"

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Choir

HYMN OF MEDITATION "We Gather Together" Page # 131

CHILDREN'S TIME "Why Is There 'Thanksgiving'?" Pastor Keith

OFFERINGS

MINISTRY MINUTE "Pledge for Our Future" Lee Ann Strickland

What This Church Means to Me

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY "Come Thou Fount" Choir

(During this time we worship by the giving of our gifts and offerings for the work of the church in ministry and mission.)

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Page # 94

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE Colossians 2:8-15

Leader: The Word of God, for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Christ the Center!!" Rev. Keith Knight

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF INVITATION "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" Page # 715

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Give Thanks" Screen

TRINITY CHIMES

POSTLUDE Depart to serve the Lord.

*Please stand in body or in spirit

Children are welcome to sit with their families in worship.

If you prefer, our nursery/toddler room is available for

Infant thru Pre-Kindergarten during Worship.

INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY!

Colossians 2:8-15

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NTRODUCTION—
I. "In [CHRIST], the FULLNESS of GOD DWELLS BODILY" v. 9
1. Literally, "The Godhead" — the Trinity: God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Or, as: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.
2. What does v. 9 mean? 'I have the Atlantic Ocean in this bucket.'
All of God that could fit in a H being was in Jesus.
3. In some ways — Jesus was "% Human, and% God"
4. But, that is N how it is. Beyond our full understanding, Jesus is%
Human, all of His life, and% God, or "the Godhead," or Deity,
all His earthly life.
II. "GOD MADE YOU ALIVE TOGETHER WITH HIM" v. 13
1. v. 13 — "You were dead in your trespasses & sins" — Bad News!
2. v. 14 — "Erased the record that stood against us" — Good News!
Speeding <u>T</u> ? Do you know about Diversion? They will erase the
Speeding ticket. Jesus took your S and Diverted the Punishment —
& our sins were diverted & erased.
3. v. 14, 15 — :He disarmed triumphing over them in [the Cross]."
II. BUT — THIS DOESN'T MEAN "TRIUMPHALISM"

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1. v. 15 — "Triumphing over them in [the Cross]" means that Jesus has defeated sin, the devil, and the cosmic penalty of sin!!

- 2. v. 15 "Triumphing over them" has been used by some to say, "My beliefs are better than yours" to those of other beliefs.
- 3. The Persecution of Jewish people in Europe over the years, was / is justified by some, "Christianity is SUPERIOR to Judaism."
- 4. Islam came along over 600 years after the <u>L</u>, Teaching, & Crucifixion of Jesus, and some think that Islam Supersedes the Christian faith. Many Muslims, many Islamic leaders, have great respect for Isa, the Arabic for Jesus. He is a great Prophet—but not as great as Mohammed, the greatest Prophet.
- 5. The THING IS Jewish people, Christians, Islamic believers: We all revere Abraham, as the "Father of faith in the O, True God" we all officially believe in the God of Abraham the same God! Of course, many of our beliefs, our theology, our practices, are very, very different!!
- 6. Jesus, in the Four Gospels, insists that we should look on Jewish people & Muslims as Spiritual cousins ... and friends. We have different beliefs about the One, True God, but that should be FUEL for Dialogue, not hatred or warfare.

SO —

IV. "ABOUND IN THANKSGIVING"!!!! (v. 7)

- 1. GIVE THANKS . . . for all the blessings in this country.
- 2. GIVE THANKS . . . for family, <u>L</u> ones, church family
- 3. GIVE THANKS . . . to our God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We Support Our Church By:

Our Service This Week

Ushers: Chal Thompson,

Clifford Lynch and Kay Grubb

Acolytes: Alexis Jones

Leliah Pyros

Lay Reader: John Byrum

Flowers: Karen Rapking

Coffee Bar:

Trustee: Bob Marshall

Our Presence Last Week:

Sunday School 34 Worship 111

Our Gifts for November:

General Fund

Needed for November budget \$ 20,304 Received thru November 17 \$ 17.387

Building Fund

Needed for mortgage payment \$4,034 Received thru November 17 \$4,200

Memorial Fund

Memorial Garden Fund in Nov \$ 365

Prayer Requests for November 24th

Please remember to keep all of these members and friends along with their families in your prayers.

Barbara Pennington

Peter Alliman

Margaret Marshall

Irad Lee

Teresa Manley

Heather Jones' grandmother

Heather Jones' mother—Debbie

Gene Carson

Clifton Greenwood

Pat & Howard Harvey—now at Life Care of Blount County, Room 123, 865-380-7921

Shane Garner (friend of the Cavett family)

Buckner Memorial UMC worshippers

Sharon Fessenden (friend of Jan Lowry)

Hanging of the Greens

- Sunday, Dec 1st, 6 PM
- We will complete the decoration of our sanctuary with explanation of the symbols we use.
- There will be special music.
- We need children and adults to participate—if you will help, please let Sue know.
- There will be a time of fellowship and refreshment after the service. Please bring your favorite holiday finger foods to share. Janet Tweed will be coordinating the refreshments—let her know if you will help.

Happening at First UMC for the Week of November 24th

TODAY Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM

Admin Board immediately after worship

Charge Conference at Sweetwater First UMC 2:00 PM

MONDAY We will be decorating the church building today!! 9:00 AM

We need as many hands as possible. We plan to work all day and hope to finish. If we do not finish, we plan to work on the 29th and 30th (if needed) to complete the job.

Please come out and help dress our church for the Advent and Christmas Seasons.

WEDNESDAY UMYF only (No IGNITE) 6:00 PM

THURSDAY Happy Thanksgiving!!

NEXT SUNDAY Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM

Hanging of the Greens 6:00 PM

(More info on the previous page.)

Coming Soon

Mon, Dec 1 **Senior Event** We are going to Western Sizzlin located at 1804 Decatur Pike in Athens for our holiday meal on Monday December 2nd. We will gather there at 11:30 AM. We will leave from the lower parking lot of the church at 10:45 AM if you would like to carpool.

Sun, Dec 8 "The Gift Goes On" Christmas Cantata 11 AM Come and worship

with our Chancel Choir as they perform this beautiful cantata at our

morning worship service.

Sat, Dec 14 Breakfast with Santa 9:30—11 AM

Tue, Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service 6 PM

OFFICE HOURS The office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, the 28th & 29th in celebration of Thanksgiving Day and will also have shorter hours on Monday thru Wednesday - the 25th - 27th. Please call to be sure someone is here before you come by.

The Good Shepherd Center

The needs at The Good Shepherd Center pantry at this time are: all types of holiday foods—including, but not limited to -

- chicken broth
- cranberry sauce
- pie filling
- cake mixes and frosting
- boxed potatoes
- gravy –canned or dry mix
- stuffing mix
- canned sweet potatoes



Please put your donations in the grocery cart in the hallway and we will see that they get delivered to the Good Shepherd Center in time for Thanksgiving.

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