

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*"A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community Striving to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"*



January 29, 2023

Fellowship Worship at 10:45 a.m.

WORDS OF WELCOME AND BLESSING- - - - - Pastor Michael Atkinson

PRELUDE - - - "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" / arr. Hayes- - - Dr. Jessica Scott

## \*GATHERING WORDS

Leader: Come and hear the good news. No matter what is happening in your life, God's blessing and love is with you. Come and hear what God wants you to do: live lives of justice and love and truth. Come and get courage and strength to be fools for Christ, embracing Kingdom values rather than those of the world.

People: We're here, ready to listen, open to change, expecting to be blessed by our time together.

\*HYMN (see insert for hymn text) - - - - - "This Is My Father's World"

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS WITH THE PASTOR - - - - - Pastor Atkinson

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** -----Micah 6:1-8

Listen to what the LORD says: Stand up, plead my case before the mountains; let the hills hear what you have to say. Hear, you mountains, the LORD's accusation; listen, you everlasting foundations of the earth.

For the LORD has a case against his people; he is lodging a charge against Israel. My people, what have I done to you? How have I burdened you? Answer me. I brought you up out of Egypt and redeemed you from the land of slavery.

I sent Moses to lead you, also Aaron and Miriam. My people, remember what Balak king of Moab plotted and what Balaam son of Beor answered. Remember your journey from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord. With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

**GOSPEL LESSON** -----Matthew 5:1-12

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you

and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven,

for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

HYMN -----“Be Thou My Vision”

SERMON ----- “More Than Lip Service” ----- Pastor Atkinson  
*(You are encouraged to use this space for notes.)*

\*HYMN -----“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE ---”They’ll Know We Are Christians” / arr. Hayes -----Dr. Scott



*Ash Wednesday*

## ASH WEDNESDAY PARISH SERVICE

*Wednesday, February 22  
Duff Street United Methodist Church*

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### UPCOMING EVENTS AT FIRST CHURCH

Tuesday, January 31st -- Monastic Meal at 12:15 p.m.

Next Sunday -- "Easter Program Meeting" (see separate announcement)

#### Bell Choir Rehearsal Schedule

February 5th - 9:30 a.m. rehearsal in bell room 10:45 a.m. play in worship

February 26th - 9:30 a.m. rehearsal in bell room

March 5th - 9:30 a.m. rehearsal in bell room 10:45 a.m. play in worship

#### Family Choir Rehearsal Schedule

February 12th - 9:45 a.m. rehearsal in the parlor

February 19th - 9:45 a.m. rehearsal in the parlor; 10:45 a.m. sing in worship

All are welcome to join! Contact Brett Miller for more details.



Twelve-Step Meetings (7 sessions each week) -- Monday through Thursday -- Library

### Easter Program Meeting



There will be a brief meeting after church next Sunday, Feb. 5th, for all children and youth, preschool through high school, that would like to participate in an Easter program.

Details will be discussed at the meeting.

If you have any questions, contact Shelley Spellman.

Contact Tammy Matheny at 304-476-2015  
if you would like information about our Prayer Chain.

