

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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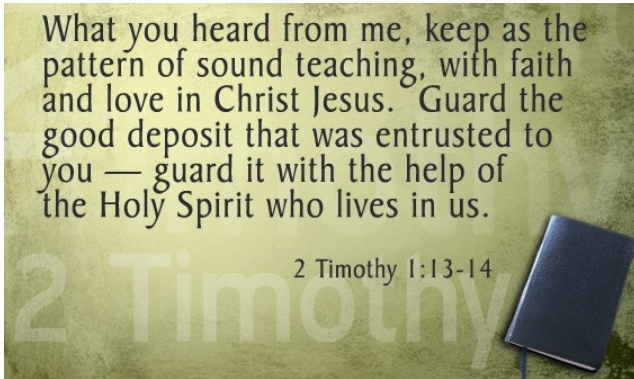
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Brett Miller, Director of Music

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



October 9, 2022

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WORDS OF WELCOME ----- Rev. Harry Jenkins

PRELUDE ----- "Ballade, Op. 38" / Frederic Chopin, arr. By Andre van Haren
Geneva Brown, clarinet; Dr. Jessica Scott, piano

*CALL TO WORSHIP ----- Alex Stout, Liturgist

Leader: We are the community of faith that has been created by the love of God.

People: We are the people who have been set free
by the word of forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

Leader: We have come not to parade our own goodness
but to praise the holiness of God.

People: We have come not to boast of what we have done
but to proclaim the redeeming work of Jesus Christ.

ALL: With all our being we will praise you, O God,
and tell of all your kindness toward us. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #140 ----- "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

MORNING PRAYER

O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER ----- -Rev. Jenkins

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS - "Jesus Loves Me" part A ----- Don Gardner

OFFERTORY MUSIC ----- "Duetto No. 3, Op. 27" / Karl Stamitz
Geneva Brown and Brett Miller, clarinets

PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING

May God's grace be upon this shawl...
warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing.
May this mantle be a safe haven... a sacred place of security and well-being...
sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones.
May the one who receives this shawl
be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love.
Blessed Be. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON (hymnal pg. 790) ----- Psalm 66:8-20

HYMN # 430 ----- "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

EPISTLE LESSON ----- II Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, to Timothy, my dear son:

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God.

He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.

What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

SERMON ----- **“Rekindle the Gift Within”** ----- **-Rev. Jenkins**
(you are encouraged to use this space for notes)

***HYMN #714** ----- **“I Know Whom I Have Believed”**

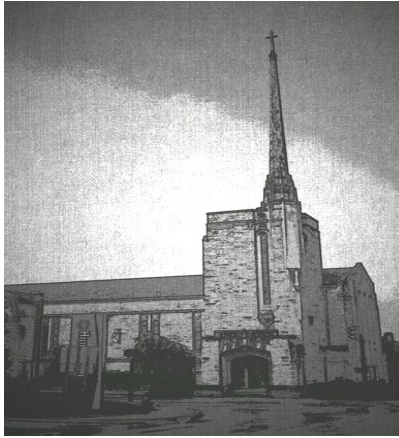
BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE ----- **Dr. Scott**

Acolyte -- Audra Skidmore

If you know of someone who is in the hospital, nursing home, or has a need,
please let Pastor Atkinson or Rev. Jenkins know.

Pastor Atkinson at 304-771-3309 or Reverend Jenkins at 304-280-0592



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Thursdays from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the Parlor
Bring your yarn, needles and/or crochet hook and patterns.

Questions, call Cheryl Moorhead (677-9859) or Nancy Ferber (476-0566)



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October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Michael and Harry ...

Thanks for going above and beyond!

VISION TEAM MEETING

.... will NOT be held on October 11th,
but has been rescheduled for Tuesday, October 25th at 6:00 p.m.

