

**Wednesday Night Fellowship**

May 2, 2018 5:45 pm

**Menu:** Chicken pot pie, apples, salad bar, bread, dessert

**Program:** Youth Choir, sharing about Montreat Music and Worship Camp

Reservations by Tuesday, May 1 **at noon**

Indicate # of people:

\_\_\_Adults & children over 12

\_\_\_Children age 3-11 (meal above)

\_\_\_Children 3-11 (PBJ/applesauce)

\_\_\_to go orders (reservation required)

Cost: this year all meals will be paid by donation. A minimum of \$6.50 is requested for anyone who can pay for the meal. Anyone who can pay extra either each week or as a lump sum donation to cover the costs of meals for those who are not able to pay are encouraged to do so. Thank you!

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Pay online (thru QR code) or via website or pay at the door. To register, tear off this tab and place in offering plate, call the office or go online.

Use this QR Code to access **online giving**.



**Year-to-Date Operating Funds as of 3/31/18**

Revenues	126,141
Operating Expenses	147,031
Surplus/(Deficit)	(20,890)

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**WEEKLY CALENDAR**  
**APRIL 29-MAY 5, 2018**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 29**  
 9:15 Sunday School  
 9:15 Fifth Sunday Breakfast  
 10:30 Worship Service  
 4:30 Children & Youth Activities  
 4:30 Bible Journaling  
 4:30 Confirmation Class  
 5:30 Children & Youth Snack Supper  
 6:15 The Branch  
**MONDAY, APRIL 30**  
 6:30 Softball Game- Winged Deer Park, Field #2  
 7:00 Boy Scouts  
 8:30 Softball Game- Winged Deer Park, Field 2  
**TUESDAY, MAY 1**  
 4:30 Staff Meeting  
 6:00 Trustees Meeting  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 2**  
 4:15 Youth Choir  
 5:00 Guitar Class  
 5:45 Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner & Program  
 6:15 Children's Choir  
 6:15 Children & Youth Activities  
 7:30 Chancel Choir  
**THURSDAY, MAY 3**  
 10:00 Circle of Faith- Conference Room  
 6:00 Girl Scout Troop #978  
 6:30 Finance Committee-Conference Room  
 6:00 Wayfinders  
 7:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers- gym  
**FRIDAY, MAY 4**  
 6:30 Circle of Friends

**SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:**  
**USHERS:** Ann Mohap, Judy Cook, Katie Mahoney, Betty Moore, Janet Mentgen  
**GREETERS:** Novice Gross, Katie Mahoney, Ann Mohap, Mark & Polly Crowder  
**PRAYER:** Steve Gross **CROSSBEARER:** Abraunya Roe  
**ACOLYTE:** Abragayle Roe **BEADLE:** Renee Jah  
**AUDIOVISUAL:** Karl Kapoor



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Worship Guide & Church Life Information Bulletin

Welcome to 1st Church! We are glad you are here.

Please sign the red registration pad at one end of each pew.

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**April 29, 2018**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING**

**PRELUDE** "When Morning Gilds the Skies" Arr. Dale Wood

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We come to this place where God pours out His love on us.

**People: May our worship and praise overcome our worries and fears.**

Leader: We gather with those around us who seek to follow Jesus.

**People: May we be challenged to walk the path of service hand in hand.**

Leader: We gather so that our hearts may be open to God's calling.

**People: May we grow in faith, so that grace and peace might be the fruit we bear.**

**INVOCATION**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** "How Firm a Foundation" No. 529

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Loving God, we cut You to the heart with the selfish choices we make.

**People: We hope to live as Your disciples, but our ears hear other voices, and our hearts are hardened against Your example of mercy and grace.**

Leader: We know we ought to love one another as You love us.

**People: We confess loving others is difficult, and that we often choose not to.**

Leader: We confess that in our homes, in our work, and in our church, our words and actions are harmful to others- tearing down rather than building up.

**People: We confess that in our desire for power, influence, and possessions, we focus on ourselves, and fail to see the needs and pain of those around us.**

Leader: Forgive our foolishness when we think we can live our lives apart from Your presence.

**All: Write on our hearts Your words of truth and life.**

**Teach us true discipleship, so that we may bear the loving image of Jesus Christ to everyone in our community and in our world.**

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: May Jesus' commandment to love each other become the chief desire of our hearts. Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

**All: Through Jesus Christ, who loves us and dwells in us, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen!**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** 1 John 4:7-21

**MORNING PRAYER AND 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**

**\*HYMN OF REFLECTION** "You Are My King" Words on Screen

**OFFERTORY** "I Need Thee Every Hour" Arr. Joel Raney

**\*DOXOLOGY** No. 94

**\*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** John 15:1-8

**ANTHEM** "Abide With Me"

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.*

*When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

*I need Thy presence every passing hour; what but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?*

*Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.*

*I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.*

*Where is death's sting? Where grave thy victory? I triumph still if Thou abide with me.*

*Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;*

*Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.*

**SERMON** "Hang In There!" Rev. Jane Taylor

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT** "The Lord of Life, A Vine Is He"

The Lord of Life, a vine is He and grafted to Him we must be;  
And thus we yield abundantly sweet fruit for all to taste and see.

If we be joined to Him we know His strength and power will help us grow.

His Spirit's grace through us will flow to prune and shape us as we go.

The vine is He, the branches we for now and to eternity.

His word sown deep in us will be both sun and rain...sufficiency.

The Lord of Life, the Source Divine calls us to come, with Him entwine.

Will we, unhearing, dare decline the call of Christ, the One True Vine?

**\*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.*

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**GO IN PEACE, GREET ONE ANOTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST, AND TAKE THE LOVE OF CHRIST WITH YOU THIS WEEK TO SHARE WITH ALL YOU MEET.**

Graduation time is approaching and 1st Church would like to have any pictures and biographical information our graduates (or families) would like to share. Please submit this soon to be included in the bulletin, website, and Facebook posts. We will have Senior Recognition on Sunday, May 20.

**Camp in the Community** is partnering with FUMC to provide a free camp where children in the community can learn and grow. We will have organized activities throughout the week of June 18-22, including recreation, games, crafts, story time, and much more. This is an all-day camp from 9:00am-3:00pm for rising kindergartners-rising 8th graders. This is an exciting opportunity to reach out to our neighbors and share the gospel of Jesus Christ! More details coming soon. For more information or to register your child, email bree.nelson@1stchurchjc.org Registration will also be available at church **TODAY** at 3:30. Spaces are limited so be sure to register your child soon.

April 29, 2018 Prayer Requests

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Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

**Prayer list:**

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| Betty & Aldon Speer    | Our nation                                 |
| Kristy Hodge Pratt     | Kim Church                                 |
| Barbara Marrs          | LaMarr Talley                              |
| Elizabeth Bailey       | Evelyn Moore                               |
| Dot Woodby             | Steve Holmes                               |
| Ralph & Joan Garland   | Donna Royston                              |
| Nancy Jewell           | Vicky Coffman                              |
| Bobbie Wells           | Linda Church                               |
| Elizabeth Wells        | Jo Cross                                   |
| Willie Hughes          | Vivian Eckerson                            |
| Clare Warren & parents | Rev. Donna Hester                          |
| Howard Smith           | Eden Pendergrass                           |
| Catherine Cartus       | Marie Gough                                |
| Tom Palmer             | Edna Johnson                               |
| Carrol Waterbury       | Chantal Vinson                             |
| Kevin Jones            | Judy Rust                                  |
| Carrie Denny           | Bonnie Aubin                               |
| Bob & Dee Lentz        | Christy Cagle                              |
| Carolyn Wood           | Mike Cairnes                               |
| Joan Tansil            | The Gouge Family                           |
| Bobby & Viola Seay     | Panita Norwood                             |
| Sue Speer              | Bill & Mary McClellan (no visitors please) |
| Our church             | Brian Milby                                |
|                        | John Collins                               |

*Sympathy is extended to Eddie and Lavone Cheek in the death of Lavone's stepfather, Freddy Smith, on Monday.*