

As you are cleaning out your closets this summer, please consider donating to Clare's Closet. Any donations of warm winter outerwear (coats, hats, gloves, hoodies, etc.) would be appreciated! We are already beginning to prepare for our first distribution date in the fall. All sizes are needed but we are especially in need of adult sizes. Thank you!



Are you interested in sports? Do you want to get to know others from 1st Church? We are looking for men and women (ages 16 and up) for our church co-ed softball team! Please contact Kristen Clements at (423)426-3296 or keclements4@gmail.com to sign up. Practices start mid-August.

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



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**WEEKLY CALENDAR**  
**AUGUST 18-24, 2019**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 18**  
 9:15 Sunday School  
 10:30 Worship Service  
 3:00 Youth Council  
 4:30 Children & Youth Activities  
 5:30 Children & Youth Snack Supper  
 6:15 The Branch

**MONDAY, AUGUST 19**  
 7:00 Boy Scouts

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 20**  
 4:30 Staff Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21**  
 4:15 Youth Choir  
 5:00 Guitar Class  
 5:45 Children & Youth Snack Supper  
 6:15 Children & Youth Activities  
 7:30 Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 22**  
 5:30 ELC Board Meeting  
 6:00 Wayfinders  
 6:30 Connections/Communications  
 7:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers-gym

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 24**  
 10:00 Community Mission Food Distribution  
 Noon-2:00 Baby Shower for Caroline Howard & Isaac Story- Parlor

**SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:**

**USHERS:** David Denny, Ernie Walker, Ken Talley, Dale Schmitt  
**GREETERS:** Betty Gouge, Tegan & Wayne Goins, Ernie Cross, Jenny Haun  
**PRAYER:** Finley Cook **CROSSBEARER:** Alex Uelhof  
**ACOLYTE:** Sammi Uelhof **BEADLE:** Madelyn Wardeska-McGuire  
**AUDIOVISUAL:** John Cradic



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Worship Guide & Church Life Information Bulletin

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

Please sign the blue registration pad at one end of each pew.  
*Information about 1st Church can be found inside the front cover. Please help yourself to any of these materials.*

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**August 18, 2019**

**Tenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING**

**PRELUDE** "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" Arr. Dale Wood

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come and kneel before our faithful and loving God.

**People: Our God provides for us and is worthy of all our praise.**

Leader: Our God is awesome in power.

**People: Our God created from nothing all that is beautiful in the world. Our God anticipates our every need, and loves us beyond all measure.**

Leader: Come and praise our God, who leads us in faith and gives us strength.

**People: With joy and gladness, we offer our praise to God, who redeems us and leads us in faith.**

**INVOCATION**

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

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: God of the ages, the witness of the saints calls us to be faithful citizens of the Kingdom of God,

**People: but we often fall short of our commitment to true discipleship.**

Leader: You call for justice for all people,

**People: but we yield to fear, hatred, and prejudice in our dealings with others.**

Leader: You hope that righteousness will walk with us,

**People: but You hear the clear cries of those we mistreat.**

Leader: You ask us to speak up for those in need,

**People: but we shut our mouths and turn away.**

**All: We stand before You, Loving God, with open hearts, seeking Your forgiveness. Help us to set our eyes on Jesus, and faithfully run the race of life in love and mercy, as laid out by Jesus our Lord.**

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: Because of God’s great love, Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, endured the cross so that we might have abundant and eternal life. My friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

**All: The victory has already been won for us in Jesus Christ, and through Him, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. AMEN**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Hebrews 11:29-12:2

**MORNING PRAYER AND 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** “The Wonderful Cross” Words on Screen

**OFFERTORY** “Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown” Arr. Larry Shackley

**\*DOXOLOGY** No. 94

**GOSPEL READING** Luke 12:49-56

**ANTHEM**

“The Perfect Wisdom of Our God”

*The perfect wisdom of our God, revealed in all the universe.  
All things created by His hand are held together by His command.  
He knows the mysteries of the seas; the secrets of the stars are His.  
He guides the planets on their way and turns the earth through another day.*

*The perfect timing of His ways along the path of righteousness.  
His word a lamp unto my feet; His Spirit teaching and guiding me.  
And O the wisdom of the cross to save the helpless and the lost.  
He chose the fool to shame the wise that all the glory might go to Christ. Alleluia!*

*O grant me the wisdom from above to pray for peace and cling to love,  
And teach me humbly to receive the sun and rain of Your Sovereignty.  
Each strand of sorrow has a place within this tapestry of grace.  
So through the trials I'll choose to say: "Your perfect will in Your perfect way." Alleluia! Amen.*

**SERMON**

“Disturbing the Peace”

Rev. Jodie Ihfe

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT** “See How Great a Flame Aspires” No. 541  
Sung to the tune “St. George Windsor”

**\*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
Pure and holy, tried and true*

*With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.*

**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.**

Please join us for a baby shower to celebrate  
*Baby Boy Story, son of Caroline Howard & Isaac Story*  
Saturday, August 24  
FUMC Parlor  
Drop in from 12:00-2:00  
*The couple is registered at Target*  
Please contact Jamee Roberts (741-6901), Jennifer Boarman (943-8388)  
or Debbie Eddy (696-9360) for more information

August 18, 2019 Prayer Requests

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

**Prayer list:**

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| Barbara Marrs                     | Brian & Linda Murphey          |
| Elizabeth Bailey                  | Becky Saunders                 |
| Nancy Jewell                      | BJ & Brittany Ayers & daughter |
| Elizabeth Wells                   | Noah Cook                      |
| Catherine Cartus                  | Lou Thornberry                 |
| Tom Palmer                        | Lori Jones                     |
| Kevin Jones                       | Ellen Ferguson                 |
| Carrie Denny                      | Denver Parrett                 |
| Bob & Dee Lentz                   | Jenny Johnson                  |
| LaMarr Talley                     | Sam Miller                     |
| Evelyn Moore                      | Terry Countermine              |
| Jo Cross                          | Steve Roberts                  |
| Jerry & Judy Rust                 | Rocky Shew                     |
| Gary J. Harkins                   | Jessica Higginbotham           |
| Magnolia Ridge family of recovery | Sam McPeak                     |
| Roy & Sharyn Lessly               | John Collins                   |
| Jane Wilhoit Anderson             | Anna Ruth & Russ Gregory       |
| Betty McGaha                      | Luke Holmes                    |
| Steve Holmes                      | Hannah Stevens                 |
| Vivian Eckerson                   | Nancy Wells                    |
| Steve Wilkinson                   | Ken Diehl                      |
| Beverly Flanigan                  | Doris Welch                    |
| Rev. Bill Carter                  | Helen Saylor                   |
| Gary Roberts                      | Kathy Deakins                  |
| Kim Kinser                        |                                |