

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!



Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study will resume on September 11th at 5:30. We will continue our study of Adam Hamilton's book Christianity & World Religions with a presentation on Judaism by Rabbi Arthur Rutberg of the B'nai Shalom Congregation. Join us for an interesting perspective of the Jewish faith!

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



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**WEEKLY CALENDAR
 SEPTEMBER 1-7, 2019**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship Service
 6:15 The Branch

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

7:00 Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

4:30 Staff Meeting
 6:00 Trustees Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

4:15 Youth Choir
 5:00 Guitar Class
 5:45 Children & Youth Snack Supper
 6:15 Children & Youth Activities
 7:30 Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

10:00 Circle of Faith— Conference Rm.
 6:00 Wayfinders
 6:30 Finance Committee
 7:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers-gym

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

6:30 Circle of Friends

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

USHERS: David Denny, Art Eckerson, Jim Heaton, Mitch Robinson, Steve Love

GREETERS: Art Eckerson*, Deborah & Marcus Grant, Pat Faber, Mark & Polly Crowder (*Indicates person(s) at Welcome Table)

PRAYER: Novice Gross **CROSSBEARER:** Abraunya Roe

ACOLYTE: Arturo Noguera **BEADLE:** Quinn Fox

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 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.

If you are a new visitor today, please stop by the Welcome Station immediately following the service, in the room at the rear of the sanctuary. We have a gift for you and want to meet you!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 1, 2019

12th Sunday After Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

PRELUDE "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" Arr. Fred Bock

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our gracious God blesses us and invites us into His presence today.

People: We come in our weakness, seeking God's strength and goodness.

Leader: A feast has been prepared for us by the One who loves us.

People: In humility and gratitude, we place our trust in God's grace and mercy.

Leader: Let us offer our praise to the Lord our God.

People: We offer all that we are to the God who saves us.

INVOCATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "When Morning Gilds the Skies" No. 185

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Sovereign God, we confess that we have not turned away from our self-centered ways.

People: Though we have heard that the humble will be exalted, we choose to live as we please.

Leader: Forgive us when we choose power and privilege over deeds of humility and compassion.

People: Forgive us when we climb ladders of success rather than take humble steps of justice for the weak.

Leader: Forgive us when we wrestle for seats of honor, and limit access to the table for the poor and oppressed.

People: Forgive us when we crave the limelight rather than the light of Your love.

Leader: Forgive us, God of grace.

People: Forgive us. Help us to serve You in all that we do, not for our own reward, but for the joy of sharing, that others might know Your love and peace.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: God's love is deeper than our minds can comprehend. God hears our prayers and God invites all to feast at God's table of plenty. My friends, hear and trust the good news of the Gospel:

People: Forgiveness is ours through Jesus Christ, who redeems us and offers us abundant life. Thanks be to God. AMEN

NEW TESTAMENT READING Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

MORNING PRAYER

HYMN OF REFLECTION "From the Inside Out" Words on Screen

Children 2nd Grade and younger are welcome to meet the adult leader at the door at the front of the sanctuary as the offertory begins to go to Children's Church.

OFFERTORY "Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" Arr. Matthew Weston

***DOXOLOGY** No. 94

GOSPEL READING Luke 14:1, 7-14

ANTHEM "Come to the Table"

Come to the table and bring your joy, bring all your gladness and come.

Come to the table. Eat the bread, drink the wine, come rejoice in the Lord.

Bring all your sorrow, bring all your pain, bring all the heartaches you bear.

Bring all you are and hope to become, come to the table and share.

Come to the table, remember Christ, remember His love when you come.

Come to the table. Come in faith, come to serve, come rejoice in the Lord.

Share in the bread, share in the wine, share in the risen Lord.

Share as a family, one in community, one in the name of the Lord.

Come to the table to follow Christ forgiven and free, you must come.

Come to the table. Come in faith, come in love, come rejoice in the Lord.

SERMON "The Lord's Table" Rev. Jodie Ihfe

***SONG OF REFLECTION**

Come, come, come to the table and bring your joy,

Bring all your gladness and come. Come, come to the table.

Eat the bread, drink the wine, come rejoice in the Lord.

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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 COMMITMENT** "Help Us Accept Each Other" No. 560
Sung to the tune "Aurelia"

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!

Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine.

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.

Softball Schedule

All games are played on Mondays at Winged Deer Park. Our team would love the support of our church family!

9/9	6:30	FUMC vs. Lynn Valley Baptist	Field #2
	7:30	FUMC vs. Redeemer	Field #2
9/16	7:30	FUMC vs. Believers Church	Field #1
	8:30	FUMC vs. First Christian	Field #1
9/23	6:30	FUMC vs. Lynn Valley Baptist	Field #2
	7:30	FUMC vs. Trinity Baptist	Field #2
9/30	Tournament Begins		

September 1, 2019 Prayer Requests

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Requested by _____

Prayer list:

Barbara Marrs	Steve Holmes
Elizabeth Bailey	Steve Wilkinson
Nancy Jewell	Rev. Bill Carter
Elizabeth Wells	Gary Roberts
Catherine Cartus	Brian & Linda Murphey
Tom Palmer	Noah Cook
Kevin Jones	Lou Thornberry
Carrie Denny	Lori Jones
Bob & Dee Lentz	Ellen Ferguson
LaMarr Talley	Denver Parrett
Evelyn Moore	Steve Roberts
Jo Cross	Rocky Shew
Jerry & Judy Rust	John Collins
Gary J. Harkins	Anna Ruth & Russ Gregory
Magnolia Ridge family of recovery	Luke Holmes
Roy & Sharyn Lessly	Nancy Wells
Jane Wilhoit Anderson	Ken Diehl
Betty McGaha	Doris Welch

Sympathy is extended to family and friends of Sam Miller, who passed away on Sunday, August 25.

There will be a meeting for Security Monitors on Thursday, September 12 at 6:30 in the Open Door Classroom.