

Wednesday Night Fellowship

January 29, 2020 5:45 pm

Menu: Pork loin, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad bar, bread, dessert

Program: Our Christian Family Tree by Adam Hamilton: Pentecostalism, led by Jim Heaton

Reservations by Tuesday, 1/28 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: All meals are 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), via website or pay at the door. To register, tear off this tab and place in offering plate, call the office or go online.

Capital Campaign Update

Please prayerfully consider additional donations.

Campaign Goal	\$150,000
Total Donations (6/23-12/31)	\$80,042
Needed to Meet Goal	\$69,958

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



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WEEKLY CALENDAR

JAN. 26-FEB. 1, 2020

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

- 9:15 Sunday School
- 10:30 Worship Service
- 4:30 Youth & Children's Activities
- 5:30 Youth & Children Snack Supper
- 6:15 The Branch

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

- 7:00 Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

- 4:30 Staff Meeting
- 6:00 Outreach Meeting
- 7:00 Circle of Hope- Hunter's Lake Clubhouse

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

- 3:45 Youth Piano & Guitar
- 4:30 Youth Choir
- 5:30 Fellowship Dinner & Program
- 6:15 Children & Youth Activities
- 7:30 Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

- 6:00 Wayfinders

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

- USHERS:** David Denny, Art Eckerson, Alan LeClair, Ben Peeples
- GREETERS:** Novice Gross*, Katie Mahoney, Steve & Donna Robbins, Brian & Cathie Rosecrance (*Indicates person(s) at Welcome Table)
- PRAYER:** Ben Peeples **CROSSBEARER:**
- ACOLYTE:** Lydia Ihfe **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

January 26, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

PRELUDE "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (St. Anne) J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is forever casting seeds of goodness into our lives.

People: Seeds of compassion and mercy.

Leader: Seeds of grace and forgiveness.

People: Seeds of love and joy.

Leader: Open your hearts to receive God's blessings.

People: May we be good soil, growing in faithfulness and sharing the fruits of God's abundance with others.

INVOCATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" No. 400

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Loving God, we admit that we are a lot like stony fields.

People: You have planted the seeds of the Kingdom in our lives, but we tend to water other things.

Leader: You have sowed abundant mercy in our hearts,

People: but we have trouble being merciful to others.

Leader: You have sowed eternal truth in our minds,

People: but that truth languishes as we pursue our own personal ideas and interests.

Leader: You have sowed peace in our souls,

People: but peace withers in our envy, pride, greed, and fear.

Leader: You have sowed unconditional love in our lives,

People: but we withhold love from others in resentments, judgment, and prejudice.

Leader: Save us, God, from the things that choke out Your voice.

People: Give us a new desire to love You and serve You with all our hearts.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: God hears our prayers, heals our wounded hearts, and prepares us for good things to come. Place your trust in God and believe the good news of the Gospel:

People: By God’s grace in the saving work of Jesus Christ, we all are forgiven. Thanks be to God. AMEN

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 11:17-20

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 “From the Inside Out” Words on Screen

Children 2nd grade & 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 “The Solid Rock” Arr. Joel Raney

DOXOLOGY No. 94

GOSPEL READING Mark 4:1-9, 13-20

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 “How Is It With Your Soil?” Rev. Jodie Ihfe

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** “Be Thou My Vision” No. 451

***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.

January 26, 2020 Prayer Requests

Publish in bulletin? Y ___ N ___

Requested by _____

- Prayer list:**
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| Barbara Marrs | Lou Thornberry |
| Elizabeth Bailey | Denver Parrett |
| Nancy Jewell | Luke Holmes |
| Elizabeth Wells | Reed Davis |
| Catherine Cartus | Eddie Deakins |
| Tom Palmer | Lori Marriott |
| Kevin Jones | Patricia Brantley |
| Bob Lentz | Susan Gray |
| Evelyn Moore | Doris Welch |
| Jo Cross | Bob McGuire |
| Jerry & Judy Rust | Mack & Corrine Ballard |
| Gary J. Harkins | Viola & Bobby Seay |
| Magnolia Ridge family of recovery | Fred Parke |
| Roy & Sharyn Lessly | Tom Holmes |
| Betty McGaha | Cynthia Vance |
| Steve Wilkinson | Willow Ridge Women’s Recovery |
| Rev. Bill Carter | Bob Bennett |
| Gary Roberts | Diane Downes |
| Noah Cook | Cindy Burleson |



FIRST THINGS FIRST

First Sunday of February

9:30 in the Parlor

Meet the pastors, learn more about the church, ask questions, meet new people