

Beginning Sunday, September 11, the church will run vans to pick up children, youth, and their families for Sunday School and worship. We are so excited about this new opportunity for outreach and growth! For this ministry to be successful, your help is needed:

- Adult volunteers to drive or ride on vans for pick up and drop off
- Sunday school classes and small groups to provide grab-and-go breakfast once per month
- Everyone to pray for and welcome any new people who might attend

If you can help or need more information, contact Pastor Jodie at jodie.ihfe@1stchurchjc.org

Everyone is invited to a potluck picnic on Sunday, September 25 at Rotary Park. Begin gathering at 5:00, and dinner will be served at 5:30. Please bring a main dish, side, or dessert to share; drinks and paper goods will be provided. We have reserved Harris Pavilion (next to the playground) and a bluegrass band from ETSU will provide music after dinner.

Prayer Cover: Steve Gross

Prayer List

Randy & Pat Adams
 Erma Budd
 Catherine Cartus
 Scott Combs
 Vernon Crawford
 Family of Ernie Cross
 Lindsay Daniel
 Eric Davidson
 Chad & Sandi Decker
 Jackie Denny
 Family of Ken Diehl
 Phyllis Eckerson
 Vivian Eckerson
 Courtney Eddy
 Phyllis Eorgan
 Ray Feagins
 Susan Fields
 Jim Furches
 Family of Nannie Greene
 Betty & Earl Gouge
 Mandy Hall
 Beverly Harris
 Luke Holmes
 The Hrenda family
 Scott Huff
 Janet Ihfe
 Ellen & Natalie Kaltenbacher
 Karl Kapoor
 Mike Kellum
 Mary Anne King
 Joanne Kleven
 Linda Kostreva
 Sally Lee
 David McElveen
 Al Meeks
 John Melendez & family
 Jim Milliken
 Helen Mills
 Family of Robert Newman
 Family of Rick Norman
 Tom Palmer
 Janet Pickel & family
 Family of Levi Robinette
 Taylor Rodriguez
 Maven & Mayes Rogers
 Matt Rosecrance
 Steven Schmidt
 Louise Scott
 Ed Searcey
 Nancy Stevenson
 Davis Story
 Elaine Taylor
 Anna Grace West
 Jay & Melissa Wilkinson
 Family Promise
 Brother's Keeper
 Healthcare workers
 US Military & families
 Ukraine
 Manna House
 Students & teachers
 Flood victims



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

First Things First

Prelude "God of Grace" Setting by Paul Manz

Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

People: God's love will last forever.

Leader: In times of conflict and uncertainty,

People: God is our refuge and strength.

Leader: In times of trouble and persecution,

People: God speaks words of wisdom and redemption.

Leader: Now is the time of God's favor.

People: Now is the day of salvation.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise "How Firm a Foundation" #529

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: We stand before You, exposed and aware of our sinful ways.

People: We confess that we have failed to live as You expect us to live.

Leader: We seek to acquire power and advantage,

People: when You call us to seek humility and peace.

Leader: We seek to pass out judgment and punishment,

People: when You call us to seek forgiveness and mercy.

Leader: We seek out the faults and shortcomings of others,

People: when You call us to seek acceptance and redemption.

Leader: We seek Your forgiveness, O Lord.

People: Purge our hearts of selfishness and pride that lead to sin. Fill us with Your spirit of love, that we may make room at Your table for all people.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: Our God who freely accepts us, calls us to freely accept each other. Walk in the spirit of love, always remembering the good news of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed to try again. Thanks be to God! AMEN

New Testament Reading John 8:1-11

Morning Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "Reckless Love" On Screen

Mission Moment

Doxology #94

New Testament Lesson 1 Samuel 17:3-4, 8-10, 26, 43-54

Anthem "Beloved, Let Us Love One Another"

Sermon "zeal for the Lord" Rev. Gary Ihfe

Celebration of Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Commitment "O God of Every Nation" #435

Benediction

Benediction Response

Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division give way to love and peace,
Till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign,
And Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.

We celebrate with Makiyah Gray and Nas Rollins in the birth of their son, Navari Azriel Rollins, on August 30.

Wednesday Nights are back for all ages on September 14 at 5:45! We will kick off the season with BBQ and Bingo in the Fellowship Hall. An adult study will begin the following week in the Fellowship Hall.

Women's Bible Study meets at 1:00 pm every Tuesday in the Open Door Classroom.

Save the date! A new Sunday School class is beginning on September 11 at 9:15. The class is for ANYONE who doesn't already have a Sunday School class, especially for younger adults. If you have any questions or want more information, contact Pastor Jodie at jodie.ihfe@1stchurchjc.org

Food Pantry Items of the Month

For the month of September, the Food Pantry is collecting items for our neighbors in need. The needed items are laundry detergent and toilet paper. Donations can be placed in the boxes in the narthex and the connector.

Offering boxes are located at the front and rear of the sanctuary and in the narthex.