

We celebrate with Ben and Chloe Campbell in the birth of their son, Thomas David Campbell, On May 9, along with proud grandparents Ernest and Nancy Campbell.

We extend our sympathy to Keith and Alisa Bailey and family after the passing of Keith's mother, Mary Elodee "Dee Dee" Chance Bailey Reid, on May 7.

May 24 is the final Wednesday Night Fellowship of the season. We will have a cookout at the church and share dessert and some fun at Powell Square Park.

The silent auction for the handmade quilt ends TODAY at 11:45 am. Please place your final bids on the clipboard in the parlor.

Church Council meets on Tuesday, May 16 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Food Pantry Items of the Month

For the month of May, the Food Pantry is collecting items to supplement food for our neighbors in need. The needed items are paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, toothbrushes, & toothpaste. In addition, the food pantry can always use canned meat & canned fruit. Donations can be placed in the boxes in the narthex and the connector.

Prayer Cover: Novice Gross

Prayer List

Randy & Pat Adams
Family of Bruce Carson
Catherine Cartus
Ryan Cradic
Vernon Crawford
Jackie Denny
Paul Duncan
Phyllis Eckerson
Vivian Eckerson
Cecilia Fleckstein
Jim Furches
Bob Gore
Betty & Earl Gouge
Dalton Gough
Pam Hagen
Nora & Tony Haynes
Family of Linda Hodge
Scott Huff
Joyce Josie
Family of Mike Kellum
Deni Kiehl
Linda Kostreva
Family of Bradley Kuykendall
Stacy Larsen
Aubrey Lee
Bob & Wanda May
David McElveen
Jim Milliken
Tom Palmer
Ruby Payne
Bob & Athena Peebles
Carolyn Peebles
Family of Dee Dee Reid
Steven Schmidt
Louise Scott
Family of Ed Searcey
Anna Grace West
Manna House



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Prelude "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" Arr. Lloyd Larson

First Things First

Choral Introit

"Seek Ye First"

Call to worship

From Psalm 84

Leader: How lovely is the place where You live, O Lord of all!

People: My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord;

Leader: happy are those who live in God's house and sing God's praise.

People: Happy are those whose strength is in God, whose hearts are on the highway of the kingdom.

Leader: Living with God for one day is better than living without God for a thousand years.

People: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

Leader: The Lord is good to those who walk with justice.

People: O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in You.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise

"Glory to God Forever"

On Screen

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your faithful love.

People: We confess that we have sinned against You and our neighbors.

Leader: Forgive us when our need turns into greed;

People: when our abundance turns into gluttony;

Leader: when our comfort turns into laziness;

People: when our compassion turns into apathy;

Leader: when our privilege turns into pride;

People: and our righteousness turns into judgment.

Leader: Forgive us when we chase the empty gods of this world that lead to fear and division.

People: Open our eyes to see the world as You see it, and be moved to follow You in the paths of service and love.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: God's love is deeper than our minds can comprehend. God hears our prayers and leads us back into God's kingdom. Rejoice and believe the good news of the Gospel:

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

Old Testament Reading Psalm 119:129-136

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" On Screen

Mission Moment

Doxology #94

New Testament Reading Matthew 6:19-7:5

Anthem "Trust in the Lord with All Your Heart"

Sermon "Treasure and Masters" Rev. Jodie Ihfe

Hymn of Commitment "Be Thou My Vision" #451

Benediction

Benediction Response

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu, alleluia!

Graduation Sunday is May 21st during the morning service. Let's show our love and support for all the high school graduates! Shower them with words of encouragement by writing them a letter or giving them a card. You may email your letters to antwannocum@gmail.com or drop off in a designated box in the connector or narthex. Letters and cards are due by May 14th.

Talia Blair- Hilltopper Academy

Kendall Bumpass- Science Hill High School

Javin Chester- Science Hill High School

Mikah Dukes- Science Hill High School

Jacob Haun- Asbury Optional High School

Arturo Noguera- Hampton High School

Abraunya Roe- Science Hill High School

Alex Uelhof- Science Hill High School

In addition to the high school graduates, we know that other members of our church family will be graduating from colleges, universities, and other institutions. If you or someone in your family is celebrating this important milestone, we want to celebrate with you! Please contact the church office by phone (928-9222) or email office@1stchurchjc.org with the following information by May 14th:

1. Full name of graduate
2. School name
3. Degree earned
4. Future plans (optional)
5. Picture of graduate

After the worship service, we will have a potluck lunch in the fellowship hall to celebrate our graduates. Please bring meat, sides, or desserts to share.

Wednesday Night Fellowship

Program: The Sermon on the Mount: A Beginners Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven

Menu: chicken tenders, broccoli, potatoes, salad, bread & dessert

Dinner begins at 5:45 and the worship service begins at 6:30.

Please make reservations by **Monday, 5/15 at noon** by returning the slip found in the pew pads or by contacting the church office.

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