

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Celebration of Worship – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost – 09.25.16

PRELUDE.....Prelude on *BEACH SPRING*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Robert Ehrhardt

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING.....Rev. Wilkinson

INTROIT.....*Come, Join Our Cheerful Song*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Dale Wood Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Rev. Wilkinson

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“O Spirit of the Living God”.....No. 539

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 885.....Rev. Wilkinson

CELEBRATION OF LIFE.....Jody Thurmon

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*King David*.....David Westbrook, baritone
Herbert Howells Cara Lamb, piano

† SCRIPTURE READING.....I CORINTHIANS 3:1-9.....Dr. Rhoads
New Testament, Page 203 in your Pew Bible

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† GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN.*

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CHILDREN’S BLESSING Staci Zeagler

Children leaving the service for Children’s Chapel may be picked up after the service:

- 3–4 years (8:30 & 11:00): Children’s Ministry Center
- K5–1ST graders (11:00): Dawson Building, Room 207, behind the Sanctuary
- 2ND–3RD graders (11:00): Dawson Building, Room 208, behind the Sanctuary

JOYS & CONCERNSDr. Day

MORNING PRAYER.....Dr. Goad

THE LORD’S PRAYER Congregation (speaks in unison)

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.

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† HYMN OF PREPARATION.....“Lord, Speak to Me”.....No. 463

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*We Will Serve the Lord**.....Ensemble (8:30)
Taylor Davis Chancel Choir (11:00)

+ DoxologyNo. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below:

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose
power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

SCRIPTURE READING.....HEBREWS 5:11-14.....Dr. Day
New Testament, Page 267 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**I WILL...GROW**.....Dr. Day

I. First, Growth is not automatic - it requires a decision, discipline, and a desire to grow.

II. Second, Growth requires continuous improvement.

III. Third, Growth requires you being intentional and not accidental.

IV. Fourth, Growth requires you to move beyond your self-limiting beliefs and stretch.

V. Fifth, Growth requires a growth environment where coaches and mentors can help you grow.

VI. Finally, Growth requires making trade offs.

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Go, Make of All Disciples”.....No. 571

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.....Dr. Goad

We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ’s holy church, and bid you welcome to the congregation of First United Methodist Church. With you, we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

BENEDICTION.....Dr. Goad

SENDING FORTH.....*God Be With You ‘Till We Meet Again*.....Ensemble (8:30)

arr. Dale Wood

Chancel Choir (11:00)

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POSTLUDE.....“Final” from *Sonate #1*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ

Alexandre Guilmant

*The anthem was commissioned and given to the glory of God and in memory of Lucy Bendette and Bertram Knox Andress and their descendants.

ACOLYTES: Harper Hearron (8:30), Vivan Vekovius (8:30), Trevor Cox (11:00), Shep Smith (11:00)

CRUCIFER: Hutson Hearron(8:30), Carter Cox (11:00)

† *Those who are able may stand. ‡ Latecomers may be seated at these times.*

♦ **COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED AT 9:30AM IN THE SANCTUARY AND NOON IN COUCH CHAPEL.**