

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Celebration of Worship – Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost – 10.08.17

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PRELUDE..... *Fughette on “Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott”*.....E. Ray Peebles  
Johann Pachelbel  
[A mighty fortress is our God]

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING.....Dr. Rhoads

(8:30) INTROIT.....*Come, Join our Cheerful Song*.....Ensemble  
Dale Wood

(11:00) INTROIT.....*When the Saints Go Marching In*.....Wesley Bells  
Traditional

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. Rhoads

† HYMN OF PRAISE .....”Forward through the Ages”.....No. 555

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 885.....Dr. Rhoads

CELEBRATION OF LIFE.....Cory Ezelle

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies’ Sake*.....Quartet  
Richard Farrant

† SCRIPTURE READING.....2 Corinthians 9:6-15.....Rev. Wilkinson  
New Testament, Page 224 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.....Billie Tate

JOYS & CONCERNS ..... Dr. Day

MORNING PRAYER ..... Bishop William Hutchinson

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....."For the Fruits of This Creation".....No. 97

† OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Rev. Wilkinson

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Be Thou My Vision*.....Ensemble (8:30)  
John Rutter Chancel Choir (11:00)

† DOXOLOGY .....No. 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.....I Timothy 6:17-19.....Dr. Day  
New Testament, Page 257 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**THE GENEROSITY FACTOR**.....Dr. Day

I. First, the generosity factor involves choosing an abundance mentality rather than a scarcity mentality.

II. Second, the generosity factor involves looking to and trusting God as your source.

III. Third, the generosity factor involves discovering and connecting with God's cycle of sufficiency.

IV. Fourth, the generosity factor involves recognizing God's grace brings abundant blessings and makes possible abundant ministry.

V. Finally, the generosity factor involves giving generously with God at the center and developing an attitude of gratitude.

† \*HYMN OF INVITATION... "Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated" ...No. 399  
*(During the singing of this hymn, those who wish to join the First Methodist family are invited to come to the front of the church for reception and recognition.)*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS ..... Dr. Rhoads

*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 ..... Bishop William Hutchinson

SENDING FORTH.....*Alleluia*.....Ensemble (8:30)

Larry Gatlin

Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Fuga in c, BWV537*.....E. Ray Peebles

Johann Sebastian Bach



**Acolytes:** Henry Peacock (8:30), William Harrel, Bennett Lewis (11:00)

**Crucifer:** William Peacock (8:30), Sydney Harrel (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.**

\* **IF YOU WISH TO JOIN** the First United Methodist Church family, please come forward at this time.

\*\**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*

• *K5-3RD graders (11:00): Dawson Building, Room 208, behind the Sanctuary*

Childcare for infants through 4 years is available from 8:15 to 12:15 in the Children's Ministry Center. From the sanctuary, follow the sign located in the hallway between the sanctuary and the Dawson Building. Outdoor access is located on the corner of Douglas and Milam Streets.