

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Celebration of Worship – *Last Sunday After Pentecost* – 11.26.17

PRELUDE.....*Voluntary on ENGELBERG*.....E. Ray Peebles
Charles Callahan

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

INTROIT.....*This is the Day*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Mark Hayes Chancel Choir (11:00)

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE*"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*.....No. 694

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 881.....Rev. Wilkinson

BAPTISM (8:30).....Chloe Fae Meyers.....No. 39, Dr. Day
Presented by her parents, Mr. & Mrs. James Matthew Meyers

BAPTISM (11:00).....Jameson Ray McKinzie.....No. 39, Dr. Day
Presented by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Austin McKinzie

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Ride on, King Jesus!*.....Richard Hemmings, bass
arr. William Cutter

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Psalm 100.....Dr. Goad
Old Testament, Page 679 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 Beck

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 Beauty of the Earth”.....No. 92

† OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Christus Paradox*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Alfred Fedak 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.....I Thessalonians 5:18.....Dr. Day
New Testament, Page 250 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**THE POWER OF GRATITUDE**.....Dr. Day

I. First, gratitude is the greatest gauge of your heart.

II. Second, gratitude is a hard fought, grace infused biblical lifestyle.

III. Third, gratitude is a matter of obedience to the will of God.

IV. Finally, gratitude is truly your life preserver in the turbulent waters of life.

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Now Thank We All Our God”.....No. 102
(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. 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.

BENEDICTIONBishop William Hutchinson

SENDING FORTH.....*God Be with You ‘Till We Meet Again*.....Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Dale Wood Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Now Thank We All Our God*.....E. Ray Peebles
arr. Virgil Fox



Acolytes: Henry Peacock (8:30), John Ashton Hunter, Landry Hobson (11:00)

Crucifer: William Peacock (8:30), Leslie Hunter (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.