

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Celebration of Worship – *First Sunday in Lent - February 18, 2018*

PRELUDE..... *Chorale Prelude on NEED*..... E. Ray Peebles
Edward Kerr
[I need Thee Every Hour]

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING.....Dr. Goad

INTROIT.....*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*.....Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Paul Sjolund Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. Goad

† HYMN OF PRAISE“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”..... No. 110

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 887.....Dr. Goad

BAPTISM (11:00)..... Charlie Ann Lorant.....No. 39, Dr. Day
presented by her parents Mr. & Mrs. Colby Hollis Lorant

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace*.....Wesleyan Octet
Samuel Sebastian Wesley

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Ephesians 6:10-20.....Rev. Wilkinson
New Testament, Page 238 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 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.....“Am I a Soldier of the Cross”.....No. 511

† OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Rev. Wilkinson

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Paul Halley Chancel Choir (11:00)

† DOXOLOGYNo. 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

SCRIPTURE READING.....II Chronicles 20:15-17.....Dr. Day
Old Testament, Page 498 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**WINNING THE BATTLES IN YOUR LIFE**.....Dr. Day

I. First, there can only be one Commander in Chief.

II. Second, always fight your battles on your knees.

III. Third, decide before the battle begins you're going to obey God regardless of what happens.

IV. Fourth, find your strength in God - trust Him totally.

V. Fifth, refuse to run away.

VI. Sixth, guard what you say.

VII. Seventh, be alert to growing weary.

VIII. Finally, to stay on the path of victory, you must see everything that happens as coming from God himself.

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Soldiers of Christ, Arise”.....No. 513
(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.....Bishop Hutchinson

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 Hutchinson

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

POSTLUDE.....*The Old Hundredth*.....E. Ray Peebles
arr. Johann Pachelbel



Acolytes: Henry Peacock, Caroline Wood (8:30), Frank Thaxton, Alexandra Thaxton (11:00)
Crucifer: Ellen Douglas (8:30), Cade Thaxton (11:00)
Banner Carrier: William Peacock (8:30), Kathryn Thaxton (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.