

**FIRST CHURCH
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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 2012
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Worship service begins at 11:00 a.m.

ENTRANCE

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Minuet Gothique*
Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

CHORAL INTROIT *Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place*
Gordon Young (1919-1998)

Let heavenly music fill this place and all the harmonies of heaven be heard.
Let one grand song of praise resound, one alleluia!

Let mighty organs peal and roll and choirs invisible be heard;
Let anthems grand now thrill my soul, one alleluia!

O may we join the heavenly choir that through the ages will sing on;
In praise to Father and to Son, one alleluia!

**Congregation Standing*

***GREETING/CALL TO WORSHIP**

--Psalm 103:1-2, 20-22, NIV

Praise the LORD, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

**Praise the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.**

Praise the LORD, you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

Praise the LORD, O my soul.

***OPENING PRAYER**

This is the day that you have made, Lord.

Help us to rejoice in it and be glad!

Remind us of the privileges we enjoy as your people:

to come to you in these moments,

to confess our sins,

to receive forgiveness and give it,

to pray and sing and listen,

to renew our fainting spirits,

to rest in all your promises.

Open our eyes to see you, Lord

Open our ears to hear your Word.

Visit us through your Holy Spirit,

and help us to celebrate our faith. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

UMH 110

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

TIME OF PRAYER

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer – 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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children ages 3-7 may leave for Children's Chapel

William Cooper

***HYMN Come, Let Us Eat**

UMH 625

William Cooper, Leader

OFFERING

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY Aughton Jack C. Goode (1921-2002)

**Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought;
bless thou the work our hearts have planned.
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;
the rest, O God, is in thy hand.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Samuel 12:1-13

“¹And the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, ‘There were two men in a certain city, one rich and the other poor. ²The rich man had very many flocks and herds; ³but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meagre fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man’s lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.’ ⁵Then David’s anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, ‘As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; ⁶he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.’

“⁷Nathan said to David, ‘You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; ⁸I gave you your master’s house, and your master’s wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. ⁹Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. ¹¹Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. ¹²For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.’ ¹³David said to Nathan, ‘I have sinned against the LORD.’ Nathan said to David, ‘Now the LORD has put away your sin; you shall not die.’”

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC The Lord My Pasture Shall Prepare

Geoffrey Shaw (1879-1943)

The Lord my pasture shall prepare, and feed me with a shepherd’s care;
His presence shall my wants supply, and guard me with a watchful eye;
My noonday walks He shall attend, and all my midnight hours defend.

When in the sultry glebe I faint, or on the thirsty mountain pant,
To fertile vales and dewy meads my weary wand’ring steps He leads,
Where peaceful rivers soft and slow, amid the verdant landscape flow.

Though in a bare and rugged way through devious lonely wilds I stray,
Thy bounty shall my pains beguile; the barren wilderness shall smile
With sudden greens and herbage crowned,
and streams shall murmur all around.

Though in the paths of death I tread, with gloomy horrors overspread,
My steadfast heart shall fear no ill, for thou, O Lord art with me still:
Thy friendly crook shall give me aid,
and guide me through the dreadful shade.

***NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Matthew 16:13-19

“¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ ¹⁴And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ ¹⁵He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’”

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SERMON What Can Jesus Do?

THE LORD’S SUPPER

CONFESSION AND PARDON

--Psalm 51:1-4, 6, 9-11, NRSV

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass
judgment.**

You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

**Do not cast me from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.**

CELEBRATION OF THE SUPPER

COMMUNION SETTING A

UMH 17

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN OF RESPONSE Standing on the Promises**

UMH 374

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING VOLUNTARY Postlude**

C. Ad. Thomas

GOING FORTH

As we worship today...

*The **flowers** in the chancel area are given in honor of Hal and Diana Baker's 52nd wedding anniversary.*

*The **liturgist** this month is David Pickett.*

*The **communion offering** today will go to the Memphis Union Mission.*

2012 Flower Calendar

The Flower Calendar for 2012 is available on the Hospitality Table. To donate flowers for the worship service in memory or honor of someone, the cost is \$45.

Wednesday Evening Fellowship is Back

We are back from our break in July. Our programs on August 8, and 15, will be about the Amish people. August 22, Liz Clayton, Director of the Wesley Senior Ministries, will speak to us about the Golden Cross Ministries, and on August 29, we will have a worship service.

Wednesday Evening Fellowship Meals

The Wednesday Evening Fellowship meals have been going very well since we switched over to volunteers providing the food as a means of raising money for their group or the church budget. Please sign up on the Wednesday Evening Dinner Calendar or contact the office at 527-8362 or office@firstchurchmemphis.org if you would like to volunteer.

Extravagant Generosity

A Celebration of Laity -- Everyone is invited!

Sunday, August 19, 2012, 3:00 P.M.

Bartlett United Methodist Church, Sanctuary, 5676 Stage Rd., Bartlett, TN
Join us in celebrating the ministry of the laity of the Asbury District. We will be honoring our Unsung Hero for 2011, Jay Ferguson. Contact the Asbury District Office at 590-1820 or tcarrroll@asburydistrictumc.org for more information.

Tuesday Bible Study

We will not meet in August.

Join us Tuesdays at Noon in September at Caritas Village, 2509 Harvard Ave. Contact William Cooper at 338-6540 for more information.

August Newsletter

For those who do not receive the newsletter via email, there are copies of the August newsletter on the Hospitality Table.

Please Hold Up In Prayer

Joe Baker, Leisl Beck, Annie Ruth Brown, Keith Butler, Nicklaus Carter, Rebekah Carter, Vickie Dobbins, Whitney Jane Edmunds, Sue Eppinger, Carolena Fontan, Jason Kopacko, Matt Lyons, Curtis McAlister, Shelly McCarter, Austin, Glenn and Willie Merriweather, Tom Moore, Betty Neuron, Millie Petrie, Jimmy Phillips, Susanna Hays Polk, the Rettinger family, Steve Runyon, Buck Sigler, Kerry Smith, Elizabeth Stepeny, Buddy Strizes, Dan Thompson, Debra Ward, J.R. Wiggins, Helen Williams, Dedra Wright, and Edmond Ziegenhorn.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, August 5, 2012

9:45 a.m. Sunday School classes for all ages

11:00 a.m. Worship

11:10 a.m. Children's Chapel

Monday, August 6, 2012

6:00 p.m. Trustees meeting

Tuesday, August 7, 2012

10:30 a.m. **United Methodist Women**, 2nd Floor. Judith Nyabando will present the program about her homeland, Zimbabwe. Please bring a sandwich.

Wednesday, August 8, 2012

5:30–6:00 Library Open

6:00 p.m. Dinner

6:45 p.m. Program: **The Amish, Part 1**

6:45 p.m. Children's Program, Room 111

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 9, 2012

6:30 p.m. **Zumba Class** with Betty Baggett

Sunday, August 12, 2012

9:45 a.m. Sunday School classes for all ages

11:00 a.m. Worship

11:10 a.m. Children's Chapel

COMING EVENTS:

Monday, August 13, 2012

6:00 p.m. **First Witness**, home of Pat Ferguson

Wednesday, August 15, 2012

6:45 p.m. **The Amish, Part 2**

Thursday, August 16, 2012

6:30 p.m. **First Church North**, home of Laurence and Corky Dobbins

Saturday, August 18, 2012

9:00 a.m. **United Methodist Men**, the Cupboard Restaurant

Sunday, August 19, 2012

3:00 p.m. **Extravagant Generosity: A Celebration of Laity**, Bartlett UMC, 5676 Stage Rd.

Monday, August 20, 2012

6:00 a.m. **Finance Committee** meeting

Wednesday, August 22, 2012

September Newsletter Deadline

6:45 p.m. **Liz Clayton, Golden Cross Ministries**

Wednesday, August 29, 2012

6:45 p.m. **Worship Service**

Scripture Readings for August 12

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

Psalm 130

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

John 6:35, 41-51