

**FIRST CHURCH
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186 Years of Worship and Service

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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2012
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Worship service begins at 11:00 a.m.

ENTRANCE

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Prelude on an American Folk Melody
Robert Hebble (b. 1934)

***GREETING/CALL TO WORSHIP** --based on Psalm 98:1-6

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has worked wonders,
whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation.

**The Lord has made known salvation;
has shown justice to the nations;
has remembered truth and love for the house of Israel.**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing out your joy.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.

**Congregation Standing*

***OPENING PRAYER**

--1 Chronicles 29:10-13, NIV

Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.

**Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory
and the majesty and the splendor,**
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.

In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise you glorious name.

***OPENING HYMN O Worship the King UMH 73**

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 Carol Stricklin

***HYMN Open My Eyes, That I May See UMH 454**

OFFERING

**OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY Adorate Dominum
Théodore Salomé (1834-1896)**

***DOXOLOGY – in unison UMH 587**

**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 Jeremiah 29:10-14

¹⁰For thus says the LORD: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfil to you my promise and bring you back to this place.¹¹For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.¹²Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you.¹³When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart,¹⁴I will let

you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.”

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 24

UMH 755

Choral Response 2 – first by cantor; repeat in unison

***NEW TESTAMENT READING**

John 6:41-51

⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, ‘I am the bread that came down from heaven.’⁴²They were saying, ‘Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, “I have come down from heaven”?’⁴³Jesus answered them, ‘Do not complain among yourselves.⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day.⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, “And they shall all be taught by God.” Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me.⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father.⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life.⁴⁸I am the bread of life.⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.’”

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON **God Isn’t Playing Hide n Seek**

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** **I Am Thine, O Lord**

UMH 419

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING VOLUNTARY** **Psalm XX** **Gordon Young (1919-1998)**

GOING FORTH

CVLI #503681983; CCLI #3265169

As we worship today...

*The **flowers** in the chancel area are given in honor Laurie Cooper Kay’s birthday on August 17.*

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

Extravagant Generosity

A Celebration of Laity -- Everyone is invited!

Next 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@asburymc.org for more information.

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. **Please make a note of the dates you sign up for so that you will remember to pay for them.**

Wednesday Evening Fellowship is Back

We are back from our break in July. Our program on August 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.

New Tuesday Bible Study in September Growing Older and Wiser

On September 4, we will begin a nine week study on Growing Older & Wiser. Please join us Tuesdays at Noon at Caritas Village, 2509 Harvard Ave. Contact William Cooper at 338-6540 for more information.

First Church North

Home of Laurence and Corky Dobbins, 6600 Ricks Rd., Arlington, TN.

Dinner is at 6:30 with the study at 7:15 p.m. Anyone interested in joining this group can contact Corky at 356-0595 or ldobbhome@aol.com.

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.

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, Elizabeth Caldwell, Nicklaus Carter, Rebekah Carter, Vickie Dobbins, Ginger Dukes, Whitney Jane Edmunds, Sue Eppinger, Carolena Fontan, Jason Kopacko, Matt Lyons, Curtis McAlister, 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.

Don't Get Towed

We do not want anyone coming to First Church to have their car towed, so please be sure and put a First Church parking pass in your front window each time you come to the church. Passes are available on the Hospitality Table or in the office.

Automate Your Regular Offering

First Church wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular offering. Electronic giving provides convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. Getting started is easy. Authorization forms are available from the church office.

The Carpenter's Table Food Pantry

The Carpenter's Table is open every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. until Noon. Please contact the office if you can help serve the customers, and please continue to bring food as you are able. All donations are welcome. We are currently in need of canned tuna or chicken, cold cereal, canned fruit, fruit juice, peanut butter and macaroni & cheese.

Zumba Class – Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Betty Baggett is offering Zumba classes at First Church on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.. It's a great way to combine fitness with fun!!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

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

Monday, August 13, 2012

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

Wednesday, August 15, 2012

5:30-6:00 Library Open

6:00 p.m. Dinner

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

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

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 16, 2012

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

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

Saturday, August 18, 2012

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

Sunday, August 19, 2012

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

11:00 a.m. Worship

11:10 a.m. Children's Chapel

Noon **Staff Parish Relations Committee**

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

COMING EVENTS:

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 19

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

Psalm 111

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58