

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FUMC MONTGOMERY

We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today. Our focus is on worship, discipleship, outreach, and care. If you are visiting, we hope you will consider becoming a member of our church either by profession of faith or transfer of church membership. To join, please come forward at the end of the service, indicating your desire, or for more information about joining our church family, please contact Rev. John O. Blount at jblount@fumcmontgomery.org or 334-834-8990.

LITURGICAL SEASON: ORDINARY TIME

Ordinary Time begins after Pentecost Sunday and continues until the beginning of Advent. The liturgical color is green, signifying a time when the church is growing in the faith.

NURSERY & CHILDREN'S BULLETINS

The nursery is available for children through age five in the Children's Building located behind the Sanctuary. If you need help locating the nursery, please see an usher or greeter for assistance. Children's worship bulletins are available from an usher.

HEARING AIDS

Portable hearing aids are available from an usher.

PASTORAL CARE AT FUMC MONTGOMERY

To share any pastoral concerns with the ministers, email pastoralcare@fumcmontgomery.org or call the church office during business hours at 334-834-8990.

BAPTISM

Mary Frances Reeves
August 13, 2017
daughter of John and Virginia Reeves

WEDDING

Laura Andreades and Michael Reilly, Jr.
August 12, 2017

IN MEMORIAM

David E. Wigginton
August 16, 2017

SYMPATHY

The ministers and congregation wish to express their sympathy to **David and Jenny Brand and their family** upon the death of Jenny's mother, *Dorothy Murphy Wyatt*.

*Thank you for silencing your electronic devices during the service and for refraining from flash photography. Live streaming of our morning worship services is available at fumcmontgomery.org/livestream.

Hospitality: We Need You

We have opportunities to serve as an usher, a greeter, or a parking lot attendant. If you are interested in serving, please email John Blount at jblount@fumcmontgomery.org or call the church office at 334-834-8990.

Lay Leadership Orientation

If you are a member of the Administrative Board, Board of Trustees Chair, SPR Chair, Finance Committee Chair, Council on Ministries Chair/Vice Chair, Work Area Chair/Vice Chair, or a Lay Delegate to Annual Conference, please plan to attend a general orientation for these leadership positions on Wednesday, August 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the Epworth Room. For more information contact Lillian Gilley at 334-834-8990 or lgilley@fumcmontgomery.org.

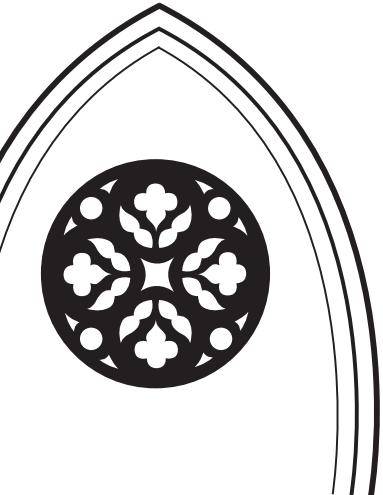
Countdown to Children's Choirs and Summit Kids Xtreme!

Wednesday, September 6 | 6:00-7:10 p.m.

God's Word, music, worship, friends, small groups, and prayer. Come ready to hunt for God's treasure!

Boston Butt Sale for T. S. Morris

Proceeds benefit the T. S. Morris Elementary School Partners' Alliance. Place an order today by visiting the table in the breezeway and outside of Duffey Chapel. Cost: \$35 | Delivery/Pick-up Date: September 1



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry congregation

— AUGUST 20, 2017 —

— ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —

*Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.*

Dr. Jeremy K. Pridgeon
Senior Minister

Reverend John O. Blount
Associate Minister

Reverend Gillian L. Walters
Associate Minister

Reverend Jack O. Allen
Associate Minister

Reverend Ben A. McDavid
Associate Minister

Dr. Karl K. Stegall
Pastor Emeritus

Reverend Ed J. Deabler
Associate Minister

Dr. James H. Seay
Director of Music

Dr. Joshua H. Coble
Organist/Assistant Director
of Music

Bishop David W. Graves
Bishop of Alabama-West
Florida Conference



Reverend John E. Brooks
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MORNING WORSHIP

AUGUST 20, 2017

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
EIGHT FORTY-FIVE AND ELEVEN O'CLOCK
LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN
DISCIPLESHIP SUNDAY

Gathering Dr. Jeremy K. Pridgeon

Prelude *Prélude* César Franck

Chiming of the Trinity
The three chimes signify the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Introit *Create in Me a Clean Heart* arr. Albin Whitworth

*Processional Hymn *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* 154

*Call to Worship

Leader: Once we were no people, but now we are God's people, called out of the darkness into God's marvelous light. Therefore we sing with the Church in all ages:

People: **Blessed be your name, O God, our Redeemer.**
By your mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

*Invocation

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: Teach us, Ruler of the universe, to see people by the light of the faith we possess, that we may check in ourselves all ungenerous judgements, all presumptuous claims, that, recognizing the needs and rightful claims of others, we may remove old hatred and rivalries and hasten new understandings, that we may bring our tributes of excellence to the treasury of our common humanity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
 Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried;
 the third day he rose from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth at the right hand

of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
 the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*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.

Welcome and Parish Notices

Registration of Attendance

Fall Study Speaker

Chris Dupree

Three-Year-Olds Receive Worship Bags
(8:45 a.m.)

Third Graders Receive Bibles
(11:00 a.m.)

Concerns of a Caring Fellowship

Preparation for Prayer

*Come away with me to a quiet place,
apart from the world with its frantic pace,
to pray, reflect, and seek God's grace.
Come away with me. Come away.*

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Gillian L. Walters

Lord's Prayer

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.

Offertory

arr. T. Frederick Candlyn

Thee We Adore

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, Thee, who in Thy sacrament art pleased to be; Both flesh and spirit in Thy presence fail. Yet here Thy presence we devoutly hail. O blest memorial of our dying Lord, who living bread to men afford! O may our souls for ever feed on Thee, and Thou, O Christ, forever precious be. Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God, cleanse us, unclean, in Thy most cleansing flood; Increase our faith and love, that we may know the hope and peace which from Thy presence flow. O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see, may what we thirst for soon our portion be, to gaze on Thee unveiled, and see Thy face, the vision of Thy glory and Thy grace.

Cathedral Choir

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye, heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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*Prayer for Our Nation

*Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing;
long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
protect us by thy might, great God, our King.*

America

Blessing on the Year

Rev. Jack O. Allen
Children ages three through first grade will be escorted to Children's Church. Visitors are welcome to accompany their children.

*Gospel Lesson *Matthew 15:21-28*

Pew Bible, NT Pg. 16

Sermon *A Turning Point* Dr. Jeremy K. Pridgeon

Response to the Word *Lord of the Small* arr. Dan Forrest

Praise to the Lord of the small, broken things, who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing, who loves the lame child, and the wretch in the street, who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet. Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid, who girds them with courage and lends them His aid; He pours out His Spirit on vessels so weak that the timid can serve and the silent can speak. Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill, who heals their afflictions, or carries them till they leave this tired frame and to paradise fly, to never be sick, and never to die. Praise Him, o praise Him, all ye who yet live, who've been given so much and can so little give, our frail, lisping praise God will never despise: He sees His dear children through mercy-filled eyes.

Cathedral Choir

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Those desiring to unite with the church, either by profession of faith or by transfer of membership, are invited to join the ministers at the chancel rail during the singing of the first stanza of the Hymn of Invitation.

*Hymn of Invitation *In Christ There Is No East or West* 548

Rev. John O. Blount

*Benediction

arr. John Yarrington

*Choral Response

The Grace of the Lord Jesus

*Postlude

Fuga in D, BWV 532

J. S. Bach

After the service, please turn and greet those nearest you.

*Please stand as you are able.

Flowers

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Mary, Mary Lou, and Lillian Evans by Dr. Jack Evans.