



*First United
Methodist Church*

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WELCOME

“I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord!’” (Psalm 122:1) May we join together with joy as we approach our blessed Creator in worship. Welcome, friends, in the name of Christ.

THANK YOU DONNA

After many years of faithful service Donna Kelley will be retiring as church secretary. We are very grateful for her commitment to the people and ministry of this church and we want to celebrate with her. We are having a reception for her this morning, September 17th, from 9:40-10:40 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A basket will be available for you to leave your expressions of appreciation. Hope to see you there.

TODAY

PARENTS of 3rd through 6th graders, just a reminder that we will be having **ACOLYTE TRAINING** at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary this morning, **Sunday, September 17.**

ORDER OF WORSHIP
8:40 & 11:00 Traditional Worship
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome

Prelude *Glorify Thy Name* D. Adkins/L. Lamb

*Call to Worship Based Upon Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

We gather with gladness in the Lord's house this Sabbath day!

We gather in God's Name. We gather in God's Love.

Come, let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn #578 *God of Love and God of Power (v. 1,2,4)*

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

*Gloria Patri #70 *Glory Be to the Father*

*Greeting

Time Mostly for Children

Psalter Reading Psalm 118:20-24

Anthem of Exaltation *This Is the Day* Dan Forrest

Morning Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Sabbath Hymn *O Day of Rest and Gladness* Lancashire

Morning Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Ministry Moment Church Nursery

Offertory *Fanfare of Praise* Kevin McChesney

*Doxology #94 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**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, who power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Scripture Reading Exodus 20:8-11

Song of Reflection *Ancient Words* arr. Craig Courtney

Ladies:

Ancient words, long preserved for our walk in this world, they resound with God's own heart, O let the ancient words impart.

Gentlemen:

Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope, in this world where'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

ALL:

Ancient words ever true, changing me and changing you, we have come with open hearts. O let the ancient words impart. (Repeat)

Sermon The Lord's Day

*Hymn of Response #472 *Near to the Heart of God*
McAfee

*Benediction

*Postlude

Leading in Worship

Pastor: Jim Genesse, Charlie Harper

*Assisting: Joey Wilkinson, Genny Fischer,
Mattie Burton, Hanna Bridge*

*Musicians: Carole Sorenson, Shawn Sullivan
Chancel Choir, Handbell Ensemble*

*Acolytes: (8:40) Natalie Nadorff, Patton Lafleur
(11:00) Lennox Waters, Baker Crosland*

11:00 WORSHIP AT CONNECTION 9/17
101 W. Lampkin Street
Rev. Charlie Harper

Living Hope: Suffering for Righteousness
1 Peter 3:13-17; 4:12-19

Mark your calendars for our Fellowship
Lunch next Sunday, September 24

UPCOMING CHURCH CONFERENCE

The District Superintendent has set the meeting for our congregation to vote on disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church. "The Starkville First United Methodist Church will have a special called church conference on Sunday, September 24, 2023. The conference will be held in the sanctuary of the church beginning at 4:00 PM. The sole purpose of this meeting will be to discuss and vote upon the Certification filed with the Mississippi Conference of the UMC, Inc." All full members of the congregation will be eligible to vote. If you are unsure of your status please contact Lori Smith, Church Administrator. The vote will be taken by secret ballot and results reported to the church conference before adjournment. For the motion to pass a minimum of two thirds of the full members present and voting must vote in favor of the motion. There will be no absentee ballots or proxies allowed. The Annual Conference asks all who are participating to remain for the entire meeting until adjournment. Registration begins at 3:00 p.m. and a nursery will be provided.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our love and prayers are extended to Barbara Norman and family in the death of her mother, **Mrs. Elsie Rhodes** of Ackerman. Mrs. Elsie was also a member of our church.



National Faith & Blue Weekend facilitates safer and stronger communities by engaging law enforcement officers and local residents through the connections of faith-based organizations. This year the weekend falls on October 6-9. We will host a breakfast for local law enforcement in cooperation with other area churches at the **Connection** building on **Friday, October 6th, from 8:00 am - 10:00 am**. We will be providing setup, hosts and beverages. If you would like to help please contact Rev. Charlie Harper or Rev. Jim Genesse at the church. We encourage all to stop by and thank these women and men who serve our community so faithfully.

ABOUT THE GATHERING PLACE

If you don't know, following the 8:40 worship service we have a social half hour in the Fellowship Hall before Sunday School with coffee and refreshments we call the Gathering Place. Groups used to provide home baked goods, etc., but since Covid, we have had pre-packaged snack items. We are forming a committee to talk about how this time of fellowship might continue from here on out. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please call Carol Jones at 662-323-0768.

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON - 9/28/23 at 11:30 in CLC

COLLEGE MINISTRY

“Study Hall” at Connection continues each Wednesday this fall from 3 - 5 p.m. Need a place to study away from campus with free snacks and coffee? Check us out!

Sunday School for College students meets every Sunday morning at 10 am at Connection.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of members to volunteer their time to assist in the Nursery. The Nursery is a ministry within the church and having the opportunity to help pave the way and mold the children of Starkville First United Methodist Church is a blessing within itself. We are asking members to please consider signing up for a minimum of 1 session every 6 weeks. Any high school aged and college aged volunteers will have the opportunity to receive service hours. To learn more about this opportunity or to sign up, please contact Hanna Bridge directly at hanna@first-umc.org. Thank you!

FOR YOUTH

Youth Band will have a meeting today from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the youth room.

There will be a **Youth Parent Meeting** this evening at 5:30 on the Youth Hall.

Also **Youth Council** will meet during the Sunday School hour next Sunday in the Chapel.