



# *First United Methodist Church*

200 W. Lampkin Street  
Starkville, Mississippi

[www.first-umc.org](http://www.first-umc.org)

662-323-5722

May 28, 2023

## **WELCOME**

Today is Pentecost Sunday, the day when the Holy Spirit gave life to the Church. The first Christians became a family “of one heart and soul” (Acts 4:32). We, too, can be in union with one another if we allow the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. A hearty welcome to all!

## **MEMORIAL DAY**

Memorial Day emerged from the grim shadows of the American Civil War. Before the close of the war, women began decorating the graves of soldiers who had died in that war. The practice quickly spread, and a few years later May 30, 1868, was designated as Decoration Day - a day for placing flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers throughout the United States.

In 1882 Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and soldiers who died in other wars were also honored. Over the years, it has become a day when all loved ones who have died - in war and otherwise - are remembered. In 1971, the U.S. Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed annually on the last Monday in May.

On this Memorial Day, remember those who gave their lives for our country. But also pray for those who continue serving to keep America free, especially those who are in harm's way.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**8:40 & 11:00 Traditional Worship**  
**Day of Pentecost**

Gathering    *Introduction and Toccata in G*    William Walond  
Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome

Prelude            *We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit*    Buxtehude

\*Call to Worship    Adapted from Acts 1:8

Jesus said, "And you will receive power, when the Holy Spirit comes on you.

**And you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."**

Holy Spirit, on this Pentecost Sunday,  
**we claim your power.**

\*Hymn of Pentecost #539    *O Spirit of the Living God*

\*Our Statement of Faith    The Nicene Creed (Responsive)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
**maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

**God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,** begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

**Through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

**he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

**With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.**

He has spoken through the prophets.

**We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of  
sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the  
life of the world to come. Amen.**

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

\*Greeting

A Time Mostly for Children

Scripture Reading      Acts 2:1-4a

Anthem of Pentecost      *Veni Sancte Spiritus*      Luke Rosen  
(Come, Holy Spirit)

Morning Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Hymn Medley #393      *Spirit of the Living God*  
#420      *Breathe on Me, Breath of God (v. 1,2,3)*  
#334      *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

\*Doxology #95      *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Gospel Verse      John 16:7

Sermon      Help When You Need It

\*Hymn of Response #465      *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude      *Rondeau*      Fiocco/Callahan

### **Leading in Worship**

*Pastor: Jim Genesse, Charlie Harper*

*Assisting: Joey Wilkinson, Genny Fischer*

*Musicians: Michaëlle Harrison, Carole Sorenson*

*Chancel Choir, Julia Schloemer (oboe), Lynn Infanger (flute)*

**11:00 WORSHIP AT CONNECTION 5/28**  
**101 W. Lampkin Street**  
**Rev. Charlie Harper**  
**The Art of Worship in Practice:**  
**Balancing Dependence and Action**  
**I Corinthians 10:31**

#### **OUR SYMPATHY**

Our love and prayers are extended to Lucy Senter and family in the death of her husband, **Mr. David Senter** of Starkville.

#### **A Note from the Board of Trustees**

Starkville has started the downtown project to install new water mains and sewage lines. This project will impact Main Street and Lampkin Street. The project will affect traffic in this area (First and Connection) and may alter the route you take to and from the church. In addition, our church has agreed to allow the construction company to store materials and equipment on our property on the south side of Lampkin Street. As part of the agreement, the company will provide improvements to that property for the church. —Tim Chamblee, Chair

#### **COMING UP...**

**May 29 - Church Office Closed for Memorial Day**

June 2 - Youth to Geysers Falls

The **Summer Missions Market** begins June 4 with vegetables and baked goods. Save a little extra to bring to the Gathering Place on Sundays this summer!

**Thank you** Cherri Lightsey, Barbara Stewart, Janet Gullett and Anna Hood for the delicious luncheon last Tuesday - and Jim Ormon - you are the best!