



First United Methodist Church

200 W. Lampkin Street
Starkville, Mississippi
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September 25, 2022

SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISM

Today we celebrate with Zach and Kori Darby who present their baby girl, **Logan McClanahan Darby**, for the sacrament of infant baptism. Zach and Kori will bring their membership to FUMC as well. Logan's grandparents are Scott Clyde and the late Jenniffer Clyde of Spearfish, South Dakota, and Paul & Leesa Darby of Noxapater.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar this morning were given in loving memory of **Dr. Tom Loftin** on his birthday, September 28, by Judy Loftin and Family.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR OPPORTUNITY

Our Church Administrator will be retiring at the end of the year. We are seeking applications for this position and a full job description can be found posted on the church website. To apply contact Brian McCaskill, Chair of Staff-Parish Relations Committee at applications@first-umc.org. Please provide a cover letter and resume with three professional references. Applications will be received through **Friday, September 30, 2022**.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Traditional Worship Service
8:40 & 11:00 a.m.

Gathering

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome

Prelude

*Opening Hymn *Stand Up and Bless the Lord* ST. THOMAS

*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 #70 *Glory Be to the Father*

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. Amen.

Celebration of Baptism 11:00 Logan McClanahan Darby

Logan, Logan, God claims you. God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.

We this day do all agree, a child of God you'll always be. Logan, Logan, God claims you. God helps you, protects you and loves you too.

We are here to say this day, that we will help you on your way.

Logan, Logan, God claims you. God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

*Greeting

A Time Mostly for Children

Anthem *Only God* M. McDonald

Morning Prayer / The 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.

Ministry Moment Prayer Ministry

*Offertory Hymn #526 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Offertory Prayer

Offertory *Abide with Me* arr. David Marlett

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Scripture Lesson I Thessalonians 5:17

Sermon Drawing Water

*Hymn of Response #395 *Take Time to be Holy* (v. 1,2,4)

*Benediction

*Postlude *Solace* arr. Andy Clark

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastors: Jim Genesse, Charlie Harper
Assisting: Joey Wilkinson, Mattie Burton
Musicians: Michaelle Harrison, Carole Sorenson
Chancel Choir, Brass Ensemble
Acolytes: 8:40 Lydia & Neely Watts
11:00 Lilly Thach, Wilkes Tagert

Drawing Water
I Thessalonians 5:17 (NLT)
“Never Stop Praying”

(1) Pray

(2) Pray

(3) Pray

(4) Pray

(5) Pray

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN THANKFUL
FOR GENEROSITY TO STARKVILLE STRONG**

Thank you for your incredible support of the Lunch & Learn sponsored to raise our church's awareness of the work Starkville Strong is doing in our community. Two overflowing tables of food items were donated along with \$950 in financial donations. Please continue to drop off non-perishable food and household items for Starkville Strong in the donation area in the entrance hall to the Fellowship Hall. Contact Brandi Herrington at 662-314-4648 or starkvillestrong.org for other areas of need.

11:00 WORSHIP AT CONNECTION 9/25
Rev. Charlie Harper
Acts 2:42-47
“Missio Dei: Devoted to the Good Will of Others”

CONNECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

Connection is collecting goods for Laundry Love through TODAY, September 25. Needed items include:

- Dish soap
- Clorox
- Windex
- Household cleaners like 409
- Laundry detergent
- Scrubbing pads and sponges
- Toothpaste
- Disinfectant wipes
- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Bath soap
- Hand soap

Life Group for College Students Sunday Nights at 7 pm at Connection. 101 W. Lampkin St.

FALL FESTIVAL WILL BE A JOINT EFFORT

This year FUMC will join with Griffin United Methodist Church to present our annual Fall Festival for our churches and community. It is scheduled for **Sunday, October 23**, in our tennis court parking lot from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. The event will be free to everyone.

You can help by bringing donations of wrapped candy to the church office up until 11:30 a.m. on Friday, October 21. If you would like to give a monetary donation to be used to help pay for food and other items, that would be great as well. We are also looking for groups of friends, Sunday School classes, etc. to put on a trunk or treat from one of their cars in the parking lot. You can sign up online or by texting mattie@first-umc.org

The **Quilt on the Altar** today is for our friend **Don Norman**. Please say a prayer and tie a knot on Don's behalf. Thanks for your good thoughts.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH'S PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayer is an important part of First Methodist Church's ministry. Ongoing prayer opportunities are available. The prayer request cards are back in our sanctuary pews and prayer request boxes are located outside our Church office and on the table in each of the rear sanctuary entrances. You may place prayer requests in these boxes or put them in the offering plates on Sundays.

Our Chapel offers a quiet place to pray and you may leave prayer requests and praises in the prayer box there. Folks meet weekly in our Chapel on Fridays from 10 to 11 am to pray for these requests and any others they may become aware of during the week, as well as praying for our Church outreach ministries and other concerns. Join in this encouraging ministry by coming to the Chapel on Friday mornings at 10.

Sewing Notions for Operation Christmas Child

Those who distribute shoeboxes remind us that many items we take for granted, such as sewing notions, are treasured by the families who receive our shoeboxes. Please drop off items at the Donation Drop outside the fellowship hall by Sunday, October 2. Circle Sarah will assemble packets at their October 4 meeting.

- ✓ Needles and thread
 - very important
- ✓ Buttons
- ✓ Small sewing kits
 - (ones from hotels are good)
- ✓ Pieces of ribbon, lace, etc.

