

First United Methodist Church

March 18, 2018

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Prelude Amanda Anderson

"My Jesus, I Love You" – Arrg. Ray

Call to Worship Choir

"Wondrous Love"

Invocation Rev. Freeman

***Hymn** UMH 424

"Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone" (vs. 1,2,3)

***Affirmation of Faith** UMH 881

The Apostles' Creed

Children's Time Rev. Freeman

Offertory Amanda Anderson

"The Way That He Loves" – Arrg. Anderson

***Doxology** UMH 95

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

***Hymn** UMH 297

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" (vs. 1,2,3)

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Freeman

Anthem Choir

"Written In Red"

Scripture John 12:27-36

Sermon Rev. Freeman

"So, You Want to See Jesus, Huh?"

***Hymn** UMH 338

"Where He Leads Me" (vs. 1,2,3,4)

***Benediction**

Choral Benediction Laura & Amanda

"Wondrous Love"

**Please stand as you are able*

Welcome to First United Methodist Church! Thanks for worshipping with us! We hope you experienced God's love for your life while you were here. If this is your first time, we hope you'll come back. If you wish to know more about our church, here's how:

- ❖ Please contact Rev. Freeman at efreeman@umcna.org or (205)393-2232; or at <https://heypreacher.com>
- ❖ Visit our website – <http://www.WinfieldFUMC.com>
- ❖ We're on Facebook – **Winfield First United Methodist Church**
- ❖ Call or e-mail the church office at (205)487-2405 or info@winfieldfumc.com

In Worship Today:

- ❖ Rev. Earl Freeman
- ❖ Laura Lesley – Choir Director
- ❖ Amanda Anderson – Asst. Choir Director/Pianist
- ❖ Carol Dickinson – Organist
- ❖ Bill Belle Isle, Roger Davis, Anthony McCaleb, and Joe Tex Tidwell – Ushers

Church Staff

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John 12:27-36

27 "Now I am deeply troubled. What should I say? 'Father, save me from this time?' No, for this is the reason I have come to this time. 28 Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." 29 The crowd standing there heard and said, "It's thunder." Others said, "An angel spoke to him." 30 Jesus replied, "This voice wasn't for my benefit but for yours. 31 Now is the time for judgment of this world. Now this world's ruler will be thrown out. 32 When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to me." (33 He said this to show how he was going to die.) 34 The crowd responded, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of man?" 35 Jesus replied, "The light is with you for only a little while. Walk while you have the light so that darkness doesn't overtake you. Those who walk in the darkness don't know where they are going. 36 As long as you have the light, believe in the light so that you might become people whose lives are determined by the light." After Jesus said these things, he went away and hid from them.

Announcements

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About the Feature Hymn for Today:

Thomas Shepherd wrote "**Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone**" in 1735. The version we sing is from 1887 hymnals. He was compelled by Jesus carrying His own cross to Golgotha. And how Simon of Cyrene carried for Him when He couldn't. So we too, must carry or bear our own cross.

Ushers for March:

- ❖ Bill Belle Isle, Roger Davis, Anthony McCaleb, and Tex Tidwell

Thanks to everyone who participated in yesterday's clean-up! Good job.

Weekly Events:

- ❖ Children/MS Youth Fellowship, Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Adult Bible Study, Wednesdays, at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Choir Practice, Wednesdays:
 - ❖ Handbells for Adults & Children at 5:30 p.m.
 - ❖ Adult Choir at 7:00 p.m.

Monthly Events:

- ❖ **Finance Committee Meeting**, today, March 18 at 4:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Administrative Board Meeting**, today, March 18, 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ **Wesleyan Fellowship**, Monday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ **First Wednesday Potluck Dinner**, April 04 at 5:30 p.m.

Other Seasonal Events:

- ❖ **Community Worship Service, Palm Sunday**, March 25, at 6:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church
- ❖ **Maundy Thursday Communion**, March 29, 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ **Easter Sunday**, April 1:
 - **Sunrise Service**, 6:00 a.m.
 - **Worship Service**, 11:00 a.m.

Prayer Requests & Praises

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Church Family:

Chuck Alexander	Kenneth Gilmer, surgery, 3/15
Sandy Anderson, surgery, 3/15	Marie Hill
Nell Attaway	Vonceal Holliman
Edd & Mary Jim Black	Glenn May
Clay & Kristen Brasher	Harold & Bertie Mae McDonald
Max Brasher, Wfld hosptl-recovery	Linda McDonald, Flu
Patsy Brasher, Wfld hospital-fall	Larry McGee
Rose Byrd	Carl McLaughlin, open-heart surgery
Lynn Crook, eye surgery	Whit Miles, injured in fall
Carol Dickinson	Frances Norris
Patsy Earnest	Amanda Carothers South
Chris Garrett	Lynn Smith
	Jayden, Jason & Tanya Tucker

Extended Family:

Truitt Allison, retired preacher
Doris Anderson (aunt of Todd and Allen Anderson)
Mickey Anderson, cancer, father of Allan Anderson
Marsha Baker, cancer (sister of Roger Davis)
Allen Barber, cancer has returned (friend of the Sexton family)
Brandon Bostick (grandson of Sonya and Jr. Bostick)
Bob Cox (friend of Jim & Jane Raines)

Allen Davis (friend of Randy Russell)
Donna Dunn (daughter of Jack & Hermi)
Jay Elliott, treatments
Bill Flowers, hospitalized
Nick Fox (friend of Jim Raines)
Jim Fuqua at UAB (father of Diana Reaves)
CaroLynne Gann, hospice (cousin of Prebble Bell & Mary Jim Black)
Jeff Halcomb, cancer (friend of Jimmy Chaffin)
Brenda Hall, in ICU at Tupelo (aunt of Pam Brasher)
Sean Hubbert, 2 mos. old, heart issues (friend of Amy Clelland)
Anjaleah Hubbert (Sean's mother), cervical cancer (friend of Amy Clelland)
Family of Dan Kilgore, passed away recently
Bobby Lacey, leukemia
Brandi Lowe (daughter of Chuck & Ginny Dickerson)
Duane Odell, stage 4 breast cancer (friend of Deborah Tidwell)
Larry & Marion Reese
William Robert Rodgers (brother of Harry Rodgers)
Randy Russell (son of Jack & Hermi)
Robert Sherry, abdominal surgery (brother-in-law of Rose Byrd)
Glynda Swinney, chemo (friend of Linda Housh)
Jim & Brenda Taylor (friend Linda McDonald)
Ed & June Trull (friends of Linda McDonald)
Kim Underwood, cancer (cousin of Prebble Bell & Mary Jim Black)
Brenda Walker, leukemia (friend of Linda McDonald)
Will Wharten, 3 yrs. old, kidney transplant (friend of Kara Williams)
Karl Yeager, heart & kidney issues (friend of Bill Belle Isle)



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