

First United Methodist Church

October 01, 2017

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

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| Prelude | Amanda Anderson <i>"Name of Prelude" – Arrg. Anderson</i> |
| Call to Worship | Choir <i>"Holy Ground"</i> |
| Invocation | Rev. Freeman |
| *Gloria Patri | UMH 70 <i>"Glory Be to the Father"</i> |
| *Hymn | Screen <i>"Trust and Obey" (vs.1), "You Are My All in All" (vs. 1,2)</i> |
| *Affirmation of Faith | UMH 881 <i>The Apostles' Creed</i> |
| Children's Time | Rev. Freeman (Children's Church: K - 4 th Grade) |
| Offertory | Amanda Anderson <i>"Name of Offertory" – Arrg. Anderson</i> |
| *Doxology | UMH 95 <i>"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"</i> |
| *Hymn | UMH 618 <i>"Let Us Break Bread Together" (vs. 1,3)</i> |
| Pastoral Prayer | Rev. Freeman |
| Anthem | The Sextons <i>"Name of Anthem"</i> |
| Scripture | Matthew 21:23-32 |
| Sermon | Rev. Freeman <i>"Whose Got the Power?"</i> |

Holy Communion

***Hymn** UMH 354

"I Surrender All" (vs. 1,4)

***Benediction**

Choral Benediction Choir

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" (FWS 2171)

**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 heypreacher.wordpress.com
- ❖ Visit our website - 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
- ❖ Allen Brasher, J. Max Brasher, Jimmy Chaffin, and Nick Smith - Ushers

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Matthew 21:23-32

23 When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and elders of the people came to him as he was teaching. They asked, "What kind of authority do you have for doing these things? Who gave you this authority?" 24 Jesus replied, "I have a question for you. If you tell me the answer, I'll tell you what kind of authority I have to do these things. 25 Where did John get his authority to baptize? Did he get it from heaven or from humans?" They argued among themselves, "If we say 'from heaven,' he'll say to us, 'Then why didn't you believe him?' 26 But we can't say 'from humans' because we're afraid of the crowd, since everyone thinks John was a prophet." 27 Then they replied, "We don't know." Jesus also said to them, "Neither will I tell you what kind of authority I have to do these things. 28 "What do you think? A man had two sons. Now he came to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' 29 "No, I don't want to," he replied. But later he changed his mind and went. 30 "The father said the same thing to the other son, who replied, 'Yes, sir.' But he didn't go. 31 "Which one of these two did his father's will?" They said, "The first one." Jesus said to them, "I assure you that tax collectors and prostitutes are entering God's kingdom ahead of you. 32 For John came to you on the righteous road, and you didn't believe him. But tax collectors and prostitutes believed him. Yet even after you saw this, you didn't change your hearts and lives and you didn't believe him.

Announcements

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REVISED October Newsletter included with this bulletin reflects the changes in our weekly schedules as shown in the email of September 25 to the congregation.

Thanks from Grace Lewis for all your prayers. Martha (her daughter) & Mike Ramsey, who were on Turks & Caicos Islands, returned home safely to Plano TX, on the next-to-the-last flight out before the airport closed. Their island home escaped with minimal damage.

Confirmation Classes begin this week, with Bro. Earl and Roger Davis teaching our Youth.

Ushers for October:

- ❖ Allen Brasher, J. Max Brasher, Jimmy Chaffin, & Nick Smith

Weekly Events:

- ❖ Disciple New Testament Study classes, Tuesdays, at 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ Children/MS Youth Fellowship, Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Adult Bible Study, Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Choir Practice, Wednesdays:
 - ❖ Children/Youth practice at 5:15 p.m.
 - ❖ Adults practice at 7:00 p.m.

Monthly Events:

- ❖ **First Wednesday Potluck Dinner**, October 04, at 5:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Methodist Men's Breakfast**, Sunday, October 15, 7:30 a.m.
- ❖ **Finance Committee Meeting**, Sunday, October 22, at 4:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Administrative Board Meeting**, Sunday, October 22, at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ **Wesleyan Fellowship**, Monday, October 23, at 6:30 p.m.

Memorials

- ❖ **Bettie Franklin:** Donations have been made to the Memorial Fund in memory of Bettie Franklin by Jim & Carol Dickinson and by others.

Prayer Requests & Praises

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Church Family:

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| Chuck Alexander | Family of Bettie Franklin |
| Nell Attaway | Marie Hill |
| Edd & Mary Jim Black | Gloria Keeton |
| Max & Patsy Brasher | Glenn May |
| Misty Brown | Harold McDonald |
| Debra Burnett, recovering from surgery | Frances Norris |
| Rose Byrd, new cancer treatment | Jim Perry |
| Lynn Crook, recovering from surgery | Jack & Hermi Russell |
| Patsy Earnest | Amanda Carothers South |

Extended Family:

Kareem Abram (friend of Jim Raines)
Dennis Austin (nephew of Linda McDonald)
Lurleen Avery (Pam Brasher's sister's mother-in-law)
Marsha Baker, cancer (sister of Roger Davis)
Allen Barber, cancer has returned (friend of the Sexton family)
James ("Jr.") Cochran (friend of Rodney Vaughn)

Brandon Bostick (grandson of Sonya and Jr. Bostick)
Sam Cunningham, 7th grade boy in Vestavia Hills, cancer (Vicky & Larry McGee)
Allen Davis (friend of Randy Russell)
Donna Dunn, surgery, broken ankle (daughter of Jack & Hermi Russell)
Nick Fox (friend of Jim Raines)
Jeff Halcomb, cancer (friend of Jimmy Chaffin)
Danny Harbin, cancer (friend of Linda McDonald)
Bobby Lacey, leukemia
Danny Loftis (nephew of Linda McDonald)
Brandi Lowe (daughter of Chuck & Ginny Dickerson)
Scarlett Markham (friend of Deborah Tidwell)
Beth Mason (sister of Lynn Crook)
Will Nailen, 8th grade boy in Vestavia Hills, cancer (Vicky & Larry McGee)
Duane Odell, stage 4 breast cancer (friend of Deborah Tidwell)
Lonnie O'Rear (friend of Jim Raines)
Bob Page
Family of Brenda Pickle, who is in hospice (aunt of Pam Brasher)
Seth & Laura Raines (son & daughter-in-law of Jim & Jane Raines)
Larry & Marion Reese
William Robert Rodgers (brother of Harry Rodgers)
Randy Russell (son of Jack & Hermi)
Karen Shelly, health concerns (friend of Roger & Petra Davis)
Glynda Swinney, chemo (friend of Linda Housh)
Jim & Brenda Taylor (friend Linda McDonald)
Rose Warren, chemotherapy for cancer
Karl Yeager, heart & kidney issues (friend of Bill Belle Isle)

Victims & Rescue Workers: Mexico earthquake & Caribbean hurricanes

Praise Reports: Sheree Roberts (friend of Jim & Jane Raines) tested cancer-free.
Lynn Crook was cleared to resume driving on 9/26 and return to work on 10/9.

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