

First United Methodist Church

March 11, 2018

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Prelude Carol Dickinson

"Lord, I Want To Be A Christian" – Arrg. Bish

Call to Worship Choir

"O How I Love Jesus"

Invocation Rev. Freeman

***Hymn** UMH 389

"Freely, Freely" (vs. 1,2)

***Affirmation of Faith** UMH 881

The Apostles' Creed

Children's Time Rev. Freeman

Offertory Carol Dickinson

"Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee" – Arrg. Dykes

***Doxology** UMH 95

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

***Hymn** UMH 378

"Amazing Grace" (vs. 1,2,3,4,6)

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Freeman

Anthem Choir

"Jesus Paid It All"

Scripture John 3:14-21

Sermon Rev. Freeman

"For God So Loved . . ."

***Hymn** UMH 354

"I Surrender All" (vs. 1,4,5)

***Benediction**

Choral Benediction Choir

"Lamb of God"

**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 3:14-21

14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up 15 so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. 16 God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life. 17 God didn't send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him. 18 Whoever believes in him isn't judged; whoever doesn't believe in him is already judged, because they don't believe in the name of God's only Son. 19 "This is the basis for judgment: The light came into the world, and people loved darkness more than the light, for their actions are evil. 20 All who do wicked things hate the light and don't come to the light for fear that their actions will be exposed to the light. 21 Whoever does the truth comes to the light so that it can be seen that their actions were done in God."

Announcements

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About the Feature Hymn for Today:

John Newton (1725 – 1807) wrote "Faith's Review and Expectation" from the study of I Chronicles 17:16-17 after his life became full of sin and despair. The song came to be known by its opening phrase, "**Amazing Grace.**" Newton started his career at sea at age 11 when he went to sea with his father. In 1745, while serving on a slave ship, he was abandoned in West Africa where he became a slave to a slave dealer. In 1748, he was rescued. During his 1748 voyage to England after his rescue, Newton had a spiritual conversion. The ship encountered a severe storm and nearly sank. Newton awoke in the middle of the night and, as the ship filled with water, he called out to God. The next day he cried to the Lord that God came from the high and delivered him out of deep waters. Newton then made three voyages as captain of slave ships from 1750 – 1754. He began serious religious study in 1755 and became a powerful evangelist preacher in Britain. He eventually renounced the slave trade, became a prominent supporter of abolitionism, and lived to see Britain's abolition of the African slave trade in 1807.

Ushers for March:

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

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:

- ❖ **Methodist Men's Breakfast**, Saturday, March 17 at 7:30 a.m., followed by a work session to clean up the church grounds. All assistance on this special project will be appreciated.

- ❖ **Finance Committee Meeting**, Sunday, March 18 at 4:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Administrative Board Meeting**, Sunday, 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. (a volunteer is needed for setup – sign-up sheet on wall in kitchen)

Other Seasonal Events:

- ❖ **Community Worship, Palm Sunday**, March 25
- ❖ **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, DCH, surgery	Larry McGee
Patsy Brasher, Wfld hospital-fall	Carl McLaughlin, open-heart surgery
Rose Byrd	Whit Miles, injured in fall
Lynn Crook, eye surgery	Frances Norris
Carol Dickinson	Amanda Carothers South
Patsy Earnest	Lynn Smith
Chris Garrett	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

Heath Avery, recovering from back surgery (Pam Brasher’s nephew)

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)

Sean Hubbert, 2 mos. old, heart issues(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)

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)

Victims, their families, and survivors of the FL School Shooting

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