8:15AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP **WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS** Andy Whitaker Smith Air on Kelvingrove/Corl Matthew H. Corl

*CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Nicki Taylor

*HYMN 2130 The Summons

*PSALTER 747 Psalm 15 Nicki Taylor

We Will Glorify *GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER Nicki Taylor

OFFERTORY Jesus Came to Our Rescue/Howard Sofia Monacelli

*DOXOLOGY 95 Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow

We Practice Discipleship (Acts 2:41-47) Andy Whitaker Smith SERMON

*HYMN 2129 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

*BENEDICTION Andy Whitaker Smith

*RESPONSE As We Go

POSTLUDE This Little Light of Mine/Hassell Matthew H. Corl

9:30AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

OPENING SONG O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS Andy Whitaker Smith **CALL TO WORSHIP** Jeremy Hearn

*SONGS OF PRAISE Oh Our Lord, In Tenderness, What a Friend

PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER Nicki Taylor

OFFERTORY Brokenness Aside

SERMON We Practice Discipleship (Acts 2:41-47) Andy Whitaker Smith

***SONG OF RESPONSE** I Surrender All

*BENEDICTION Andy Whitaker Smith

11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Andy Whitaker Smith **WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS** Fantasia on Italian Hymn/Moore **PRELUDE** Matthew H. Corl *CALL TO WORSHIP Nicki Taylor **HYMN 568** Christ for the World We Sing

***PSALTER 747** Psalm 15

*GLORIA PATRI 70 Glory be to the Father

ANTHEM Jesus Came to Our Rescue/Howard Sofia Monacelli

PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER Nicki Taylor

OFFERTORY Chancel Choir & Jane Warren, piano Follow/Harris

*DOXOLOGY 94 Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow

SERMON We Practice Discipleship (Acts 2:41-47) Andy Whitaker Smith

*HYMN 415 Take Up Thy Cross

*BENEDICTION Andy Whitaker Smith

*RESPONSE 2164 Sanctuary

POSTLUDE Postlude/Powell Matthew H. Corl

11:00AM THE CURRENT

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS Jeremy Hearn Dale Golden *CALL TO WORSHIP

***SONGS OF PRAISE** O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing,

Oh Our Lord, In Tenderness

CENTERING PRAYER Dale Golden

OFFERTORY Brokenness Aside

DOXOLOGY

SERMON We Practice Discipleship (Acts 2:41-47) Dale Golden **COMMUNION** Dale Golden

***SONG OF RESPONSE** I Surrender All

*BENEDICTION Dale Golden

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: As United Methodists, we practice Discipleship.

We devote ourselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

LEADER: Like the story of Acts, we experience common beliefs and practices, while we also embrace our individuality.

Breaking bread with glad and generous hearts, praising God and ALL: having the goodwill of all people.

ABOUT OUR SERVICES

Visit firstumc.org/connect or scan the QR code for: Attendance Registration, Worship Bulletins, Prayer Requests, & Online Giving

Presence in Worship (August 7)

In Person: 603 Online: 800 Total: 1403

Text to Give: Text any amount to 855-485-1651, and you will receive a link to contribute.

8:15am Sanctuary Service: Traditional worship presented in a new way with a fresh approach to time-honored hymns and a variety of styles of music.

9:30am Fellowship Center: A more contemporary, relaxed atmosphere with worship music of today.

11am Sanctuary Service: Traditional hymns with organ accompaniment, as well as musical pieces from our various fine arts groups.

11am The Current: A unique worship experience with contemporary worship music and settings. Communion is offered each Sunday.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Hospitalized (as of August 15)

Martha Ann Johnson, Gayle Smith

Death

Joan Thompson, 8/15

Baptism

Aries Jeremy-Lee Whittingham, 8/14 Son of Phillip & Felicia Whittingham

Altar Flowers

In memory of John Watkins by Weebo Watkins & Family

We are glad you joined us today! Whether you are a member or a guest, please take a moment to register your attendance on the registration pad before passing it on to your neighbor or online at firstumc.org/connect.



The purpose of First United Methodist is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We strive to accomplish this by being a worship plus three church. **Worship Plus Three** is how we define our ministries. We believe **worship** is of prime importance and is our foundation. In addition, we are to **invite** others into a relationship with God, **grow** in our own relationship with God and our neighbor and **serve** others as a continued sign of God's work in our lives.

To learn more about the ministries of the church and how to get connected, contact Diana Russell (info@firstumc.org - 863-686-3163 x223)



NEW Podcast: Everyday Discipleship

Hear from people in our congregation as they share how they are following Jesus in everyday life. Our host is Maggie Merryday. Listen on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Facebook or at https://anchor.fm/1stlkld.



Disciple Bible Study

Encounter the Bible and experience transformative Christian community in Disciple Bible Study. Disciple 1: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study is the best tool to provide people with a knowledge of the Bible that leads to transformation, not just information.

Orientation is Sunday, Aug 28 at 5pm. The 34-week Disciple I course starts Sunday, Sept 11 at 5pm. Register at firstumc.org/disciple-bible-study.



Advent Devotion Writers Needed

The 2022 Advent sermon series theme is "A Thrill of Hope." The devotion can be up to 500 words and must include a scripture verse and a short prayer. Send your devotion via email to AdventDevotion@firstumc.org by Friday, Oct 7. If you have any questions, please contact Muriel Kuhn at 386-546-7343.

CHILDREN

For information regarding Children's Ministry events, contact Cristi Moore, Director of Children's Ministries: cmoore@firstumc.org, (863) 686-3163 x226.

Sundays:

9:30am Sunday School (Infants 6 weeks - 5th Grade)
11am Sunday School (Infants 6 weeks - VPK)
5-7pm: Sunday Evening Programming (K-5th Grade)

3rd grade Bible Presentation, September 11, 9:30am service

Receiving a 3rd grade Bible is a special milestone! We are excited to share this milestone with your 3rd grade child and your family. For more information or to register by tonight visit firstumc.org/children.

YOUTH

For information regarding our Youth Ministry events, contact Emily Felgenhauer, Director of Youth Ministries: efelgenhauer@firstumc.org, (863) 687-9750 x253.

Sunday Morning: 10-10:45am Donuts and Discussion, F1 Sunday Evening: 5-7 PM Youth Group

Wednesday Evening: 6-7:30 PM Open Gym and MS/HS Bible Study

Warren Willis Fall Retreat, Sept 16-18, \$65

Join Connect Youth Ministries as we head to Warren Willis for the Fall Retreat! We will be leaving at 5pm on Friday, Sept 16 and returning at noon on Sunday, Sept 18. Registration closes on Monday, Sept 5.

MISSIONS

For more information regarding Missions, contact Forrest White, Director of Missions: fwhite@firstumc.org, (863) 686-3163 x224.

All God's Children, Aug 27, 10:30am-1:30pm

We will join friends in our "adopted" neighborhood for a BBQ and time of fellowship as part of the Dream Center's Engage Lakeland initiative, which seeks to build "real relationships" based on "love and trust." Children younger than middle school age must be accompanied by a parent. Register at firstumc.org/events.

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Philip O'Brien Elementary Opportunities

With the 2022-23 school year underway we want to help make it the best ever at our partner school, Philip O'Brien Elementary! Principal Charlie Huntley will join us at all worship services on Aug 28! He will be in the fellowship hall from 10:30-11am to chat. Be sure to say hello and thank him for his hard work. In addition to serving as a classroom volunteer each week, we have these opportunities: serve on our O'Brien Passion Team, mentor a student, adopt a teacher or staff member, and donate gift cards. To learn more go to firstumc.org/serve-local or contact Forrest White, Director of Missions Ministries, at fwhite@firstumc.org.

Philip O'Brien Elementary Campus Beautification, Oct 8, 8-11am

We will work to beautify the O'Brien campus from 8-11am. Open to all ages. Children younger than middle school must be accompanied by a parent. *registration required at firstumc.org/events.

ADULTS

For more information or Zoom/Online credentials, contact Warren Pattison, Director of Adult Ministries: wpattison@firstumc.org, (863) 686-3163 x227.

9:30am Sunday School for Adults

Our Sunday School classes meet in person with the option to join online. Visit firstumc.org/adult-sunday-school for more information on connecting with a particular class.

A Disciple's Path, Wednesdays, 6-7:30pm, Room C-206, Begins Sept 7 (7 sessions)

A Disciple's Path explores what it means to follow Jesus in the Methodist tradition. This seven-session foundational course will lead you into a deeper love of God and others through daily spiritual practices and weekly class sessions. Register at firstumc.org/groups.

The Screwtape Letters Study Group, Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm, Room C-207, Begins Sept 7 (8 sessions)

The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis is a classic masterpiece of religious satire that entertains readers with its sly and ironic portrayal of human life and foibles from the vantage point of Screwtape, a highly placed assistant to "Our Father Below." Rick Jefferies leads this 8 week study. This group will meet in a hybrid format - you can join in person in room C-207 or online via Zoom. Copies of the book are available in Our Giving Tree. Register at firstumc.org/groups.

The Borders of Our Responsibility: Christian Ethics & Migration, Tues, 6:30-8pm, Rm C-206, Sept 13 - Oct 18 (6 weeks, in person)

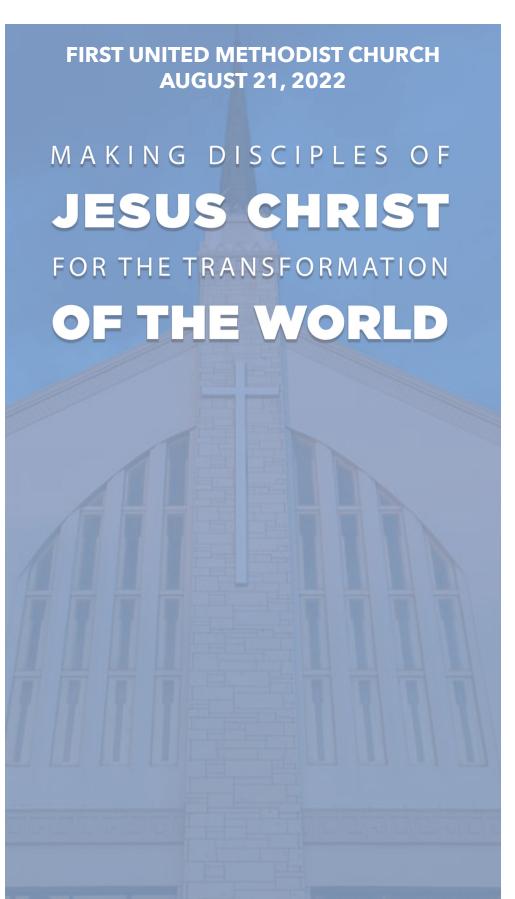
This course is part of Candler Foundry, a partnership between local churches and Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Dr. Bryan Ellrod is the instructor and is the Postdoctoral Fellow in Leadership and Character in Pre-Law at Wake Forest University. Meant to be a prelude to responsible action, this in-person course will explore the theological ethics of migration, attending the various goods that make claims on our responsibilities - and the lives that are caught between them. The course fee is waived if you use the promotion code FirstUMC. Learn More & Register at firstumc.org/groups.

Sisterhood Women's Book Club, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays beginning in September, 6:30pm

Beginning in September, we will meet twice a month on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Our September book selection is The Healers Apprentice by Melanie Dickerson. For more information and to register, visit firstumc.org/groups

Sisterhood Women's Bible Study, will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 6:30pm in Room C-205 beginning September 14.

Uninvited: Living Loved When You Feel Less Than, Left Out, and Lonely by Lysa TerKeurst. God wants us to live loved when we feel left out, lonely and less than. In this six-session Bible study, Lysa Terkeurst, digs deep into God's Word to help you explore the roots of rejection, the way other relationships get tainted because of a past rejection, and the truth about what it looks like to live loved. Register at Firstumc.org/groups.



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