

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Pew Bible Page 186

†HYMN 496

Sweet Hour of Prayer

SWEET HOUR

†THE GOSPEL LESSON—Matthew 5:21-37

Pew Bible Pages 4-5

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

THE SERMON

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Following each petition, the congregation responds: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*)

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.

OFFERING

*The congregation is invited to register attendance
by signing the registries found on each pew.*

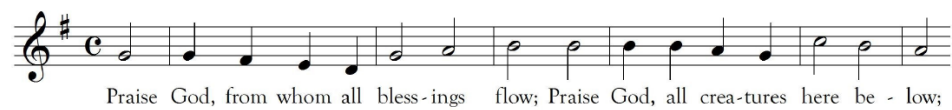
OFFERTORY

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Jonathan Battishill
(1738-1801)

†AT THE PRESENTATION, DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH



†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†HYMN 402

Lord, I Want to be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

†DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

VOLUNTARY Improvisation om Plainsong: Jesu Dulcis Memoria

†The congregation stands.

All are invited to the fellowship hall for refreshments and time together.

THOSE LEADING TODAY'S SERVICE

The Reverend Dr. Mark Conforti	Senior Pastor
The Reverend Stacey Lundy	Associate Pastor
Mrs. Nancy Sherriff	Lector
Mr. Steven Aycock	Interim Organist and Music Director
Mr. Erik-Thomas Hinson	Interim Organist and Music Director

Chancel Choir

THOSE SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTE	Jenna Robinson
ALTAR GUILD	Anne Hedrick
OUTSIDE GREETERS	Genevieve & Jim Martin
DOORSTEP VISITORS	Emily & Steve Mueller
USHERS	Donald Hylton, Jerry Dymond, Susan Fraley and Steve Schoch
SECURITY	Gary Cox & Mel Smith
NURSERY	Kay McCartney & Pat Paschall

THOSE SERVING FEBRUARY 23, 2020

ACOLYTE	John McCoy
ALTAR GUILD	Anne Hedrick
OUTSIDE GREETERS	Genevieve & Jim Martin
DOORSTEP VISITORS	Gloria Matthews
USHERS	Donald Hylton, Jerry Dymond, Susan Fraley and Steve Schoch
SECURITY	Kevin Pelt & Alan Schroeder
NURSERY	Melissa Conrad & Jenny Nussman

THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR ARE PRESENTED TO THE
GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF HIS PARENTS,
CLARA C. & J. PAUL DUNHAM.
AND HIS BROTHER, DONNELL P. DUNHAM.
GIVEN BY MIKE DUNHAM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Lunch Bunch**, an informal gathering following worship, dines today at IHOP, 275 Bendix Dr. All are welcome!

Midweek at First Meal is at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. **Reservations are required by Monday at 5:00 pm.** Children eat free. This week's menu: *BBQ chicken breast, mac & cheese, turnip greens, slaw, roll, banana delight.*

A 6-week Women's Bible study led by Brenda Loflin and Barbara Senter is based on **The Quest** by Beth Moore. The Bible study will begin **today, February 16** at 2:00. Books will be \$15. Please register at fumcsalisbury.org or contact Becca Blackmon in the church office so that we know how many books to order.

The Way of Forgiveness (a Companions in Christ study) will be offered on **Wednesday** nights beginning **February 19** at 6:30pm in the Christian Forum room. This 6-week study for Lent (skipping Ash Wednesday for the service) will be led by Lay Servant Sue Park. Books are \$10. Sign up at fumcsalisbury.org.

SAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE DATE

Visioning Days will happen on **Sunday, February 23** and **Sunday, March 22**, 1:30 - 5:30 pm both days. All church members are encouraged to participate, especially committees and ministry team members. These will be interactive and engaging sessions about the church's future. Please make every effort to attend **both** days.

Ash Wednesday is **February 26**. We will have a service in the sanctuary at **6:15** after the Midweek@First meal, and continue with prayer services each Wednesday in Lent in the Chapel at 6:15.

Our rescheduled **Women's Beach Retreat** is **March 13-15!** Lodging is \$135 for this weekend of fellowship and centering. Find more details and register at fumcsalisbury.org or see Pastor Stacey.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Anyone wishing to dedicate **altar flowers** for March 1 or March 29, please contact Pam Cordts at 704-633-0917 or pcordts@carolina.rr.com.

The **Church Office** needs volunteers to help at the volunteer desk. If you can help on Monday and/or Friday afternoons from 1:00pm to 5:00pm, please call Becca at 704-636-3121, ext. 102. The substitute list for the front office also needs to be replenished so if you can help out, let Becca know.

Attendance for February 9, 2020

8:30am	64
11:00am	177

Our upcoming Visioning Days on February 23 and March 22 will be valuable time spent together imagining our church's future. Please be in prayer leading up to these days and beyond. Ask yourself: *Why does God call First United Methodist Church to be here in ministry today?*

FINANCE AT A GLANCE

<i>As of 02/09/20</i>	2020
YTD Income	\$ 85,347.00
Less YTD Expenses	\$ 44,461.11
Sub Total	\$ 40,885.89
Cash on hand December 31, 2019	\$ 23,750.70
Cash on hand 02/02/2020	\$ 64,636.59

FIRST TIME GUESTS are invited to stop at the Welcome Table in the Narthex as you leave to sign our guest register. Thank you for worshipping with us today and please join us again soon.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BAGS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN 3 YEARS-5TH GRADE. A children's bulletin that parallels the sermon and Pockets Devotional magazine for children are in the bag. This is a wonderful way to share in worship with your child!

CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE for all children through age four for our services of worship. Pagers are available for the family worshipping.

COPIES OF THE ECCLESIA, our church newsletter, are available in both entrances to the Sanctuary. If you are a guest today, please take a copy and learn about the many opportunities at First United Methodist Church.

HEARING AID DEVICES AND LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from the ushers.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 16
 8:30am Service of Worship—Nave
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Service of Worship—Nave
 2:00pm Women's Bible Study—B102
 5:30 Salisbury Youth—Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 17
 6:00pm Cub Scouts—Fellowship Hall
 Girl Scouts
 7:00 Boy Scouts—Scout Room

Tuesday, February 18
 10:00am Staff Meeting—Harter Office Suite
 6:00pm Autism Society Meeting—B110 & B102
 Trustees Meeting—Harter Office Suite

Wednesday, February 19
 2:00pm Deadline for Bulletin announcements
 5:30 Midweek@FIRST—Fellowship Hall
 6:15 Kids Connection—B101
 The Casting Queens—B110
 6:30 Way of Forgiveness—B102
 7:00 Chanel Choir—Music Suite

Thursday, February 20
 6:00pm Finance Committee—C206

Friday, February 21
 5:30pm Baby Shower Setup—Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
 7:00 Mission Bridge—B107

Saturday, February 22
 8:00am Baby Shower—Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
 Boy Scouts—bus

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 8:00am Boy Scouts—bus
 8:30 Service of Worship—Nave
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Service of Worship—Nave
 1:30pm Visionary Session—Fellowship Hall
 2:00 Women's Bible Study—B102
 5:30 Club 45 & Salisbury Youth—Fellowship Hall



First United Methodist Church

SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA
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THE MISSION OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IS TO MAKE AND NURTURE CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES THROUGH THE PRESENCE AND POWER OF GOD.

THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE
 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
 February 16, 2020 – 8:30 in the morning

GREETING

VOLUNTARY Prelude Henry Coleman (1888-1965)

†CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)
Happy are those who walk in the way of the Lord,
Hwho seek God with their whole hearts.

†HYMN 92 For the Beauty of the Earth DIX

MINISTRY MOMENT Meals on Wheels Mr. Mel Smith

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)
Holy God, we confess that we bow down before other gods; we have turned our hearts away from you. Our worship of work and devotion to consumerism disorders our love of you and each other. Forgive us, God, and mend what is broken, that we may be one with you. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (*responsively*)
Sisters and brothers, by the mercy of Christ, our sins are forgiven. Sing praises with an upright heart as we learn the ways of God.
We sing praise to God!

SUNG RESPONSE *Ancient Sources*

All praise to God, the Three-in-One, all glo ry to our Christ the Son, and to the Spi rit Ho ly Power, we give our thanks in this glad hour.