

# Brick & Mortar LIFE

Strengthening our lives by focusing on the mortar that holds it all together, our faith in Jesus Christ.

January 19, 2020 • Second Sunday After Epiphany

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Trio Sonata No. 1 in Eb Major, BWV 525 I. Allegro*

J. S. Bach

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Haley Jones

O God, you are immortal.

**The same yesterday, today, tomorrow.**

O God, you are invisible.

**We know you are here, always.**

## † PROCESSIONAL HYMN 103 STANZAS 1-2

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

## † PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## † PROCESSIONAL HYMN 103 STANZAS 3-4

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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† **STATEMENT OF FAITH 884**

Rev. Donna Hankins

*From the Korean Methodist Church*

**We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things, Father of Nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love. We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength. We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need. We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice. We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship and service. We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters. We believe in the final triumph of righteousness, and in the life everlasting. Amen.**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Tammy Felder

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 273 STANZA 2**

*Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you;  
make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do.  
let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,  
till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.*

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

*Offertory*

*Kent Holt, Piano*

The Ensemble  
John Ness Beck

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

James 1: 22-27

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CHORAL RESPONSE

*Take my life and let it be concerted, Lord, to thee  
Take my moments and my days let them flow in ceaseless praise  
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee  
Here am I, All of me. Take my life, It's all for Thee.  
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.*

## SERMON

The Lived Faith  
Part 2 of the Brick and Mortar Life Series

Rev. David C. Freeman

*"Christianity is a lifestyle—a way of being in the world that is simple, non-violent, shared, and loving. However, we've made it into an established 'religion' (and all that goes with that) and avoided the lifestyle change itself. One could be warlike, greedy, racist, selfish, and vain in most of Christian history, and still believe that Jesus is one's 'personal Lord and Savior'... The world has no time for such silliness anymore. The suffering on Earth is too great." --Richard Rohr*

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

## OFFERTORY

*Trio Sonata No. 1 in Eb Major, BWV 525 III. Allegro*

J. S. Bach

## † DOXOLOGY 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia**

† **INVITATION TO BRICK & MORTAR LIFE 2020**

**God, I give you my every day, ordinary life—my sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life. Receive this offering, so that everything about me is a reflection of you. In the construction of my life, may you be the mortar between the bricks, building me up and holding me together. Amen.**

**SENDING FORTH IN THE NAME OF GOD**

† **INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

† **HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP 66**

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

LAUDA ANIMA

During the singing of the hymn, individuals desiring to join the church are asked to come to the chancel so the pastors may offer membership vows and welcome you to the congregation.

† **RESPONSE FOR NEW MEMBERS**

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

† **BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*Until We Meet Again*

Christi Jones

**POSTLUDE**

*Fugue in G Major, BWV 577*

Liam Hankins-Hull

J.S. Bach

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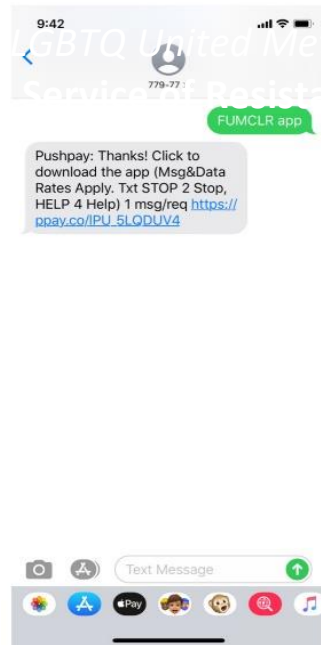
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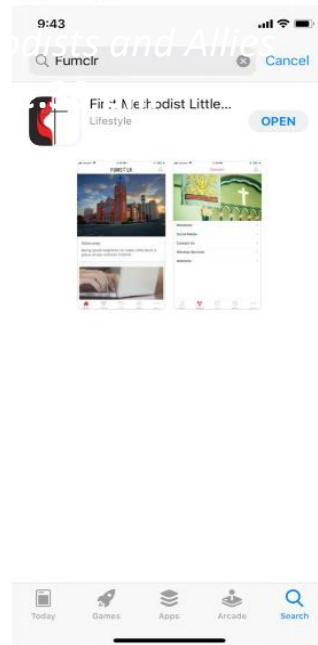
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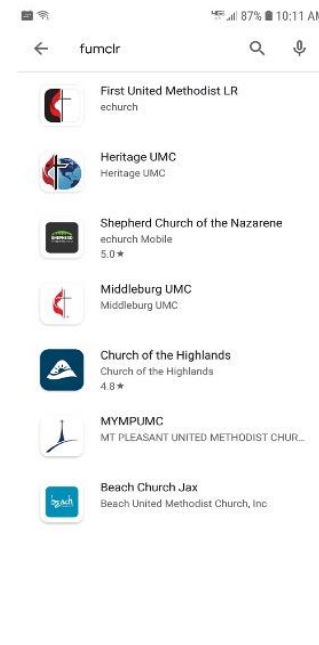
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## ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

**Clergy:** Rev. David C. Freeman, Rev. Donna Hankins, Rev. Haley Jones

**Music & Worship Arts:** James Stanley, The Ensemble, Kent Holt, Liam Hankins-Hull

**Audio/Visual:** Bill Owens, Christopher Cone

**Altar Guild:** Elizabeth Small, Cindy Shenep

**Liturgist:** Julie Holt

**Acolytes:** Jilly Pacheco, Charlotte Felder

**Offering Stewards:** Roger Chinn, Janis Harrison, Susan Weir, Steve Shults, Jenny Adair, Ellen Yeary

**Altar Flowers:** To the glory of God and in memory of Floyd J. Trantham, given by Holly Trantham.

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Requesting Prayer:** Anna Grace Clark, Liz Ward, Ethan Griggs, Ryan Croom, Betsy Hoffman, John Gann, Jan Roberts, Carol Ann Nolley, Judy Chastain, Ogugua Uchendo

**Families and friends of First Church:** Jerry Hinkle, Janet Rhoades, Rebecca Davis, Roland Launius, Phyllis Stahl, Sheila Terrell, Sammie Cravens, Ann Shollmier, David Rabeneck

## **PASTORAL CARE**

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## **“New Year, Fresh Start” Teacher Bags**

### **Donation Items Needed**

We are preparing and packing “New Year, Fresh Start” bags for our teachers at Booker and Washington Elementary to help them start 2020 off on the right foot.

We need donations of these special items:

Clorox Wipes, Post-It Notes, Kleenex, Dry Erase Markers, Paper Towel Roll

You can drop your donations off in the donation basket around the church. We invite you to join us for the packing party on Sunday, January 26 at 10:00 am in the Gymnasium.

## **Enneagram Journey**

**Starts January 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Teacher: Mary Jane Cole**

The Enneagram is an ancient personality type system with an uncanny accuracy in describing how human beings are wired, both positively and negatively.

Cost \$40. 10-12 weeks.

## **House Blessings**

Our homes mean so much more to us than just a place to sleep. It is only natural to want God's blessing on a space that holds such significance in our lives. We have 4 opportunities to have one of the pastors come to your home and lead a house blessing.

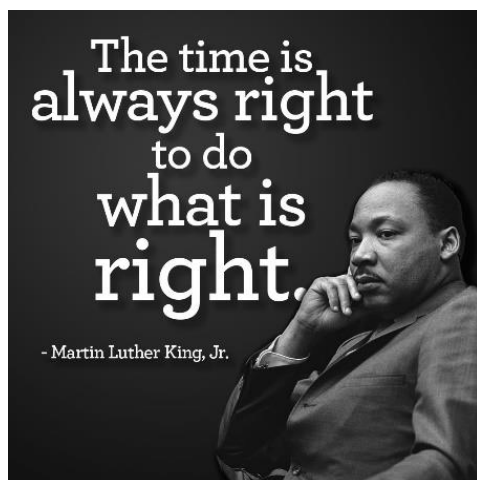
## **THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH**

### **SUNDAY, January 19, 2020**

- 8:30 am Backpacks for Kids Packing
- 8:30 am First Cup Café
- 9:00 am First Word (Cokesbury Center)
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am First Tradition (Sanctuary)
- 12:15 pm Church Life Team
- 3:00 pm Church League Basketball Practice
- 5:00 pm First Youth

### **MONDAY, January 20, 2020**

**MLK Day – Church Office Closed**



**TUESDAY, January 21, 2020**

- 7:00 am Tuesday Study Group
- 1:00 pm Worship Meeting
- 5:00 pm Stewardship & Finance Committee Meeting
- 6:00 pm Board of Stewards Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, January 22, 2020**

- 9:00 am CDC Chapel
- 4:30 pm FANN 2.0
- 5:30 pm Center Street Ringers Rehearsal
- 5:45 pm Women's Recovery Meeting
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, January 23, 2020**

- 10:00 am PALs
- 12:00 pm Thursday Quest





**WELCOME TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN DOWNTOWN LITTLE ROCK.** We have embraced our role in urban ministry. Our members and friends come because they are attracted to our vitality, warmth, friendliness, and energy. They stay because we travel with them on their journey.

**ONES FOR THE MANY.** Each week all the \$1 bills placed in the offering plate are donated to 'Ones for the Many.' These donations will go to support our friends and neighbors who visit us in need of prescriptions, gasoline, birth certificates, and a warm space in our Winter Cafe. Your donations go directly back to our community.

**AUDIO AND VIDEO OF TODAY'S SERVICE IS AVAILABLE.** CD's and DVD's of today's service are available by calling the church office at 501.372.2256 or by emailing Lesley Andrews at [landrews@fumclr.org](mailto:landrews@fumclr.org).

**ATTENTION PARENTS.** We understand worshipping with children can be an adventure, but it is an essential part of their growth in Christ. If your child is staying in worship, please see an usher if you would like a worship bag. However, if you desire a nursery, one is available on the second floor outside the Sanctuary. If you need assistance, please see an usher or a member of the Hospitality Team.