



Being good neighbors to make Little Rock a place where children THRIVE.

March 8, 2020 • Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

*Jesus Loves Me*

Jason D. Payne

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come this day hoping to encounter Christ.

**We come with burdens and questions that only Christ can answer.**

May our hearts and minds be open to Jesus.

**May our lives be healed and strengthened for service. Amen.**

† **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 546**

*The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Rev. Brittany Watson

**Gracious and glorious Lord, we come, as did Nicodemus, with questions on our hearts and in our lives. We come hoping someone can help us find answers and healing. Yet, we also come hardened with doubts about ourselves, others, and even you. Grant us healing and openness to your Spirit that we may be better reflections of your grace, your Word, and your Way. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Donna Hankins

**† PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Rev. David C. Freeman

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Tammy Felder

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

Chancel Choir

*God So Loved The World*

Bob Chilcott

*Mary Rowe, Soprano Soloist*

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**† GOSPEL LESSON**

John 3: 1-17

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to You, O Christ.**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Taste and see, taste and see, the goodness of the Lord, oh taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**

**SERMON**

Teacher

Rev. Donna Hankins

*Part 2: Who Do You Say That I Am Series*

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### OFFERTORY

*Witness*

*Kelley Ponder, Mezzo Soprano and Ron McDaniel, Bass soloists*

Chancel Choir  
Arr. Stacy Gibbs

### † DOXOLOGY 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

### † PRAYER 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.**

### † INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

## SENDING FORTH IN THE NAME OF GOD

### † HYMN

*To God Be The Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

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**

*Excerpt From: When I Survey The Wondrous Cross*

Chancel Choir  
Martin

**POSTLUDE**

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Jason D. Payne



**New Members & Guests**


# COFFEE WITH PASTORS

Sunday, March 15th - 10 am

FIRST CUP CAFÉ

Learn more about our church family and get your questions answered in a fun (and delicious) way.

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## **ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE**

**Clergy:** Rev. Donna Hankins, Rev. Brittany Watson

**Music & Worship Arts:** Kyle Linson, James Stanley, Chancel Choir

**Audio/Visual:** Shane Diamant, Christopher Cone

**Altar Guild:** Coralie Hawkins, Linda Baker

**Liturgist:** Brad Cazort

**Acolytes:** Catherine Block, Jaxson Marks

**Offering Stewards:** Tom and Elizabeth Small, Sam Smith, Mary Hawks, Jim and Cindy Shenep, Chris Shenep, Claire Barton

**Altar Flowers:** To the glory of God and in honor of Riley Kate Keathley, our new great granddaughter, given by Terry & Jean Landrum.

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Requesting Prayer:** Estella Allen, John Lile, The Coulter Family, Jan Roberts, Carol Ann Nolley, Judy Chastain, Bob and Gaye Lanford

**Families and friends of First Church:** Betty Deaton, Rod Cottrell, Loyd Bultena, Cathy Hagemer, The Hinkle Family, Ethan Griggs, Ryan Croom, Janet Rhoades, Rebecca Davis, Phyllis Stahl, Sheila Terrell, Sammye Cravens, Ann Shollmier, David Rabeneck

### **Congratulations:**

To Heath and Mary Katherine Henderson on the birth of their daughter, Piper Joy, born March 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Sympathy:**

To Ian Beard following the death of his grandfather, Lonzo Beard, on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **PASTORAL CARE**

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## **THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH**

### **SUNDAY, March 8, 2020**

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| 7:30 am  | QQ Breakfast                     |
| 8:30 am  | First Cup Café                   |
| 9:00 am  | First Word (Cokesbury Center)    |
| 9:45 am  | Sunday School                    |
| 11:00 am | First Tradition (Sanctuary)      |
| 3:00 pm  | Youth League Basketball Practice |
| 4:00 pm  | Richard Rohr Study               |
| 5:00 pm  | First Youth                      |

### **MONDAY, March 9, 2020**

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| 1:00 pm | Community Cafe |
| 6:00 pm | Sarah Circle   |

**TUESDAY, March 10, 2020**

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| 7:00 am  | Tuesday Study Group          |
| 10:00 am | Staff Meeting                |
| 1:00 pm  | Community Café               |
| 1:00 pm  | Worship Meeting              |
| 2:30 pm  | First Arts                   |
| 5:00 pm  | SPRC Meeting                 |
| 5:30 pm  | FANN                         |
| 6:00 pm  | Parenting Class              |
| 6:00 pm  | The Enneagram Journey        |
| 6:00 pm  | The Original Enneagram Group |

**WEDNESDAY, March 11, 2020**

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| 9:00 am  | CDC Chapel                 |
| 12:00 pm | Life Group: Moms Who Lunch |
| 1:00 pm  | Community Café             |
| 4:30 pm  | FANN                       |
| 5:00 pm  | Board of Trustees          |
| 5:30 pm  | Bell Choir Rehearsal       |
| 7:00 pm  | Chancel Choir Rehearsal    |

**THURSDAY, March 12, 2020**

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| 12:00 pm | Thursday Quest |
| 2:30 pm  | First Arts     |





**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 birth certificates, state ids, prescriptions, and a place of rest in the Community 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 that 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, we have busy bags hanging on the hooks just outside both entrances. The narthex is the entrance from Center street and bags are located to the left as you enter. The other entrance, from the hallway behind the sanctuary, has bags as well. The nursery is located next to the sanctuary and can be reached by exiting the short staircase on either side of the stage and turning left. After the children's sermon, children ages 4 through 1<sup>st</sup> grade are dismissed downstairs to the children's department for supervised fellowship time. They may be picked-up after worship. Children 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and above are invited to remain in worship with their families.