



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

October 10, 2021 • Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Praise God

Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

† GREETING

Rev. David C. Freeman

In our gathering we proclaim our faith in one simple promise,

God is here.

As we witness the beauty of fall, the joy of new life, and the hope of tomorrow, we proclaim,

God is here.

While grief, anxiety, anger, and pain surround us, we remember,

God is here.

At this very place, on this very moment, in this very breath.

God is here.

† **PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

† **OPENING HYMN 103**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Job 23: 1-9, 16-17

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

We Need to Talk

Rev. Donna Hankins

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

Ride on in Majesty

Dorothy Wells

† **DOXOLOGY 92**

**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.**

† **INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

SENDING FORTH IN THE NAME OF GOD

† **HYMN OF COMMITMENT 534**

Be Still My Soul

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**

POSTLUDE

Go Forth with Knowledge

Rex Koury

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

Clergy: Rev. Donna Hankins, Rev. David C. Freeman

Music & Worship Arts: Greg Daniels, Clint Kesterson

Audio/Visual: Christopher Cone

Altar Guild: Elizabeth Small, Debbie Boyd

Liturgist: Clint Kesterson

Altar Flowers: To the glory of God and in loving memory of Arvin and Laurene Skidmore, given by Teresa Skidmore and the Cobb Families.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Requesting Prayer: Edna Ricks, Brad Jordan, Melinda Martin, Glen Taulbee, Ceile Faulkner, Bob Lanford, Dawn Hobson, Natalie Burch, Ed Matthews, Jim Deer, Ashley Block

Congratulations:

To James, Christen & Felix Stanely on the safe arrival of Maxwell Garrison Stanley, on October 1st.

To Michael, Elizabeth & James Bynum on the safe arrival of Samuel Bynum, on October 2nd.

PASTORAL CARE

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VIRTUAL PET BLESSING!

On Sunday, October 17th we will share a Pet Blessing and Parade of Pets! Send us photos of all your fuzzy, furry, scaled and feathered friends! Email photos to Lesley Andrews at landrews@fumclr.org by Thursday, October 14th.

Send a thank you lunch!

Case Management Week

October 10-16, 2021



We are sending lunch to the social workers at UAMS and Jericho Way.

You can sponsor a lunch by donating \$10.00 to the Communion Fund.

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Costume Blessing

Family Camp

Woolly Hollow State Park
October 30-31

Spend the day and/or camp the night with us. Gather at 10:00am on Saturday for hiking, sitting around the fire, canoeing, kayaking, crafting and more! Camping overnight? Wear your Halloween costume and enjoy a hotdog supper, s'mores, and trick or treating around camp. We will have a time of worship around the fire on Sunday morning at 11:00am.

RSVP to Ms. Tammy at tfelder@fumclr.org

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Costume Blessing

Since Halloween is on Sunday this year we have some special surprises as part of our worship at 11 am. Part of the fun will be a blessing of our Halloween costumes. Everyone, kids and adults alike, are invited to wear all or part of your Halloween costume as we give thanks for the joy and ask for safety during our time of worship together. Joining us online? You can still join in on the fun at either our 9 or 11 am worship.

Praying for YOU!

Eighteen months of separation and isolation have left us all feeling disconnected. To overcome that, we're searching for all kinds of ways to enhance people's sense of connection to one another and the church as a whole. That process begins with prayer. Each week, we'll be listing about 20 names in the newsletter for you to pray for during the week. Over the next several months, we'll be working our way through the church roll (backwards alphabetically) so that everyone is lifted in prayer. You may not know these people personally, but that doesn't matter. Praying for someone by name is a powerful way to experience a connection beyond physical distance. We'll be connected by the Spirit and the power of praying for one another. ***Here are the names for you to pray for this week: Steve, Cathy, Carol, Bill, Ann, April, Bruce, Susan, Don, Jonathan, Maurice, Kathy, Lawrence, Charles, Larry, Richard, Alice, Peyton, Sandy, Sam, Brittany, Clark, Joseph, Leo, and George***

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

SUNDAY, October 10, 2021

- 7:30 am QQ Breakfast
- 9:00 am First Word (Online)
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am First Tradition (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 pm First Youth
- 7:00 pm Sunday Vespers (Online)

TUESDAY, October 12, 2021

- 9:00 am Tuesday Study Group
- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
- 10:30 am Worship Meeting
- 12:00 pm Prayer w/ a Pastor
- 5:30 pm FANN
- 6:00 pm Original Enneagram Group
- 6:30 pm Enneagram Group

WEDNESDAY, October 13, 2021

- 1:30 pm Museum Committee Meeting
- 4:30 pm FANN
- 5:00 pm First Steps (Online)
- 5:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting (Zoom)

THURSDAY, October 14, 2021

- 10:00 am PALs Journey Group