



# Back to the Basics

September 18, 2022 | FIRST TRADITION 11:00 AM | FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## GATHERING

### **PRELUDE**

James Stanley

*His Eye Is On the Sparrow* | Wilbur Held

### **CALL TO WORSHIP †**

Rev. David Freeman

*Psalm 119: 33-36*

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes; and I will keep it to the end.

**Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.**

Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

**Incline my ear to your testimonies, and not to gain!**

Let us worship our all-knowing, all-seeing, and yet all-loving Creator God.

### **OPENING HYMN 454†**

*Open My Eyes, That I May See* | United Methodist Hymnal 454

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY** Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson

Holy God, you who are all-knowing and wise, teach me your ways. I seek your wisdom and insight, I want to have knowledge and understanding. I seek your wisdom, so I can walk in the path you lay before me, knowing right from wrong, protecting against temptation and deceit. Fill me with your knowledge, O Lord, so I may walk in the straight and narrow path, in faithfulness to follow you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Jesus loves me, this I know for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me – the Bible tells me so.

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Wesley Layne Denton, son of Kelli & Joe Denton

### **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Wesley, Wesley, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you too. Wesley, Wesley, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.

## [PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD](#)

### **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

Tim Bartlett

*Romans 12: 3-21* | Pew Bible, New Testament Page 151

**One: This is the word of God for the people of God.**

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **CHORAL ANTHEM**

Ensemble

*Psalm 139* | Allen Pote

**SERMON** Back to the Basics: Study Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### **BIBLE PRESENTATION**

We rejoice in this step in your journey with God.

We pray God will guide you, your family and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your church school classes, and in our worship. We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.

**GENEROSITY MOMENT**          Jennifer Winningham

### **OFFERTORY**

Ensemble

*Pilgrims' Hymn* | Stephen Paulus

**DOXOLOGY** † | United Methodist Hymnal 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!

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** †

### **INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP** †

### **CLOSING HYMN 600** †

*Wonderful Words of Life* | United Methodist Hymnal 600

*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.*



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## SENDING FORTH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

### **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**

Chancel Choir

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You* | Peter Lutkin

#### **POSTLUDE**

James Stanley

*When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder* | Wilbur Held



SUNDAY, OCT. 16TH

11:30AM-3:30PM

Camp Aldersgate welcomes our Central Arkansas community & surrounding areas to join the fun, grab some food, & celebrate with us for 39 years of fried fish & all the fixins!

### **Conference-wide Young Adult Book Study:**

Gather with young adults from around the state for learning and discussion. The book club will be on the 2nd Sunday of each month beginning on Sunday, September 11 from 8-9 pm on Zoom. We'll be reading the book *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James Cone over a three month period and will gather each month to discuss a section of the book. If the cost of the book is a challenge, we can help. If you're interested in joining us, sign-up here:

<https://forms.gle/EeHgVwKhLJwwPnxm7>

## **ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE**

**Clergy:** Rev. David Freeman, Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson

**Music & Worship Arts:** James Stanley, Shannon Rookey, Ensemble Choir

**Liturgist:** Tim Bartlett

**Audio/Visual:** Christopher Cone, Jake Wyatt

**Altar Guild:** Suzanne Mackey & Ruby Wiley

**Altar Flowers:** To the Glory of God in honor of Mrs. Irma Jewell and in memory of Mr. Horace Jewell. Today would have been their 78<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Given by the Jewell Family.

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

### **Requesting Prayer:**

Tim Bartlett, Victoria Cochran, Betsy Hoffman, Irma Jewell, Shawn McMurray, Pat Blackstone, Lee Johnson, Marianne Ligon, Edna Ricks, Ceile Faulkner, Kristi Rodgers, the people of Ukraine, victims of gun violence.

### **Sympathies:**

Sympathy to Kae Kae Wilson and Kristen Yates following the death of Teresa Yates. Teresa was Kae Kae's mother and Kristen's sister.

### **Congratulations:**

Congratulations to Craig & Nancy Wood following the birth of their great granddaughter, Dorothy Jo Anderson, on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to Dylan and Amelia Botteicher on the birth of their son, James Merrick, on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to Holly & Sean Foster on the birth of their son, Liam Avery, on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **Sunday Morning**

### **Class Updates**

Due to COVID19, many of our Sunday Morning classes will make changes from time to time in their schedules. We'll do our best to keep a running list of classes and their status below.

#### **Quadrilateral (Rm 205)**

In-Person

#### **Koinonia (Rm 301)**

In-Person

#### **Unity (Rm 204)**

Hybrid: In-Person and on Zoom

#### **Anderson Sherman (Rm 212)**

Hybrid: In-Person and on Zoom

#### **Choate (Rm 210)**

In-Person

#### **Bowen Cabe (Rm 203)**

Hybrid: In-Person and on Zoom

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

### **Sunday, September 18, 2022**

- 9:00 am First Word (Cokesbury)
- 10:00 am New to First Church gathering
- 10:00 am Adult Sunday School
- 11:00 am First Tradition (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Bible Luncheon
- 5:00 pm Confirmation Group
- 5:00 pm First YOUth

### **Monday, September 19, 2022**

- 9:00 am Flower Girls
- 9:00 am R3 Retreat Begins(runs through Wed)

### **Tuesday, September 20, 2022**

- 7:00 am Tues Morning Bible Study (Hybrid/Rm. 204 & Zoom)
- 10:30 am Worship Planning
- 5:00 pm Stewardship & Finance Committee
- 6:00 pm Board of Stewards

### **Wednesday, September 21, 2022**

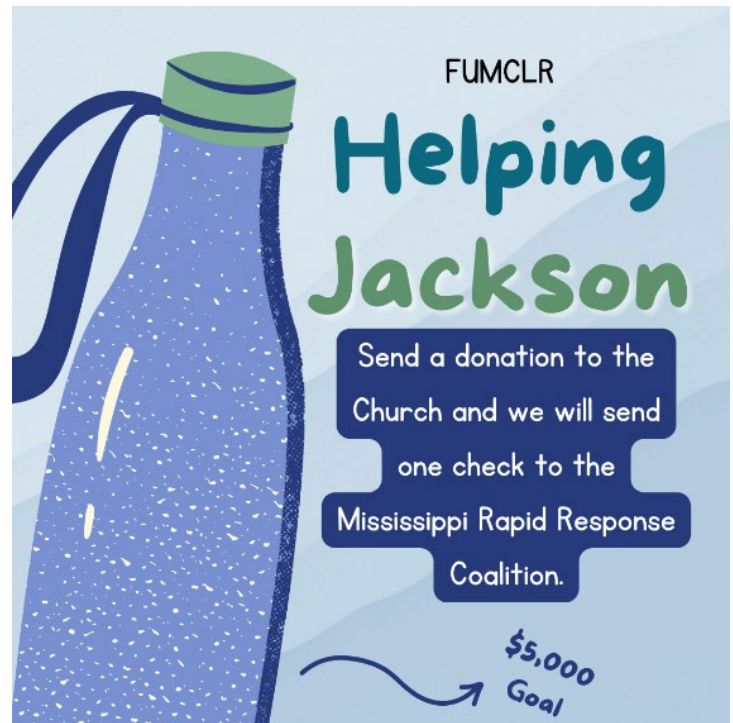
- 9:30 am CDC Chapel
- 5:30 pm Center Street Ringers
- 7:00 pm Choir Baby Birthday Bash

### **Thursday, September 22, 2022**

- 10:00am PALS Journey Group
- 7:00 pm Ensemble Rehearsal

## FUMCLR Helping Jackson An Issue of Racial Equity

Rev. Haley is from Jackson, MS and has this to say, "There is a water crisis in Jackson that is a matter of public health and an issue of racial injustice. 82% of the Jackson population are people of color. Racism left the city flailing without adequate funding to fix the infrastructure causing the crisis we see today. We all remember Flint. We can assist the people of Jackson. Send a donation to the Church and we will donate to the Mississippi Rapid Response Coalition. This Coalition is made up of 20 grassroots, community based organizations that are making sure the people have clean water."



### CHURCH DIRECTORY TIME!

Friends - it's been too long since our last church directory! After so many requests, we are finally gearing up for a new one! Lesley will be in the courtyard taking directory photos from 10-11 am and 12-12:15 pm! Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.



**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.

**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 worshiping 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.

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