

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - LITTLE ROCK

An examination of faith and
the power of questioning.

QUESTION IT!



**September 27th, 2026 | FIRST TRADITION 11:00 AM | Eighteenth Sunday
After Pentecost**

PRELUDE

James Stanley

Prelude in G Minor | John A. Behnke

CALL TO WORSHIP †

Rev. Heather Rose

We gather before the living God with our questions, our hopes, and our faith.

We come seeking the One who hears our cries and remains faithful through every season.

Though injustice may seem to prevail and the future may appear uncertain,

We will stand watch for the voice of the Lord and trust in God's promises.

The Lord declares that the righteous shall live by faith.

We choose faith over fear and hope over despair.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 77 †

How Great Thou Art | United Methodist Hymnal

PRAYER OF THE DAY †

Loving Lord, we do not always understand why certain things are permitted in our lives and why evil so often appears to prosper, but we trust in your love, for you are our God and we are your children. Praise be to Christ Jesus our Lord, for he has overcome the world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST†

**May the peace of Christ be with you
And also with you**

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. David C. Freeman

SONG

**I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Sean Dunbar

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Christ has Broken Down the Wall | | Mark A. Miller

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.

HYMN OF PREPERATION 430 †

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Melanie Churchill

Habakkuk 1: 1-5

This is the word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind.
The answer is blowin' in the wind.**

SERMON

Questions to Disrupt
Part 3 of the Question it! Series

Rev. David C. Freeman

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OFFERTORY

Emory Molitor

Be Thou My Vision | arr. James Stanley

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!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING †

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP †

PRAYER FOR HOLY DISRUPTION †

God of the new and unexpected, Grant us the grace to welcome the "Holy Disruptions" you send our way. Break into our predictable lives with the untamed, unsettling wonder of your Spirit. Shake the foundations of our tidy faith with the fierce urgency of your love, dismantling the systems we have built to keep us safe from your risky, transforming call. This is our prayer in the name of Jesus- our comforter and disrupter. Amen.

HYMN OF COMMITMENT 383 VS 1-4 †

*This is a Day of New Beginnings | United Methodist Hymnal
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.*

RECEPTION OF 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 †

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION †

The Lord Bless You and Keep You | Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G Minor | John A. Behnke

James Stanley

Communion will be offered after the conclusion of the service. Anyone wanting to receive, is welcome to re-gather in the first few rows while the pastor blesses the communion elements.

SEPTEMBER 29TH AT 11:30 AM



**Lunch & Learn
@ PROVIDENCE PARK**

We will gather at Providence Park, 6900 Green Road, from 11:30-1:00 for a \$15 taco salad bar with staff and neighbors, hear any updated information on the work of Providence Park, and present them with our \$50,000 sponsorship for a tiny home from FUMCLR.

REGISTER ON THE JOURNEY CARD.

"Soup"er Harvest
FIRST WORD VS. FIRST TRADITION

*Canned Soup
Donations*



IDEAS
CHICKEN NOODLE
TOMATO
VEGGIE
PUMPKIN
POTATO
CHICKEN & RICE
ITALIAN WEDDING

Bring your can donations to
First Word or First Tradition worship all of **October!**
Donations will be split between FANN and AR Food Bank.

**ASSISTING IN
THE SERVICE**

Rev. David C. Freeman

Rev. Heather Rose

Sean Dunbar

Organist: James Stanley

Shannon Webb

Chancel Choir

Liturgist: Melanie Churchill

Audio/Visual: Chris Cone,

Lesley Andrews

Altar Guild: Susan Weir, Paula Johnson

Altar Flowers: To the glory of God and in honor of the wedding of Jennifer Thompson & Andrew Longoria. Given by John & Debbie Boyd.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Requesting Prayer:

Sandy Watson, Pat Matthews, Kay Bell, Rebecca Remmel, Coralie Hawkins, Jesse Hurst, Cheryl Sullivan, Lee Johnson, Mary Lou Rasco.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, September 27, 2026

- 9:00 am First Word (Cokesbury)
- 10:00 am Post Service Communion
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am First Tradition (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm Post Service Communion
- 1:30 pm Beginner Drumming
- 2:30 pm Mike Charles Basketball Academy
- 3:00 pm Intermediate Drumming
- 5:30 pm Canvas Community Worship

Monday, September 28, 2026

- 9:00 am Flower Girls
- 12:00 pm 3 Pastors Walk Into a Bar: Offsite
- 12:00 pm Faulkner's Circle
- 1:00 pm Community Café

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

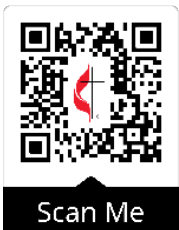
- 7:00 am Tues. Morning Study Group
- 9:00 am Lil' Rock 'n Roll Was Van
CALS
- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
- 10:30 pm Worship Planning
- 12:00 pm Providence Park Lunch & Learn
- 1:00 pm Community Café
- 4:00 pm Mike Charles Basketball Academy
- 6:30 pm Intermediate Taiko

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

- 1:00 pm Community Café
- 5:00 pm Wednesday Nights on Center
- 5:45 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 1, 2026

- 4:00 pm Mike Charles Basketball Academy
- 5:45 pm First Thursday Evening Prayer



First Time Guest?

We're glad you are here! As a thank you, we'd like to make a gift of \$5 in your honor to one of our community partners. Scan the QR code above to choose which organization to receive the donation. Thank you for being our guest today.

Need help with minor home repairs or yard work?

FUMCLR's Handy Helpers may be able to help!

Do you need assistance to change light bulbs or unclog toilets or make other minor repairs in or around your home? FUMCLR's Men of Faith and Action have organized a new group we call "Handy Helpers" which may be able to assist you. If you require assistance with minor repairs or projects, you can **email Rev. Heather Rose at hrose@fumclr.org**. She will then contact one of the cadre of men who have volunteered to see if one or more of them can come to your home and assist you.