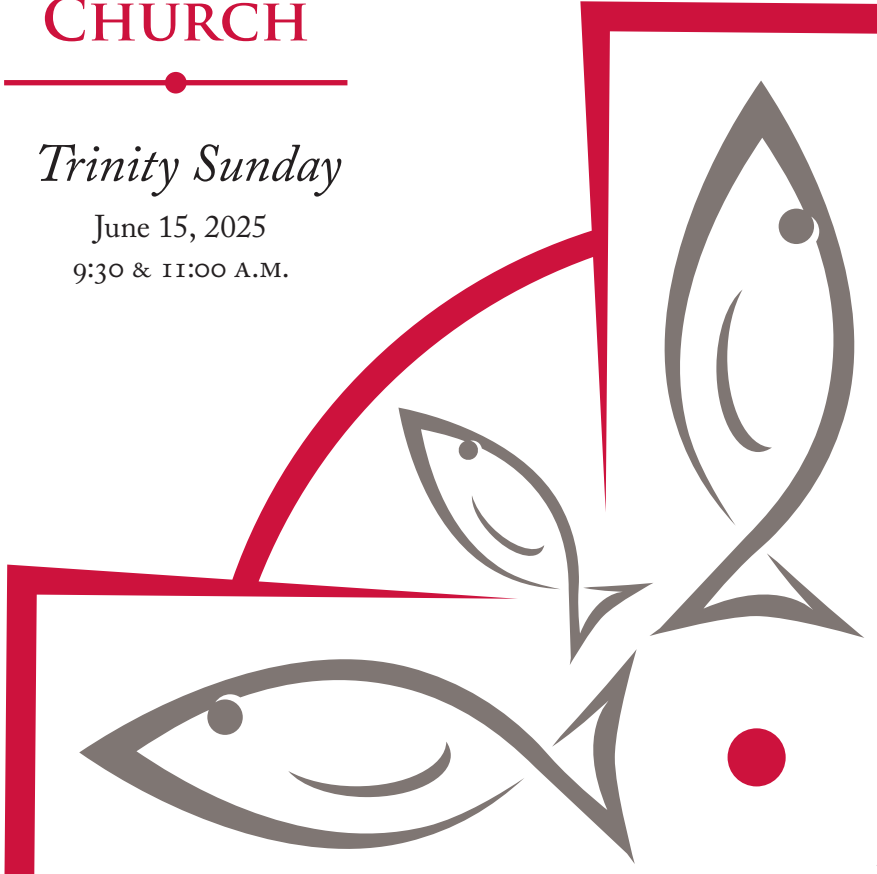


ATHENS FIRST
UNITED
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CHURCH

Trinity Sunday

June 15, 2025
9:30 & 11:00 A.M.



The Worship of God

*Please stand as you are able. The congregation speaks the text in **bold** type.

Large print hymnals are available in the Narthex. Please ask a member of our Welcome Team for assistance.

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THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In memory and honor of all fathers—biological and spiritual—who have loved us, shaped us, and guided us throughout our lives.

GATHERING

The Prelude

“The Peace May Be Exchanged” from *Rubrics* | Dan Locklair
Raina Wood, Organist

The Welcome and Opening Prayer | Rev. Dr. Natalee Dukes Hamby

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

**The Processional Hymn*

UMH 648 “God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian” | HYFRYDOL

This hymn is offered in celebration and honor of the 2025 North Georgia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church held on June 12-14 in Athens, Georgia.

**The Affirmation of Faith | “The Nicene Creed”*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**The Gloria Patri | MEINEKE*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**The Passing of the Peace*

The Sacrament of Baptism | 9:30 a.m.

Silas Edward Myers, son of Anna and Harrison Myers

Silas, Silas, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you too. We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be. Silas, Silas, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.

The Sacrament of Baptism | 11:00 a.m.

Vivienne Louise Evers, daughter of Kasey and Peter Evers

Vivienne, Vivienne, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you too. We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be. Vivienne, Vivienne, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer | Rev. Dr. Nancy Johnson

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Hymn

UMH 334 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" | SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

The Offering and Offertory Anthem

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" | arr. Mark Hayes

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir; Ryan Ferguson, Director of Music and Worship

The text for this anthem can be found on page 140 of The United Methodist Hymnal.

**The Doxology* | OLD 100TH

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.

PROCLAMATION

The Scripture Reading | John 16:12-15

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

The Message | Rev. Jeremy Lawson

"Relationship Goals"

RESPONSE

**The Hymn of Response*

UMH 144 "This Is My Father's World" | TERRA BEATA

**The Blessing and Choral Benediction*

"God Be with You till We Meet Again" | Ralph Vaughan Williams

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you;

God be with you till we meet again.

**The Postlude*

"Toccata in G Major" | Theodore Dubois

THE STEEPLE

June 15, 2025



Church Office Closed Thursday, June 19

The church office will be closed on **Thursday, June 19**. We will resume regular Friday office hours (9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) on Friday, June 20.

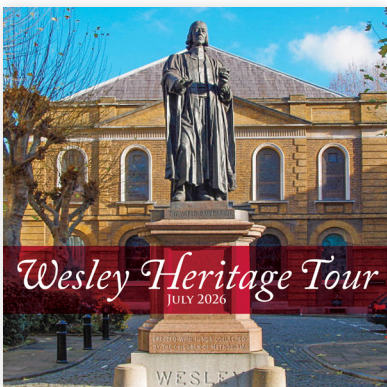


Emergency Response Team Training

Do you have a desire to serve on a disaster relief team in our local region, where areas are damaged by unexpected weather-related disasters? If so, we invite you to join us **Saturday, July 19**, in Hancock Hall for a special training session that will equip you to serve on an early response team.

For more information about UM Disaster Relief efforts and to register for the ERT training, scan the QR code in your bulletin!

Sarah Beth Barger, Director of Missions
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Wesley Heritage Tour | July 2026

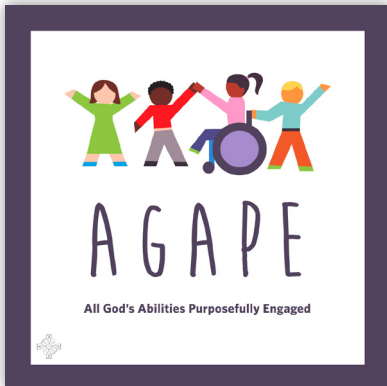
Join Rev. Jeremy Lawson, Dr. Tom Jackson, and Athens First UMC on a Wesley Heritage Tour **July 8 through 16, 2026**. We'll explore historic locations in England like Coventry, Epworth, Oxford, and the Cotswolds, visiting significant Wesleyan sites and enjoying scenic countryside views. Highlights include visits to Christ Church College, St. Mary's Church, John Wesley's home in London, and the charming town of Bath. This all-inclusive trip features round-trip airfare, deluxe hotels, daily breakfast and dinner, guided tours, and more. Brochures are available at the front desk. An information session will be held later this summer.



Summer Adult Sunday School in July

Join us for Summer Adult Sunday School in July in Hancock Hall. It's a special time for all of us to come together, share our faith, and strengthen our bond as a community **every Sunday in July from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.** Coffee and donuts will be provided. We encourage you to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us. May our time together be a blessing.

Rev. Dr. Natalee Dukes Hamby, Associate Minister
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AGAPE Award

Last week, United Methodists from across North Georgia gathered at the Classic Center for Annual Conference. This was a particularly special event for us at Athens First because this year we received a special recognition. This recognition comes from Aldersgate, a related agency of our conference dedicated to support and advocacy of people with disabilities. Aldersgate presented a new award called the Marian Wilder "We Are Able" Award. This award recognizes congregations who make a special effort to welcome and include people of all abilities. It went to three churches in the North Georgia Conference this year. One of the churches to receive this award was Athens First for our AGAPE ministry. The award was presented to Jeremy Lawson and Diane Johnson on the stage of conference during the Saturday morning session.



Student Ministry Summer Fun

Summer with Students at Athens First UMC is shaping up to be full and fun! We are excited for our summer and what we have planned for our students and their friends. We hope that you will join us and of course bring along your friends! Scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin to register and for more information.

June 18 | Middle School (rising 7th-rising 9th Grade) to Six Flags

July 2, 9, 16, 23, and 31 | Supper Club

July 20 | High School Lake Day (rising 10th-Graduated Seniors) @ The Steger's

August 2 | Student Ministry to Gwinnett Stripers Game

Hannah Stubblefield, Director of Student Ministry
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BICENTENNIAL *prayer focus* — JUNE | GOD'S GIFT

While they were in Bethlehem the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Luke 2:6-7

Luke 2:6-7, John 3:16 | Hymnal: 239 and 246

MEMBER NEWS

Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Allyn Timberlake and her family in the loss of her mother, Joann Felder, on May 22.

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Catherine Hardman and her family in the loss of her mother, Bernice Bazemore Clapp, on June 1.

FINANCIAL REPORT *As of June 7, 2025:*

2025 YTD Giving Goal: \$1,487,854 | **YTD Actual Giving:** \$1,608,052 | **YTD Actual Expenses:** \$1,672,096

WAYS TO GIVE



OFFERING PLATE:

Fill out the envelope located in your pew.



ONLINE:

Scan to be taken to Realm, our online giving platform.



TEXT-TO-GIVE:

Text "AFUMCTTG" to 73256.

FOLLOW UP WITH A MINISTER

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REQUEST PRAYER

Have a prayer request? Scan the QR code located in your bulletin and select **"Needing Prayer"** to fill out a form to submit your prayer request. If you desire for the request to be shared with our Prayer Ministry team, please indicate that in your submission. Prayer requests can also be made directly via email prayer@athensfirstumc.org.

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