

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany - February 7, 2021

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Dr. David Hobson

PRELUDE.....*Benedictus*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ

[I bring refreshment, I bring ease and calm]

Alec Rowley

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. David Hobson

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“I’ll Praise My Maker While I’ve Breath”.....No. 60

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 887.....Debby Williams

BAPTISM..... Elizabeth Corinne Sevier.....No. 39, Rev. Derek Joyce
presented by her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Justin Michael Sevier

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*I Sing Of Thee*.....P.J. Souther, tenor
arr. Ovid Young Charlie Roppolo, bass

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Acts 12:6-18.....Hugh Bailey
New Testament, Page 159 in your Pew Bible

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† GLORIA PATRI

*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.*

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JOYS & CONCERNS.....Dr. Ashley Goad

MORNING PRAYER.....Dr. Ashley Goad

THE LORD'S PRAYER..... Congregation (speaks in unison)

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.

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† HYMN OF PREPARATION.....“And Can It Be that I Should Gain”.....No. 363
Stanzas 1, 3-5

† OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Debby Williams

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*For This One Day**.....Chancel Choir
Daniel Gawthrop

† DOXOLOGYNo. 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!*

MESSAGE.....**EVERY SEAT HAS A STORY :**.....Dr. Steven Bell

THERE'S ALWAYS ANOTHER ACT

Acts 12:6-18

Do you feel like you're living in hope and victory - or like you're being held hostage by fear, worry, and other self-destructive thoughts and habits? The great news is - Jesus is your bondage breaker. In His name, you can break free from any chains that bind you.

Acts 12:6 to 25 reveals to us that prisons are no match for prayers, God's enemies can never frustrate His plans, and the Gospel continues to grow through God's supernatural blessing.

Remember Who You Are in Jesus.

Rely on God’s Strength.

Fight the Lies.

Be Willing to Be Set Free.

Scripture Memory Verse for the Week:
John 8:32
“You will know the truth, and the truth
will set you free”

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Thou Hidden Source of Calm Repose”....No. 153
*(During the singing of this hymn, those who wish to join the First Methodist family
are invited to come to the front of the church for reception and recognition.)*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.....Dr. Ashley Goad
*We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ’s holy church, and bid you welcome to
the congregation of First United Methodist Church. With you, we renew our vows to
uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.*

† BENEDICTIONDr. Steven Bell

† CONGREGATIONAL SENDING FORTH.....”And Can It Be....No. 363, Stanza 4
that I Should Gain”

*Long my imprisoned sprit lay, Fast bound in sin and nature’s night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed thee.*

POSTLUDE.....Toccata.....E. Ray Peebles, organ

John Weaver

In memoriam (1937-2021)

*“For This One Day” is given to the glory of God and in memory of Mrs. Ruth
Andress by the Chancel Choir.

Crucifer: Will Vance • **Acolytes:** Albany Lyles, Davis Frierson

† *Those who are able may stand.* ‡ *Latecomers may be seated at these times.*