February 25, 2024

10:15 Worship

Christian fellowship is very much a part of First United Methodist Church. Engage one another in friendly conversation until the sounding of the chimes—which calls us to worship.

We Gather to Praise God

WELCOME, PASSING THE PEACE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
(Please use the red attendance pads to register your attendance and pass attendance sheets to the center aisle where ushers will pick them up after the offertory.)

THE PRELUDE
It Is Well with My Soul
arr. Hayes

+THE HYMN OF PRAISE
Take Up Thy Cross
RED 415

+THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
The Apostles’ Creed
#881
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+GLORIA PATRI
#70
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. Amen.

We Offer Our Prayers

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS
Shelly Burgess

THE PASTORAL PRAYER
Pastor Kenny
The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

THE LORD’S PRAYER
#895
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.

We Share God’s Tithes and our Offerings and Gifts

OFFERING
THE OFFERTORY
Lenten Mediation
Blake

THE DOXOLOGY
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!

We Hear God’s Word

ANTHEM
When You Prayed Beneath the Trees
Larson/Idle

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES
Mark 8:31-38
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

THE SERMON
The Scandal of the Cross
Pastor Kenny

We Go Forth as Disciples

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

+THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT
Where He Leads Me
RED 338

+THE POSTLUDE
March in C Major
Johnson

+Please stand as you are able.

Lenten Bible Study

comes to us as a gift from Bentonville FUMC, entitled Foolish Love. Bentonville FUMC has graciously provided a daily devotional, a bible study guide, and seven videos suitable for personal or group bible study. We will meet weekly beginning on Ash Wednesday at 11 AM and Sundays at 4 PM. Materials are available, so you may pick them up at your convenience. I hope that you make plans to join us as we walk the Lenten journey together.

Welcome

HANNAH HOUSE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN
Remember to pick up a baby bottle as you leave the sanctuary today. Fill it with your change to help support the Hannah House.

SECURITY TEAM MEETING
(with Deputy Mike McWilliams)
TUESDAY, MARCH 5
6:00 PM
AVERITT HALL

SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY PERFORMING ARTS presents
The Masterworks Concert
Tuesday, March 12, 2024
FUMC Sanctuary
7:00 P.M.
Featuring the SAU Heritage Singers, Chamber Singers, the Southwest Arkansas Chamber Singers, and Chamber Orchestra
admission is free

WELCOME
How good it is when we, the Body of Christ, can gather to praise God. We are especially pleased that guests have joined us for worship today. We hope you will feel at home with us as we worship God together. If you are looking for a new church home, you are encouraged to visit with us or our pastor immediately following our worship service or later in the week. Please join us again.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25
9:15 AM Nursery is available from 9:00 am till 11:30 pm.
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
Clegg/Open Door - Pastor led by David Cole, Billie Dadgar, Roger Guevara, Explorers/Morning Star - Upstairs - Scott Nipper/Dan Grantham
Children Sunday School - Preschool - 5th Grade - Upstairs in Treehouse - led by Shelly Burgess and Diana Courson
Jr. High - Basement led by Pastor Kenny
High School - Basement led by Pastor Kenny
9:15 AM CONFIRMATION CLASS
10:15 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP
Ways to attend: In-Person, Facebook Live, Recording (posted later) on Website, YouTube
4:00 PM ADULT BIBLE STUDY ‘FOOLISH LOVE’ (AVERITT)
5:30 PM YOUTH

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Church Office Hours
4:00 PM Stewpot

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Church Office Hours
4:00 PM Stewpot

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Church Office Hours
11:00 AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY ‘FOOLISH LOVE’ (AVERITT)
5:00 PM CHILDREN’S CHOIR GRADES 4-5
5:30 PM CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE
5:30 PM YOUTH (MIDDLE SCHOOL)
6:10 PM ADULT HANDBELL PRACTICE
7:00 PM YOUTH (HIGH SCHOOL)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Church Office Hours
10:00 AM THE CARING PLACE
4:00 PM STEWPOT

FRIDAY, MARCH 1
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Church office Hours