

**WELCOME!!!
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!**



We welcome each of you to our worship services today.

PLEASE sign the attendance pad and pass it along to your neighbor. Visitors, please include your address and phone number.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES & TEACHERS

Church, 1st Floor

Chapel: Pathfinders Bible Study - Michele Newton

Conference Room: The Upper Room - Doug & Michele Inscoe

Church, 2nd Floor

Watson Class - Larry Price, Kent Anderson, & Snookie Parker

Hardison Discussion Class - Dave Williams, Will Winslow & Woody Harrison

Blackburn Education Building

Room 104 3 & 4 Year Olds - Teachers - Ginger Bissette, John & Stephanie Robl, Renee Pearson, Shelley Gibson

Room 106 Infants, Toddlers & 2-Year Olds - Mary Wesley Edwards

Room 108 The Bradshaw Class (older adults) - Teachers - Bob Bergland, Charles Robl, & Bill Presnell

Room 203 Young Adult Class - Leaders - Emily Aycock, Shelley Gibson, & Suzette Gibson

Room 201 4th & 5th Grade Class - Debbie Bradley, Allison Robl, Suzette Gibson, Alicia Gregory

Room 206 2nd & 3rd Grade Class - Teachers - Ellen Barkley, Anne & Gary Benton, Ginny Eagles, Ginger & Mark Godwin

Room 205 Kindergarten & 1st Grade Class - Teachers - Noelle Halverson, Anne & David Clark, Jenny & Reggie Harrison, Heather Lasitter

Epworth Building

Middle School & High School Teachers - Alysun Skinner,

Henrienne Allegood, Ben Eagles, Mandy & Wes Berry, & Susan Barnes

Woman to Woman Teacher - Cathy Helmer



First United Methodist Church

**100 Green St., NE, P. O. Box 1423
Wilson, NC 27894**

The Reverend Robert E. Bergland, Senior Pastor
The Reverend Charles J. Robl III, Associate Pastor
Dr. William M. Presnell, Pastor Emeritus
Mr. Joel Gay, Director of Music Ministries
Mrs. Alysun Skinner, Director of Youth Ministries
Mr. Andy Michaud, Director of Communications
Mrs. Mary Wesley Edwards, Nursery Coordinator
Mrs. Lorie Daniel, Director of Weekday Preschool
Mrs. Fran Stafford, Financial Secretary
Mrs. Jo Shackelford, Church Secretary
Mr. Boris Farmer, Custodian

Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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**January 28, 2018
Fourth Sunday after
the Epiphany**

“Invite, Inspire, Ignite”

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The Worship of God
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
8:45 Worship Hour

GATHERING

+SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OPENING VOLUNTARY

+HYMN OF PRAISE NO.110 **“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”** **UMH**

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **“The Apostles’ Creed”** **UMH 881**

+GLORIA PATRI **UMH 71**

SCRIPTURE READING **Mark 1:21 - 28** **NT Page 35**

MORNING MESSAGE **“Astounding . . .Amazing . . . and Acclaimed!!”** Reverend Robl

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY (Please sign and pass the attendance pad.)

+DOXOLOGY **UMH 95**

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 347 **“Spirit Song”** **UMH**

+DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

+CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

+A TIME OF SILENCE

+CLOSING VOLUNTARY



Make reservations for the January 31st Wednesday night supper no later than 12:00 noon on Monday, January 29th. Sign up on the sheets in the church office, call 237-6121, or email joshackelford@fumcwilson.org to make reservations.

MENU: Assorted Soups and Sandwiches, Oreo Dream Dessert **KIDS MENU:** Hot Dogs and Chips

Our United Methodist Women join UMW Worldwide as they **“Stand in the Red Zone” to campaign against human trafficking.** The ‘Red Zone’ is part of the football field where the offensive team is trying to score and the crowd is paying close attention to what is happening on the field. Therefore, the UMW is asking that all women in the church pay close attention to this problem and support the end to human trafficking by **wearing red to church on Sunday, January 28.** Also, for anyone available, please join for a picture in Asbury Hall at 10. Let’s all go red!

The updated Church Directories for 2017 have arrived and may be picked up at the table in the atrium after each service this Sunday, January 28th. If your photo is in the 2016 directory or you had a new photo made in October 2017, you are eligible for the update. Please stop by and pick up your updated directory. Directories may also be picked up in the church office after January 28th.

On Sunday, February 4th, we would like to **Stuff the Suburban** with these items to make a difference in the lives of the teachers and students at Hearne Elementary: Kleenex, hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, copy paper and hand soap. Please start collecting and saving your items and bring them to the worship service you attend on February 4th so that we can Stuff the Suburban with these much-needed items.



MUSIC NOTES



Today we thank the Chancel Choir and the Carillon Rngers for their ministry of music. Our choirs bless us so much with their music. We appreciate your service to God and to our church.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

- 8:45 Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:00 Contemporary Worship Service - Asbury Hall
- 10:00 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 4:00 Spirit Singers - Choir Room
- 5:15 Children’s Choir - Blackburn Building
- 5:15 Youth Group - Epworth Building

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

- 6:30 Men’s Bible Study - Hardison Classroom
- 6:30 Global Missions & Outreach - Conference Room
- 7:00 Boy Scouts - Scout Room

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

- 10:00 Staff Meeting - Conference Room
- 5:30 Communion -Wesley Chapel
- 6:00 Praise band

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

- 5:15 Discipleship Chairs Team Meeting - Conference Room
- 6:00 Resume Wednesday Night Suppers - Asbury Hall
- 6:15 Handbell Choir - Handbell Room
- 6:45 Resume Green Street Kids - Blackburn Building
- 6:45 Resume Adult Discipleship
- 7:15 Chancel Choir - Choir Room

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- 10:30 Upper Room Prayer Intercessors - Charles’ Office

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 10:00 Children’s Council - La Estrella - Stanhope

From Pastor Bob

This past Tuesday evening, I dove into 1st Corinthians 8:1-13 where we find Paul writing to the Corinthians about how to deal with food sacrificed to idols. , if so, why?

I read a story told by Scott Hoezee about a friend who was a pastor in Toronto. Because the Lectionary called for a sermon on 1 Corinthians 8, this pastor worked hard to translate these ancient words into a contemporary setting. Mostly, he focused on the “*food sacrificed to idols*” line of thought, trying to find modern-day analogies since this specific topic doesn’t come up much in people’s lives – or so he thought. His sermon lifted up a few analogies, talked about them in the context of Paul’s advice here to be mindful of weaker folks who may take offense at this or that, and then said “Amen.”

At the close of the service he was shaking hands at the church door when a young college-aged woman from his congregation came up and said. “*So, thanks for the sermon and all. But I was just wondering: I am dating this Hindu guy and go with him sometimes to the Temple on Friday nights. They have all this food laid out on a kind of table in front of pictures of Vishnu and stuff, and after dedicating it all to the gods, they then have a potluck. So, I was just wondering: is it OK that I eat that food or not? I mean, a lot of it is pretty tasty but . . .*”

It was a moment when he realized some things in scripture need less modernizing than we think. We still wrestle with some of the same things the Corinthians did – maybe not food sacrificed to idols, but what about Spiritual Gifts, how to celebrate Holy Communion, and who can take it and who can’t? And then all the issues related to sexual morality and practices. Wow!

While I can’t dive completely into all of this in this brief letter, I do think that there is great wisdom in Paul’s instruction that if my actions are causing another person in the faith to falter, in order not to tear down the community of faith and sin against Christ, out of love I will stop so as not to be a stumbling block to the brother or the sister.

If you want to dive into this more, read 1st Corinthians 8:1-13 out loud. I’d be happy to listen to what you think.

UPHOLDING OUR VOWS TO THE CHURCH

BY OUR PRAYERS

Remember those in hospitals, nursing and rest homes, the sick and shut in with prayers, cards, calls, and visits.

Hospital: Alice Welfare - Wilson Medical Center

We extend our love sympathy to **Jean and Bill Sharpe** in the death of their brother-in-law, Charles Rowe, in Greensboro, NC, Charles’ wife, Bettie Bagley Sharpe, was a former member of FUMC Wilson.

We extend our love and sympathy to the family of **Sally Anderson** who died Wednesday morning., January 17, 2018, in LaGrange, NC.

We extend our love and sympathy to **Ray Cunningham** and family in the death of his mother, Louise Cunningham, on Monday, January 22, 2018, in Wilson, NC.

New Membership - If you are interested in exploring membership at First United Methodist Church, please contact Reverend Charles Robl at 252-230-1143 or at crobl@nccumc.org.

BY OUR PRESENCE

ATTENDANCE JANUARY 21, 2018
Sunday School - 131
8:45 - 35; 9:00 - 82; 11:00 - 201
Tuesday Communion - 11
Total Worship - 329

BY OUR GIFTS

2018 Operating Budget \$ 1,091,282
Weekly Requirement \$ 20,986
Received January 21 \$ 14,242

BY OUR SERVICE AND WITNESS

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet Wednesday, January 31st, at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Bonnie Boles. We welcome all who knit or crochet.

The Worship of God
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
9:00 Worship Hour

GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Sharing in Song *BLESSED BE YOUR NAME* Praise Band
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME

Announcements

First Lesson Deuteronomy 18:15 - 22

Morning Prayer

Presenting Our Offerings *OCEANS/YOU MAKE ME BRAVE* Praise Band

WORD FOR THE DAY

Second Lesson Mark 1:21 - 28
Message “Who Speaks for God?” Reverend Bergland

OUR RESPONSE

Sending Forth *O THE BLOOD* Praise Band

Greeters for January 28th: Hope and Buck Newton

We thank the Praise Band for their ministry this morning.

The Worship of God
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
11:00 Worship Hour

GATHERING

+SHARING THE PEACE

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Jesus Loves Me”

Michael Glasgow

+HYMN OF PRAISE NO.110

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

UMH

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Apostles’ Creed”

UMH 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

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.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS - A short children’s devotion for preschool and elementary children.

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 18:15-22

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PRAYER CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“The Prayer” with “Lead Us Lord”
(Please sign and pass the attendance pad.)

arr. Tom Fettke

We pray You’ll be our eyes, and watch us where we go, and teach us to be wise in times when we don’t know. Let this be our prayer when we lose our way. Lead us to a place, guide us with your grace to a place where we’ll be safe.

We pray we find Your light, and hold it in our hearts. As darkness falls each night, remind us where You are.

Let this be our prayer, when shadows fill our day. Lead us to a place, guide us with Your grace. Give us faith so we’ll be safe.

Lead us, Lord, lead us in Your righteousness; make Your way plain for us to see. Lead us, Lord, lead us in Your righteousness; make Your way plain for us to see.

We pray we find Your light, and hold it in our hearts. As darkness falls each night, remind us where You are. Let this be our prayer, just like every child needs to find a place, guide us with Your grace. Give us faith so we’ll be safe.

Lead us to a place, guide us with Your grace, to a place where we’ll be safe. Lead us Lord.

+DOXOLOGY

UMH 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 up-lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 264

“Silence, Frenzied, Unclean Spirit”

UMH

SECOND LESSON

Mark 1:21 - 28

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MORNING MESSAGE

“Who Speaks for God?”

Reverend Bergland

HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 347

“Spirit Song”

UMH

+DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

+A TIME OF SILENCE AND TRINITY CHIMES

+CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Musical Selection for the Organ

+Those who are able, please stand.

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The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God from the Flower fund.

Participating with the clergy in this morning’s services:

Acolytes: Nick Halverson and Noelle Halverson

Crucifer: Mason Blake

Reader: Doug Evans

Volunteers:

Sound System: Arthur Stamper

Greeters for January 28th:

8:45 Narthex: Ann and Pat Vickers

11:00 Office Area: Mable Gray Henry

11:00 Narthex: John and Stephanie Robl