

ORDER OF WORSHIP
 Sunday, September 24, 2017
 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

The people come together in the Lord's name.

PRELUDE

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST AMONG US

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Surely the Presence of the Lord* UMH 328

*CALL TO WORSHIP FROM MATTHEW 20

One: Come at dawn! Come at noon! Come late in the day! Come to the vineyard,
 where the last and the first harvest God's good fruit together. Come!

Sing and give thanks!

All: Call on God, whose wonders guide us, whose rivers of love bless us. Sing and give thanks with joy!

*OPENING PRAYER FROM PSALM 105

Liberating God, we seek your journey. With parted waters, set us free. With cloud and fire, guide us. With gushing waters, quench our thirst. With food from heaven, feed us. Draw us out with joy and singing, that we might know your ways. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *God of Grace and God of Glory* UMH 577

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

HYMN OF PRAYER *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* UMH 479

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

CHORAL RESPONSE *Threefold Amen*

PROCLAMATION

The Scriptures are opened to the people.

SCRIPTURE Philippians 1:21-30 NT 181

CHILDREN'S SERMON *Joined Together in Faith*

ANTHEM *Shine, Jesus, Shine* Graham Kendrick

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Matthew 20:1-16 NT 20

SERMON *You're My Favorite*

RESPONSE

The people respond with acts of commitment and faith.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Nicene Creed* UMH 880

OFFERING

 Offertory *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise* arr. Hal Hopson

 *Doxology UMH 95

 *Dedication of the Offering

SENDING FORTH

The people are sent into ministry with the Lord's blessing.

*HYMN OF PROMISE *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* UMH 133

*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES FORTH

*BENEDICTION *May the Lord, Mighty God* Carl Ashley

 May the Lord, mighty God, Help you in ev'ry endeavor. May the Lord, mighty God,

 Bless you and keep you forever. Long may His grace be kind to you Bless you and keep you forever,

 By His grace and His might May it fail you never. Bless you and keep you forever.

*POSTLUDE

* = Please stand as you are able.

NT = New Testament, OT = Old Testament

TFWS = The Faith We Sing, UMH = United Methodist Hymnal

A fully staffed and stocked nursery is available for your convenience.

Also, the rocking chairs in the Sanctuary are for rocking your little ones.

Please ask an usher if you need any assistance.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory and praise of Almighty God and in loving memory of Jim Wade Goodman from Mother and Daddy, Jackson and Spencer.

TODAY'S READINGS:

Exodus 16:2-15

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 or Psalm 78 (UMH 799)

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

Memorials for **Madred Best Monroe Boyer** have been given by
 Pete and Barbara Bynum, Patsy Coats, Ed and Kathy Matthews and Sherrell and Joanne Taylor.

Memorials for **Faye Ferrell Rhodes** have been given by
 Patsy Coats, Ed and Kathy Matthews and Sherrell and Joanne Taylor.

SUPPORTING THE CHURCH

BY OUR PRAYERS...

Unless otherwise requested, prayer requests remain on this list for thirty days. We have an active prayer chain. If you have need for immediate prayer, please call the church office or Joanne Taylor at 910-892-7034.

Lou Allred	Dianne Callahan	Phil Gurkin	Robert Smith
Tammie Arnold	Larry Carmichael	Sarah Herring	Nancy Thomas
Family of	Polly Clapp	Susan Horton	Kinsley Vann
Madred Best Monroe Boyer	Nancy Cooper	Anne Johnson	Gene Walker
Mary Lemuel Blalock	James Cooper	Ida Lawrence	Dollye Walters
Chris Byrd	Susan Crooks	Janice Lever	Irvin Warren
Kim Byrd	Brandon Eaton	Rochelle Pope	John Willoughby
Susie Byrd	Elliott Gifford	George Rawls	



BY OUR PRESENCE AND GIFTS 9/17/17...

Sunday School Attendance	33	Offering Received	\$ 2,662.00
Worship Attendance	85	Weekly Cash Needs	\$ 6,726.27

BY OUR SERVICE AND WITNESS...

		<i>Serving This Week</i>		<i>Serving Next Week</i>
ACOLYTE	Sep 24	Brady Wilson	Oct 1	Christopher Parker
ALTAR FLOWERS	Sep 24	Gail Goodman	Oct 1	Carroll and Wilma Byrd
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Sep 24	Julie Easter	Oct 1	Hope Tyndall
		Lois Dail		Caitlin Parker
FINANCE	Sep 24	Jim Schmidlin	Oct 1	Mickey Hollingsworth
GREETERS	Sep 24	Don and Faye Butler	Oct 1	Carroll and Wilma Byrd
		Caroline Wilson		Bob Johnson
NURSERY	Sep 24	Lauren Walker	Oct 1	Edna Peterson
YOUTH VOLUNTEERS	Sep 24	No Evening Activities	Oct 1	Edna Peterson
	Sep 27	Cathy Cowling	Oct 4	Edna Peterson
		<i>Serving This Month</i>		<i>Serving Next Month</i>
ALTAR GUILD	Sep	Peggy Johnson	Oct	Caroline Wilson
		Susie Creel		Heidi Hamilton
LITURGIST	Sep	Gary Ronnfeldt	Oct	Craig Strickland
USHERS	Sep	Whit Brewer, Pete Bynum, Harold Butts, Jerry Callahan	Oct	David Ennis, Charlie Crumpler, Al Gower, Open

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Peggy Johnson	8	Mickey Hollingsworth	22	Cathy Cowling
3	Carol Snipes	10	Chris Spell	22	Robert Parker
3	Bob Welch	13	Jennett Whiteside	28	Ellen Jernigan
3	Debra Winstead	14	Randy Hamilton	29	Kristie Apperson
5	Blount Whiteside	17	Kyrissa Cumbie	29	Luke Coffman
7	Sarah Grace Gaines	18	Glenda Weisner	29	Molly Dunbar
7	Helen Parsons	21	Lee Cumbie	30	Carroll Byrd
8	Dava Anderson	22	Barbara Bethea	30	Al Gower

Is your birthday missing?

Please call the church office so we can be sure to add you to our records!

A Place to...Belong...Believe...Become

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Divine Street United Methodist Church

Rev. Elizabeth Gaines, Pastor
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