

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to First United Methodist Church. Please accept this invitation to fully participate in worship and give glory to God. Please prepare your heart and quiet your mind as you listen to the prelude.

*The people read the **bold** print. + Stand as you are able.*

WELCOME

PRELUDE Sweet Hour William Bradbury
arr. Felton

INTROIT Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty *Beach Spring*
(8:30) First Service Singers
(11:00) Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends of Christ, God invites us into relationship.

We come to grow in this love.

Seekers of grace, God has promised to meet us.

We come to this meeting with thankful and open hearts.

+ HYMN #339 Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast
Hursely

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, in your goodness, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and move us to be instruments of your good will. Teach us to pray and grant us hopeful persistence in seeking after the virtues of your kingdom. Forgive us when we trespass into the arenas of anger, envy, lust, and greed. As we turn to you, lead us home, to the place where love and faithfulness meet. Silent prayer Our God is there for us, giving us our daily bread and leading us with forgiveness and grace. This is the good news. We rejoice in this great and eternal blessing. Amen

Silent prayers are offered

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THE SCRIPTURE LESSON I Timothy 2:1-7
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (8:30) Savior, Like a Shepherd William Bradly
First Service Singers
(11:00) Grace Carolyn Hamlin
Chancel Choir

SERMON "The First Thing" Rev. Michael Roberts
(Series: Every Day is a Holiday)

+HYMN #496 Sweet Hour of Prayer *Sweet Hour*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

(8:30) PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

(8:30) 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
for ever. Amen.**

+ (8:30) AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #885

(11:00) SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION and RECEPTION INTO
FULL MEMBERSHIP, pages 33-38
Peyton Greeson

+ HYMN #98 To God Be the Glory
To God be the Glory

SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION and THE PEACE
The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you. Amen.

+ RESPONSE (8:30) We All Are One in Mission *Kuortane*
First Service Singers
(11:00) JLM Bradley Philips
Chancel Choir

+ POSTLUDE Prelude in Classic Style. Gordon Young

If you have prayer requests or joys to report, please email joysandconcerns@conwayfumc.org. You may also call the church office at 501-329-3801 during office hours Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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Please scan here to register your attendance in worship today, or sign in at worship entrances.

Third Grade Bible Sunday on Sept. 25!



All third-graders are invited to come forward to receive a Bible during worship services on **Sunday, Sept. 25**. Please scan the QR code to RSVP for your child. We would love to know which worship service you will attend.



The third-graders are also invited to a celebration brunch during the Sunday school hour in the Trinity Building Lobby.

Wonderful Wednesdays Continues on Sept. 21!

Here is what you can expect!

3:15 -- Youth gather in the Trinity Building for Hangtime

4:30 -- Music ensembles begin practices in the Music Suite

5:30 -- Dinner is served in Fellowship Hall followed by worship

6:30 -- Activities/Studies begin for Children, MidYouth, Youth & Adults

7:00 -- Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:30 -- Wesley Foundation Worship starts in the Chapel

7:30 -- Age Level programs end

8:30 -- Chancel Choir dismisses

9:00 -- Wesley Worship dismisses

Pre-registration for dinner is encouraged and a donation of \$6 per person is suggested for dinner.

Questions? Contact any member of the church staff for more information.

Sept. 21 Dinner

Menu: Cracker Barrel French Toast & Pancakes, sausage and fruit.

Host: Men's Prayer Breakfast.

Please let us know how many will be in your party. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. You may call the church office to sign up by end of the day Monday, or use the QR code below.



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Sept. 18, 2022

Sunday School Location Updates for Children (Grades K-4) and MidYouth (Grades 5-7)

Renovations in the basement classrooms traditionally used by our Children's Ministry and our MidYouth Ministry are now under way. Beginning Sept. 25, students in grades K-4 will meet in the preschool area of the Trinity Building for Sunday school. Students in grades 5-7 will meet in the Youth wing of the Trinity Building.



New Adult Sunday School Class Starting Today

Are you a not-so-young, young adult?! Join our new group during the Sunday school hour. The group, Growing in Faith and Fellowship, is designed for singles and couples in their 30s and 40s. We will grow our faith through Bible study as well as fellowshiping with one another. The class will start at 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 18, in Room 214.

FYI: Beginning Sept. 18, the Faith in Action class is moving to Room 220.

HOLIDAY

Lay Ministries Begin Nov. 27 in Sanctuary Worship Services

On the first Sunday of Advent, Nov. 27, we will welcome several Lay Ministries back to their regular weekly functions at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services. A listing of our various ministry offerings and how to connect can be found in our weekly newsletter. The offerings include Lectors, Lay Communion Ministers, Acolytes and Ushers. If you have general questions about serving as a Lay Minister, please reach out by email to Jason Saugey, Director of Worship Ministries, Jason@conwayfumc.org.

Saltine Crackers Needed for Food Pantry

Due to supply issues, the food pantry is in need of saltine crackers for the weekly food boxes. If you can, please pick up one or two extras (or more) and drop them off at the church. We need approximately 60 boxes of crackers each week. We really appreciate any help!

Guatemala Mission Workteam "Be the change you want to see in the world!"

There are only 12 spots available – join up now! The dates are Feb. 18-26, 2023. We're headed to Guatemala to help build fuel efficient stoves for the Mayan women. No special skills needed.... there is something for everyone to do! No need to know Spanish ... there will be interpreters! The cost will be around \$1,500 depending on air fare and that will include everything except souvenirs and tips. You will find your life changed as we get to know the wonderful Mayan people and help in a very significant way to improve their lives.

Plan on coming to the information meeting on Oct. 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the church library to learn more!

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. worship services
10:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

11:00 AM LIVE STREAMING DISCLAIMER: Please keep in mind that anyone attending in-person worship at 11 a.m. may appear on the live streaming of our worship service. There are areas outside of the camera's view in which you may prefer to sit. Those areas are any of the pews on the main floor of the Sanctuary that are under the balcony. Sitting in areas other than those noted above constitutes your consent to be photographed, filmed, and/or otherwise recorded and to the release, publication, exhibition, or reproduction of any and all recorded media of your appearance, voice, and name for any purpose by Conway First United Methodist Church.