

We're so glad you're here!

Please **register your attendance** using the pad on your pew or the QR code on the bulletin cover.

**Flowers on the altar** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Henon Wiley Pearce Sr. and Henon Wiley Pearce Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. David Elwyn Reed and Ridley Reed.

Are you free Sunday mornings during the 10 o'clock hour? Looking for community but not necessarily a class? Join us for a laid back time of **coffee and conversations** in Room 216 of the Wesley Worship Center.

Join us for **Leading@Hsv1st**, a six-week course to nurture and equip potential leaders. It begins Wednesday, August 27 from 6 to 8PM. Scan the QR Code to register.



For those of you over the age of 40, we have a unique opportunity for you! We're interested in seeing what **adult exercise programs our church family** might be interested in and would greatly appreciate your input! Visit the Events page of our website for the survey.

Ladies: Join us Saturday at 8:30AM as we experience the wisdom and wit of author Sophie Hudson at a fun **United Women in Faith event**. Register on our Events page.

As you may know, **Pastor Joe and his family** have answered a call to ministry at Athens First Methodist Church, and we want to bless him and his family on their way. Please drop by the Wesley Center Fellowship Hall on Sunday, August 24 at 6PM.



**HUNTSVILLE FIRST**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*called to influence our community to know the love of Christ*

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OFFICE HOURS  
Monday-Thursday 8:30AM - 4PM  
Friday 8:30AM - Noon



#### Today

**Nursery** is open for children through age 3. Register children ages 4 (as of September 1) through second grade for Children's Church at the Welcome Desk in the Wesley Center. Sermon Notes for third through sixth graders are in the back of the sanctuary.

The **church library** is open from 9:20 to 10:50AM.

#### Wednesday

Music ensemble rehearsals: **First Family Singers**, 6-7PM, Room 220; **Heavenly Honkers**, 6-7PM, Room 212; **Sanctuary Choir**, 7-8:30PM, Room 204.

#### Thursday

The **church library** is open from 1 to 3PM.

#### Friday

**Men's Breakfast Group**, 7:30AM, Room 129. Cost is \$10. Email Dick Titus at [rc Titus@cowboys.uwyo.edu](mailto:rc Titus@cowboys.uwyo.edu) for details.



#### SENIOR PASTOR

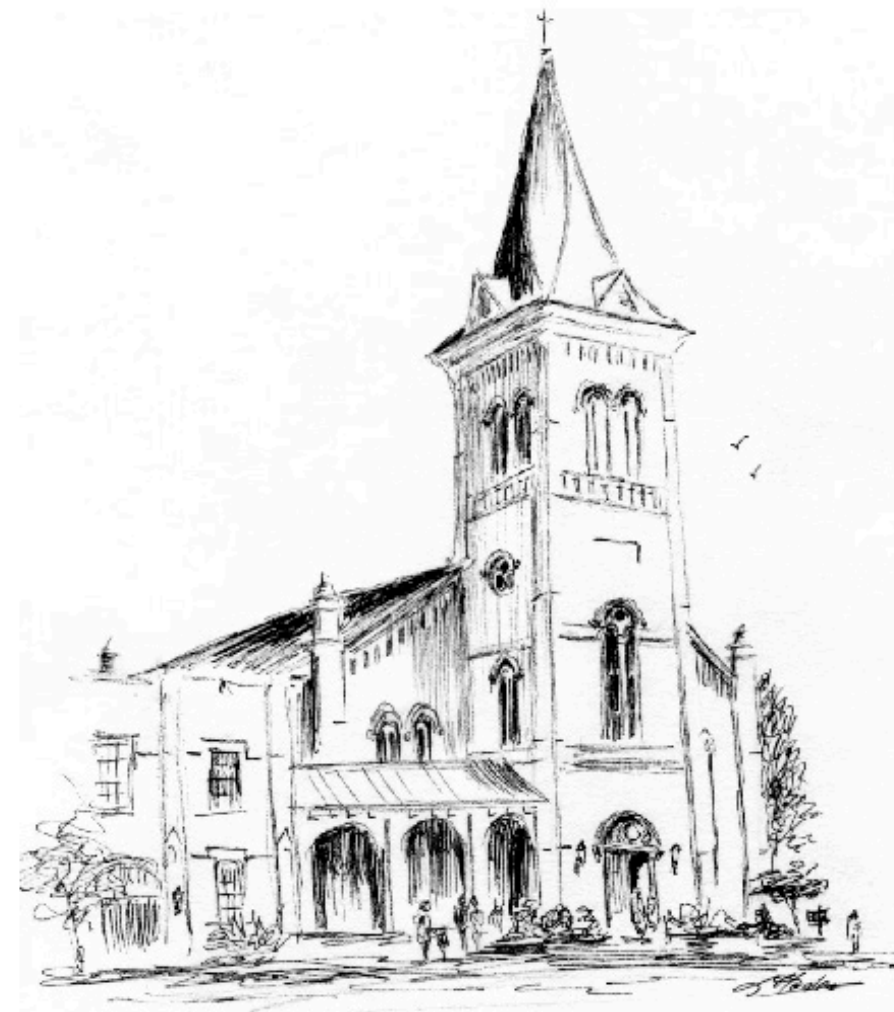
Rev. Byron Vance

#### ASSOCIATE PASTORS

Rev. Rachel McKelvy Boggs, Rev. Bill Crosby,  
Rev. Coy Hallmark, Rev. Joe Vonderheide, Rev. June Wilson

# HUNTSVILLE FIRST

United Methodist Church



## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
17 AUGUST 2025 | 9 and 11AM

Using your smartphone camera, please scan the QR Code at right to register your attendance.

**WIFI password** JoHn3:16



# Welcome to worship!

You are invited to read/sing the **bold print** appearing throughout the bulletin. Kindly silence all electronic devices.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal

FWS = The Faith We Sing

\*please stand as able



## PRELUDE

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* | Eurydice Osterman

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *inspired by Psalm 80*

Liturgist: Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel.

**People:** You lead your people gently and kindly.

Liturgist: You sent us your light and your salvation.

**People:** Hear us and restore us, Lord God Almighty.

Liturgist: Help us to hear you and know you are here.

**People:** Jesus Christ is our Lord, our light and our salvation.

**All:** Let us praise and worship him together.

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN** UMH 400

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* | NETTLETON

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** 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** UMH 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.

## \*GREETING ONE ANOTHER

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CONCERNS

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

## OFFERTORY

*Adelaide* | Raymond Haan

**\*DOXOLOGY** UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heavenly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION and BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

*Children ages 4 through second grade are invited to come to the back of the sanctuary and go with a “Shepherd” to Children’s Church (Wesley Center, Room 208/210). Pick up children in the Wesley Center after the service.*

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION** UMH 382

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord* | ADELAIDE

## \*SCRIPTURE READING

2 Kings 5:1-14 (pew Bible, page 328, Old Testament)

11AM **ANTHEM** | SANCTUARY CHOIR

*Shall We Gather at the River* | John Carter

Jay Hendricks, soloist

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod;  
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?  
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,  
gather with the saints at the river, that flows by the throne of God.

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.  
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

Deep river, my home is over Jordan, deep river,  
I want to cross over into campground.  
Deep river, my home is over Jordan, deep river,  
I want to cross over into campground.

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river, that flows by the throne of God;  
that flows by the throne of God.

**SERMON** | *The Real Heroes for the Little People*

Rev. Bill Crosby

**\*CLOSING HYMN** UMH 467

*Trust and Obey* | TRUST AND OBEY

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Fugue in E Major, BWV 566 | Johann Sebastian Bach

*As the music plays, you may depart or remain seated in prayerful meditation.*

## THE CARILLON



## SERMON NOTES



**Clergy Assist**  
**Director of Music & Organist**  
**Acoltyes**

**Ushers**

**Lay Liturgist**

Rev. Coy Hallmark  
Jillian Gardner  
9AM Walker Williams  
11AM Delaney Canupp, Sophia Nishida  
9AM Art Hargrove, Johnnie Hargrove,  
Alex Johnson  
11AM Rob Akenhead, Milan Buncick,  
Bart Smith, Noah West  
Barry Sublett