

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 Paula Phillips by Harrell Phillips, Martha Whitener, and Gene, Elizabeth and Zach Bowman.

**Ready to explore membership?** Our three-week class, First Things First, will offer instruction about who we are as United Methodists, as Huntsville First, and who we are as members of our community. Classes begin today at 10AM in Room 214.

Next Sunday, September 28, **Bishop Jonathan Holston** will be here! We will have a special worship schedule that day: **9AM** in the Wesley Worship Center, **10AM** in the Chapel, and **11AM** in the Sanctuary.

We'll be living high on the hog when join together on October 1 for **Pumpkins & Pork Chops** - our First Wednesday Supper catered by Bubba's Silver Spoon. Be sure to register today for this wonderful feast and fellowship opportunity where kids eat free. Visit our Events page for menu info and registration.

You and your pet are invited to join us as we stand in witness to God's deep and abiding love for our furry and feathered friends at a **Blessing of the Animals** service at 4PM Sunday, October 5. Visit [huntsvillefirst.org/events](https://huntsvillefirst.org/events).

**SAGES** will meet October 9 at noon in the Small Dining Room. Bill Nunn will present a program on Alabama musicians. Cost is \$12 for a taco lunch provided by Little Rosie's. Register on our Events page or contact [berke54@aol.com](mailto:berke54@aol.com).



**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



*This Week @*

**HUNTSVILLE  
FIRST**

#### 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

**Pastor Bill's Bible Study**, 10AM, Room 129. You may also join via Zoom meeting code 878 4887 6070. The password is 842281.

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 [rctitus@cowboys.uwyo.edu](mailto:rctitus@cowboys.uwyo.edu) for details.

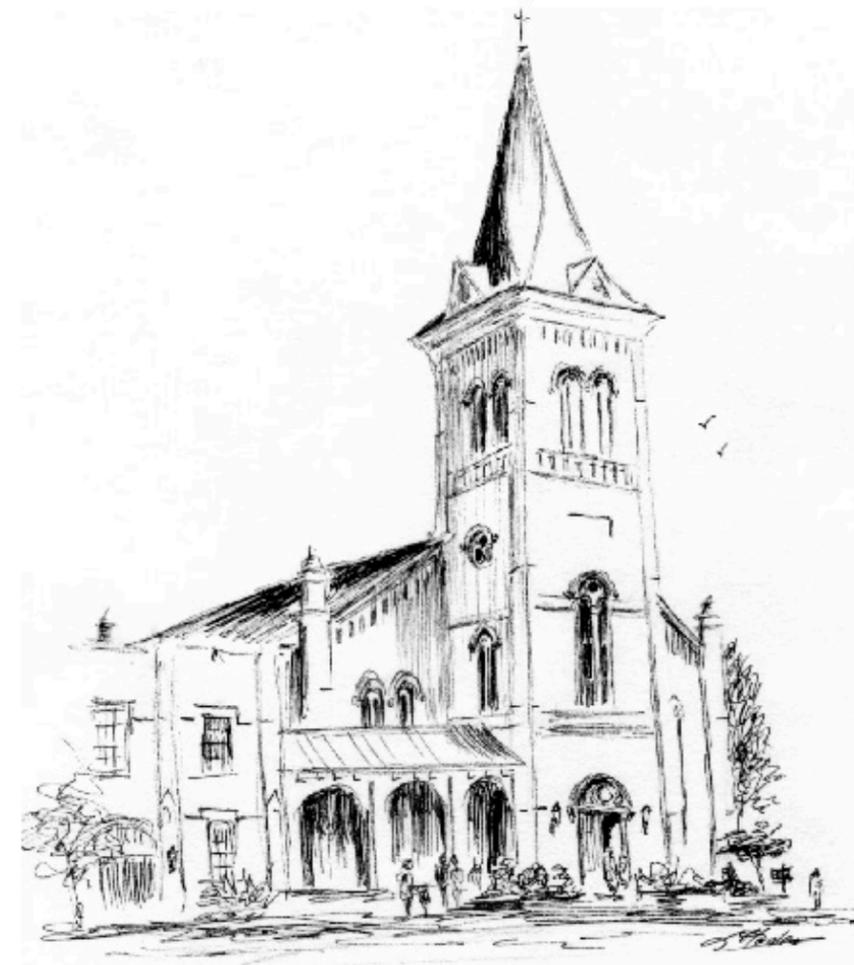
#### SENIOR PASTOR

Rev. Byron Vance

#### ASSOCIATE PASTORS

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

**HUNTSVILLE FIRST**  
United Methodist Church



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

21 September 2025 | 9 and 11AM

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

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# 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

*Il. Andante Sostenuto, Symphonie Gothique* | Charles-Marie Widor

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.

**People: We gather to worship with joy and in hope.**

Liturgist: Come, let us worship the one who desires our hearts.

**People: We bring our whole selves in worship to our God.**

Liturgist: Come, let us set aside all that distracts us from true worship.

**People: We come as we are**

**and ask the Spirit to gather us in and direct our vision.**

Liturgist: Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.

**People: We are here to worship with all that we are.**

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH 577

*God of Grace and God of Glory* | CWM RHONDDA

### \*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

*Pastorale* | George W. Chadwick

### \*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 431

*Let There Be Peace on Earth* | WORLD PEACE

### \*SCRIPTURE READING

Philemon 17-21 (pew Bible, page 202, New Testament)

### 11AM ANTHEM | SANCTUARY CHOIR

*There is a Balm in Gilead* | Lloyd Larson  
Colin Bagwell, soloist

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sinsick soul.  
Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,  
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.  
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sinsick soul.

Don't ever feel discouraged for Jesus is your friend;  
and if you lack for knowledge He'll ne'er refuse to lend.

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,  
you can share the love of Jesus, and say, "He died for all!  
He died for all! He died for all! Christ died for all!"

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sinsick soul.  
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### SERMON | Rev. Byron Vance

### \*CLOSING HYMN UMH 363

*And Can It Be That I Should Gain* | SAGINA

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*V. Final, Symphonie No. 6* | Charles-Marie Widor  
*As the music plays, you may depart or remain seated in prayerful meditation.*

## THE CARILLON

## SERMON NOTES

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

**Ushers**

**Lay Liturgists**

Rev. Coy Hallmark  
Jillian Gardner  
9AM Fox Holmes, Channing Miller  
11AM Allie Bailey, Harper Holden  
9AM Art Hargrove, Johnnie Hargrove,  
Alex Johnson  
11M Rob Akenhead, Milan Buncick, Bart Smith,  
Noah West  
9AM Charlie Bishop  
11AM