

We're glad you're here!

**Flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Betty Chestnut by Richard Chestnut. Today would have been their 53rd wedding anniversary.

Thank you in advance for your **Year-End Contribution** to our church! The last day to drop off contributions in the church office is Wednesday between 9AM and 1PM or, for last-minute givers, you can drop them in the box outside the Greene Street entrance. Mailed contributions must be postmarked by December 31.

Holiday office hours:

**Monday and Tuesday:** Open 8:30AM to 4PM

**Wednesday:** Financial office open 9AM to 1PM  
to receive year-end gifts

**Thursday and Friday:** Closed

The **First Sundays @ First young adult group** - offering fellowship, connection, and devotionals - will begin meeting in January not only on first Sundays but also third Sundays. Join us beginning January 4 at 10AM in Room 319.

January is **Go Missions** month. Please join us for these opportunities:

#### First Wednesday Supper

is January 7 at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Join representatives from some of our mission partners for this BBQ meal. Kids eat free! Scan the QR code to register.

The **Lifesouth Bloodmobile** will be at Huntsville First on Sunday, January 11. Help support others with the gift of life.

Huntsville First's **Sleep in Heavenly Peace bed build** will be Saturday, January 17.



#### Today

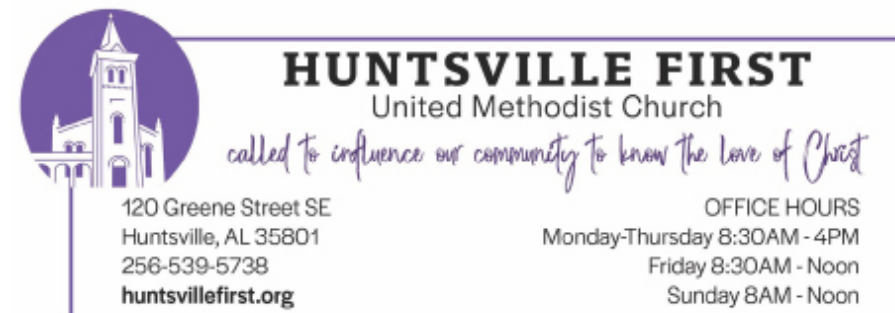
**Nursery** is open for children through age 3. Register children ages 4 (as of September 1) through second grade for Children's Church at the Welcome Desk in the Wesley Center.

#### Wednesday

The **church financial office will be open** from 9AM to 1PM to receive year-end contributions. All other offices will be closed.

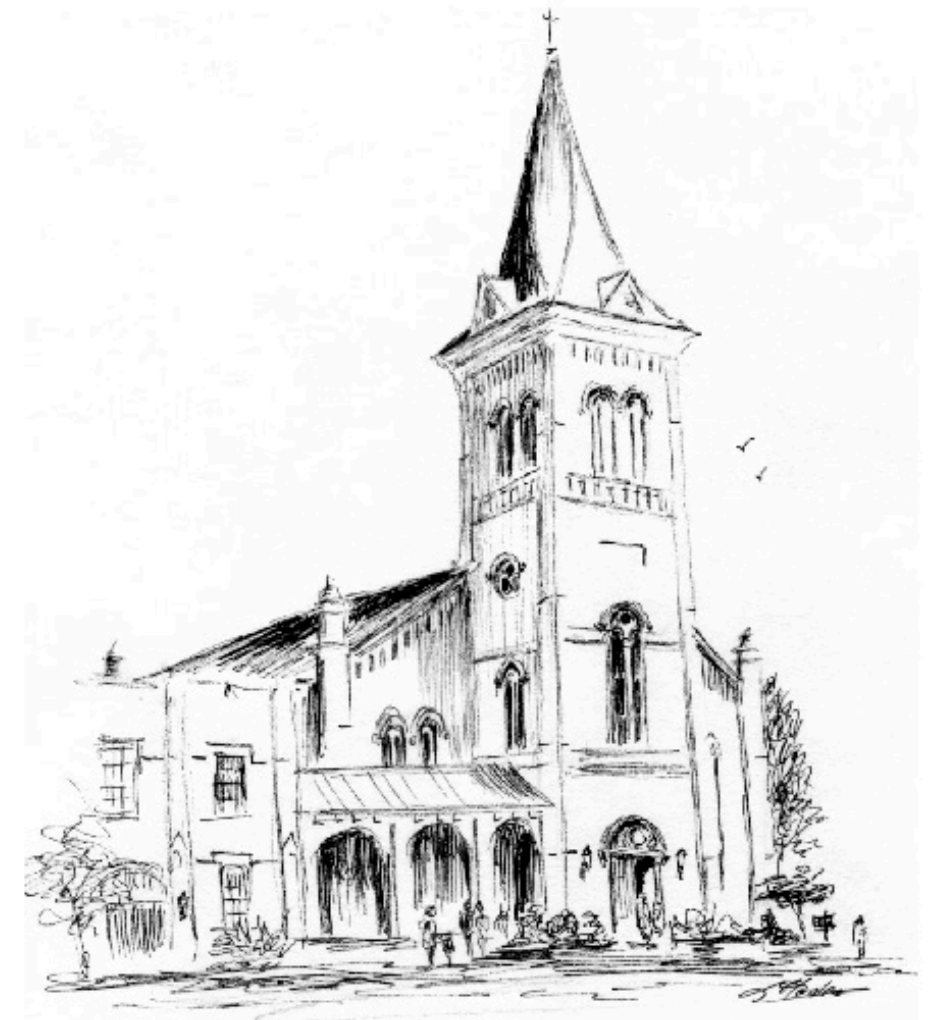
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The church office will be **closed**.



## HUNTSVILLE FIRST

United Methodist Church



### COMBINED WORSHIP

*First Sunday after Christmas*  
28 DECEMBER 2025 | 10AM

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

*Coronation* | Arr. Janet Correll

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Holy One, you gather your people in peace,  
according to your word;

**People: for our eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples.**

Liturgist: a light for revelation to the people of the world,  
and glory to those who bear your light.

**People: Bless us as we worship,  
that we may see the light of your glory,  
wonder at the mystery of your presence,  
and bear your light faithfully into the world.**

Liturgist: Eternal God, Living Word, and Spirit of Life,  
we rejoice at your birth among us.

**People: Holy child, come to us now,  
and make us holy by your presence.**

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CONCERNS

## \*HYMNS

UMH 240 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (v. 1, 3) | MENDELSSOHN  
UMH 245 *The First Noel* (v. 1, 2, 4) | THE FIRST NOEL

## \*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.**

## \*GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

## 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.**

## HYMNS

UMH 218 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* (v. 1, 4) | CAROL  
UMH 230 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (v. 1, 2, 4) | ST. LOUIS

**OFFERTORY** | Reid Rainwater and James Jackson  
*I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day  
How Great is Our God*

**\*DOXOLOGY** UMH 238 Refrain  
**Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

## \*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). After the service, parents should pick up their children at the bottom of the Wesley Center main staircase.*

## \*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:13-23 (pew Bible page 2, New Testament)

## SERMON Rev. Bill Crosby

**\*CLOSING HYMN** UMH 246  
*Joy to the World* | ANTIOCH

*The light of Christ, symbolically carried by the acolytes, leads us into the world to spread the good news.*

## \*BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Come, Thou Almighty King* | Arr. James Pethel

## THE CARILLON

## SERMON NOTES

**Clergy Assist**  
**Organist**  
**Pianist and New Song Leader**  
**Exalt Worship Leader**  
**Acolytes**  
**Lay Liturgist**

Rev. Rachel McKelvy Boggs  
Harrell Phillips  
James Jackson  
Reid Rainwater  
Ben Hardy, Julia Anne Williams  
Spencer Pendley