

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.

During Lent, we invite everyone to participate in a **churchwide study of Psalms** focusing on the theme "Even so, God is with us." We hope this study will invite self-reflection, reconciliation with God, and recentering your walk of faith, so we encourage you to go to our website homepage and join us in reflecting on these ancient words.

Saturday, United Methodists throughout North Alabama will gather at Cullman First UMC for a **day of worship, learning, connection, and equipping**. Visit huntsvillefirst.org/events for details and to register.

Register today for the **Sunday Funday for Pre-K children** and a parent. It will take place March 1 at 2PM in the Fellowship Hall. Together, you and your child will experience a fun afternoon filled with age-appropriate game stations, a bouncy, and refreshments with your peers. Register at huntsvillefirst.org/events.

Susanna Wesley Early Education Ministry is **looking for both part-time and full-time staff** to join our caring team of childcare professionals. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and have a high school diploma or GED. For more information, email Terri Layton at sweem@huntsvillefirst.org.

Each year at Huntsville First, **awards and scholarships are offered for higher education students**. Scholarship information and applications are available on the Huntsville First website. Deadline is March 31.



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
Sunday 8AM - 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.

Dinner and devotion, His Way Recovery Center, 582 Shields Road, 5:30PM.

Wednesday

Pastor Bill's **Bible Study**, 10AM, Room 129. Zoom Meeting ID: 878 4887 6070. Passcode: 842281.

Music ensemble rehearsals: **Children's Lenten Choir**, 4:30PM, Room 204; **Sanctuary Choir**, 7-8:30PM, Room 204.

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 for details.

SENIOR PASTOR

Rev. Byron Vance

ASSOCIATE PASTORS

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

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

First Sunday in Lent

22 FEBRUARY 2026 | 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

Just As I Am | Raymond Haan

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 32*

Liturgist: Happy are those whose sins are forgiven.

People: Happy are those whose sins are cast away.

Liturgist: Rejoice in the Lord! Be glad!

People: Sing out! Shout for joy!

Liturgist: Rejoice in the Lord!

People: Rejoice! Amen!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH 117

O God, Our Help in Ages Past | ST. ANNE

9AM SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Jessica Claire Coody, daughter of Ryan and Catherine Coody

*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.

11AM *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.

9AM BAPTISM SONG

Jessica, Jessica, God claims you,
God helps you, protects you and loves you, too.
We this day do all agree, a child of God you'll always be.
Jessica, Jessica, God claims you,
God helps you, protects you and loves you, too.

9AM CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example
of Christ, that Jessica, surrounded by steadfast love, may be
established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the
way that leads to life eternal.

*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 | First Family Singers

Yes, My Jesus Loves Me | Mary McDonald

*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 357

Just As I Am, Without One Plea | WOODWORTH

*SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7, 20-24 (pew Bible, page 2, Old Testament)

11AM ANTHEM | SANCTUARY CHOIR

For the Beauty of the Earth | Dale Wood

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon, and stars of light;
Lord of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight;
Lord of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild;
Lord of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For your church that evermore lifts its holy hands above,
offring up on ev'ry shore its pure sacrifice of love;
Lord of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

SERMON | Rev. Byron Vance

*CLOSING HYMN UMH 269

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days | LAND OF REST

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days | George Shearing
As the music plays, you may depart or remain seated in prayerful meditation.



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Director of Music & Organist
First Family Singers Director
First Family Singers Accompanist
Acolytes

Ushers

Lay Liturgists

Rev. Coy Hallmark
Jillian Gardner
Celese Kendrick
Barry Sublett
9AM Ben Hardy, Fox Holmes
11AM Allie Bailey, Harper Holden
9AM Art Hargrove, Johnnie Hargrove,
Alex Johnson
11AM Rob Akenhead, Milan Buncick,
Bart Smith, Noah West
9AM Luci Mathews
11AM Melea Horton