

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church, and bid you welcome to this congregation of the United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

*INVITATION HYMN UMH 384

Love Divine, All Love's Excelling | BEECHER

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

*BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you.

**The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you.**

**The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Postlude on The Day of Resurrection | Jason Payne

THE CARILLON

Clergy Assistant	Rev. Rachel McKelvy Boggs
Director of Music and Organist	Jillian Gardner
First Family Singers Director	Celese Kendrick
First Family Singers Accompanist	Barry Sublett
Acolytes	Allie Bailey, Nora Braden
Ushers	John Bellis, Gene Bowman, Jim Green, Lise Wilson
Lay Liturgist	Caroline Buncick



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

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 Doris McMillian on her birthday by Joyce Stringfellow.

Senior Launch will offer two nights of insider adulting info to help prepare high school seniors for their next phase of life. Sheriff Kevin Turner is scheduled to speak tonight at 6:30 in Room 216 of the Wesley Center. Chuck Jones, financial advisor, is scheduled for April 19, also at 6:30PM in the same location.

Have you recently become a member of Huntsville First, or are you interested in becoming one? Then our **First Things First Exploring Membership Class** is for you. Come hear about who we are as a United Methodist Church, who we are as Huntsville First UMC, and who we are as members together in community beginning Sunday, April 19 at 10AM in the Gathering Room. Refreshments are free and children are welcome. Visit huntsvillefirst.org/events to register.

Join us for an inspiring evening of music as staff singer **Faylee Crawford** presents a **special Scholarship Recital** to help fund her participation in a summer opera program in Italy. Come support her musical journey Sunday, April 19 at 6 PM. Stay afterward for a reception and cake auction.

Job opening: Our Special Ministries Program is in need of an assistant. This part-time, paid position requires 8-10 hours per week, including some hours on Saturdays for preparation and on Sunday mornings for serving and support. Email sarahvolc@huntsvillefirst.org 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

Confirmation Sunday

12 APRIL 2026 | 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

Thine is the Glory | Robert Hobby

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 118*

Liturgist: This is the day the Lord has made!

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

Liturgist: The Lord is our strength and our song;

He has become our victory!

People: You are our God, and we will praise you;

You are our God, and we will exalt you.

Liturgist: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

People: His faithful love endures forever.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH 545

The Church's One Foundation | AURELIA

*GREETING ONE ANOTHER

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Caroline Culbreath Doherty and Isabelle Blair Doherty

twin daughters of William and Julia Doherty

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.**

BAPTISM SONG

Caroline and Isabelle, 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.

Caroline and Isabelle, God claims you,

God helps you, protects you and loves you, too.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example

of Christ, that Caroline and Isabelle, surrounded by steadfast

love, may be established in the faith and confirmed and

strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

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

Standin' in the Need of Prayer | Joel Raney

*DOXOLOGY UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*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.

ANTHEM | SANCTUARY CHOIR

And Crown Him Lord of All | Douglas E. Wagner

Christ, the same, yesterday and today and ever.

Christ, the same, yesterday and the same.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised,

greatly to be praised in heaven and on earth.

Great is the Lord, great is the Lord, the name above all names.

Alleluia, King of Kings! Alleluia, Lord of Lords!

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

God, our heavenly father, worship and adore,
glory to his name we'll sing, now and evermore.

Christ the same, yesterday and today and ever.
Christ, the same, yesterday and today.

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call;
extol the stem of Jesse's rod, and crown him Lord of all.
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.
Great is the Lord, great is the Lord, the same, yesterday and today!

*SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31 (pew Bible, page 110, New Testament)

SERMON | Rev. Byron Vance

CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

Stella June Braden

John Carter Canupp

Miles Mitchell Coley

Emery Danielle Garrard*

Lillian Marie Green

Hattie Elizabeth Harvard

Alice Carolina Holmes

Lucas Cruse Kimbrel*

Liv Evelyn Larsen

Elizabeth Chesnut Lowe

Reynolds Crissen Miller

Ethan Matthew Mullins

Conner Trey Parks

Hayes Alexander Plaxco

Ann Tinsley Sayers

Ann Marie Schliesman

James Garrison Sparks*

Elliot Lee Terhune

Douglas John Wester III

Emmeline Virginia White

Thomas Peter Wieck

**Baptism and Confirmation*

RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH