



Ellijay First United Methodist Church

75 McCutchen Street, P.O. Box 472

Ellijay, GA 30540

Dr. John Brantley

February 12, 2023

8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Worship - The Color is Green

The Worship of God

Welcome and Announcements

The Chiming of the Hour

Focusing Words: Surely God yearns, as any loving parent would, that we choose wisely. In this and in every moment, let us bring joy to God's heart by choosing compassion for ourselves, our neighbors, and all of God's creation.

Prelude

“Love Lifted Me”

arr. by Mary McDonald

***Call to Worship**

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

† The Greeting

Leader: Come, walk in the way that leads to life.

People: It is better to be reconciled with another than to be proven right.

Leader: Come, choose to live a genuine life.

People: Life is too short for petty resentments.

Leader: Come, walk in the way Christ invites us to travel.

People: We give thanks for Christ's way, and for the freedom to follow!

† The Invocation

† The Hymn of Praise

“Freely, Freely”

UMH 389

† **The Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles Creed

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.

† **The Gloria Patri**

**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.**

Pastoral Prayer

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**

† **The Hymn of Preparation** “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

UMH 420

† *Congregation Standing (as able)*
**11:00 am Service Only*
8:45 am Service Only

UMH-United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS-The Faith We Sing

You Are Welcome Here

You enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. He is your Heavenly Father. Come then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips, into His presence, offering Him your love and service. Be grateful to the men and women who, in the name of Jesus Christ, built this historic place of worship and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with prayer and praise. Beseech His blessings on those who love this house of faith as the inspiration of their labor, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may that blessing rest upon your going out and your coming in.

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music “The Heart of Worship” *arr. by Lloyd Larson*

† The Presentation and Doxology

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

The Anthem “Seek Ye the Lord” *by Benjamin Harlan*

The Scripture Matthew 5:21-37 NRSA

The Sermon “Let Your Yes Be Yes” Pastor

† The Closing Hymn “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” UMH 557

† The Benediction

***† The Choral Benediction** “May the Grace of Christ Our Savior” *by Stanley W. Cowan*

The Postlude “With Trumpets and Horns“ *by G. F. Handel*

*Our Service of Worship has ended
Our Worship through Service begins*

Invitation to Church Membership

Anyone wishing to join this church by profession of faith or by transfer of your membership, please come forward during the closing hymn or speak to the pastor following worship. Know that you are always welcome.

Matthew 5:21-37

²¹ ‘You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, “You shall not murder”; and “whoever murders shall be liable to judgement.” ²² But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, “You fool”, you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³ So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷ ‘You have heard that it was said, “You shall not commit adultery.” ²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹ ‘It was also said, “Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.” ³² But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³ ‘Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, “You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.” ³⁴ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷ Let your word be “Yes, Yes” or “No, No”; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Packing Date: Saturday, March 4

Ellijay Civic Center

8:00 - 12:00 p.m.

Accepting Donations

Reserve a Room

If you plan to have a meeting or class in the church building please call the church office to reserve a space. You may reserve for one time or ongoing usage.



**Wednesday,
February 15th
12:00 Noon**

Genesis 6 and a Sack Lunch

Bring a sack lunch and enjoy fellowship and Bible Study.

Grief Support Group

A Grief Support Group meets on Tuesdays from 11:30-1:30. Call Paula Morris Acree at 770-570-9958 for more information or to register.

Would you like to join the choir?

The Choir would love any interested singers to join them. Practice is on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Please come share your talents with the church.



Stephen Ministry

Support

**But I call to God, and
the Lord saves me.
Psalms 55:16**

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Save the Date

“Grace In Him”

Women’s Retreat

Victory in Jesus

8:45am to 2 pm

EFUMC Fellowship Hall

Hand Bell Ringers Needed

If you would like to join the hand bell ringers contact Judith Rathbone at 706-889-2603

What’s Happening This Week at Ellijay First United Methodist Church

Prayers For The Week

- Megan Atkinson
- Diana Butram
- Raven Calhoun**
- Rose Chastain
- Mary Thelma Cole
- Todd De La Rosa
- Tommy Fanelli
- Sharon Fletcher
- Emma Ford
- Caleb Grizzle
- Ron Hall
- Rosie Haney
- Gwendolynn Hanish
- Billee Harvey
- Marie Holt
- Michael Katz
- Frank Kelley
- Jackie Leva
- Ethelyne Lingle
- Sandy Locklear
- Tom & Mary Jo Lowery
- Brittany Martin**
- Lynn McKibbin
- Jim Melton
- Andrea O’Connor
- Patrick O’Donnell
- Bill Patton
- George Paxson
- Pauline Price
- Kai Rich
- Ansleigh Richardson
- John Robinson
- Pat Roller
- Chrys Santandera
- Sam, Hannah, Alex & Jordyn Schaich
- Kevin Seligmann
- Kay Sinclair
- Cindy Smith
- Bob Steif
- Ryan Summers
- Ukraine
- Bryan Urghart
- Wesley in Augusta
- Patricia Wiley
- Patti Wilkinson
- Kay Willis**
- Our World

Calendar for the Week February 12, 2023

Sunday, February 12th

- 8:45 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 2:00 p.m. Single Mingle
Game Day - FUMC

Tuesday, February 14th

- 11:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 3:00 p.m. NOGS

Wednesday, February 15th

- 12:00 noon Lunch and Learn
Genesis 6
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, February 16th

- 4:00 p.m. Zumba

Saturday, February 18th

- 8:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Tai-chi/Yoga/Pilates

Sunday, February 19th Matthew 17:1-9

- 8:45 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 2:00 p.m. Single Mingle
Movie Day - FUMC

Monday, February 27th

- 3:00 - 4:00 Presented by the
Gilmer County Sheriff’s Office
Cons, Scams, Rip-Offs
@ The Orchard Church
Ellijay



Save the Date

February 22, 2023



In the Fellowship Hall immediately following
Pastor John's Ash Wednesday Service

Firestarters' Prayer for the Week

O God of such truth as sweeps away all lies, of such grace as shrivels all excuses, come now to find us for we have lost ourselves in a shuffle of disguises and the rattle of empty words. Let your Spirit move mercifully to recreate us from the chaos of our lives.

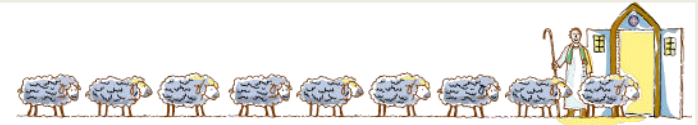
We have become careless of our days, our loves, our gifts, our chances...

Our prayer is to change, O God, not out of despair of self but for love of you, and for the selves we long to become before we simply waste away.

Let your mercy move in and through us now...

Amen.

LIJ Kids News



All children ages 4 years thru 5th grade are welcome to join us for LIJ Kids!

You are invited! Bible Story, Crafts, Games, Music, Fun

"WHERE KIDS CAN HAVE A BLAST LEARNING GOD'S WORD"
A GREAT PLACE TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS, BRING FRIENDS, PLAY,
PRAY, LAUGH AND LEARN ABOUT GOD



- Feb: 12: Linda Dickerson
- Feb: 13: Jim Daugherty
- Feb: 13: Marsha Vautrot
- Feb: 15: Colin Pflueger
- Feb: 16: Sidney Mahan
- Feb: 17: Jennifer Hillhouse
- Feb: 18: John Mahan
- Feb: 18: Susan Makant

Our Gifts of Time

Church Lock-up

- 2/4-2/12 Katherine Meyer
Miriam Neimira
- 2/13-2/19 Lloyd Vautrot
Bill Munson

Greeters

- 2/12 8:45 Narthex Mike Graham
Portico Judy Leonard
Office Stacey Graham
- 11:00 Narthex Sandy Williams
Portico Stacey Davis
Office Logan Mashburn
- 2/19 8:45 Narthex Bill Johnson
Portico Harry Archer
Office Betty Ann Archer
- 11:00 Narthex Linda Werner
Portico Jim Daugherty
Office Gene Evans

Our Presence

February 5 - Total - 238

8:45 - 72

11:00 - 166

Confirmation Class

There is a Confirmation Class in the Ben Barrett classroom during the Sunday school hour.

Single Mingle Activities

- Feb. 12: Game Day EFUMC 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Feb. 19: Movie Day EFUMC 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Feb. 26: Game Day EFUMC 2:00-4:00 p.m.