



Ellijay First United Methodist Church

75 McCutchen Street, P.O. Box 472

Ellijay, GA 30540

Dr. John Brantley

February 26, 2023 First Sunday in Lent

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

The Worship of God

Welcome and Announcements

The Chiming of the Hour

Focusing Words: Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven and whose sin is covered. Rejoice and be glad, you upright in heart.

Prelude

“The Lamb of God”

arr. by Mary McDonald

***Call to Worship**

“Were You There?”

† **The Greeting**

Leader: Temptation surrounds us every day.

People: Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven.

Leader: Opportunities to stray litter our path.

People: Happy are those whose sin is covered.

Leader: Though we stumble and fall, God’s mercy picks us up.

People: God’s grace brushes us off.

Leader: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice.

People: God’s love meets us here.

† **The Invocation**

† **The Hymn of Praise**

“Grace Greater than Our Sin”

UMH 365

† **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**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

UMH 298

† *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 “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley” *arr. by Jack Schrader*

† **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 “Only Love Can Answer Why”
by Mary Kay Beall & John Carter

The Scripture Matthew 4:1-11 NRSA

The Sermon “Make the Devil Leave” Pastor

† **The Closing Hymn** “Be Still, My Soul” UMH 534

† **The Benediction**

*† **The Choral Benediction** “O How He Loves You & Me” *by Kurt Kaiser*

The Postlude “Voluntary in D minor” *arr. by William Boyce*

*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 4:1-11

The Temptation of Jesus

⁴ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.’ ⁴ But he answered, ‘It is written,

“One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you”,
and “On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.”

⁷ Jesus said to him, ‘Again it is written, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”’

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; ⁹ and he said to him, ‘All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.’

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, ‘Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

“Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.”

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

Our Presence

February 5 - Total - 238

8:45 - 72

11:00 - 166

February 12- Total -150

8:45 - 48

11:00 - 102

February 19 - Total - 172

8:45 - 57

11:00 - 115

Cons, Scams, Rip-Offs February 27th 3:00 - 4:30

Life Changing workshop
presented by
Gilmer County Sheriff's Office

@ The Orchard Church
Ellijay



Stephen Ministry
Support

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

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Grace in Him Ministries
Presents a workshop for women

VICTORY IN JESUS

When: Saturday, March 18, 2023
8:30am - 2:00pm
Where: Ellijay First United Methodist Church
Cost: \$20.00 (preregistration required)
Breakfast snacks and lunch provided
To Register: Call Geri Worley (706-273-3204) or text
(706-889-0152)

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
Jo Jo Davis
Todd De La Rosa
Sharon Fletcher
Emma Ford
Caleb Grizzle
Ron Hall
Rosie Haney
Gwendolynn Hanish
Billee Harvey
Marie Holt
Barbara Johnson
Michael Katz
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 Urquhart
Wesley in Augusta
Patricia Wiley
Patti Wilkinson
Kay Willis
Our World

Calendar for the Week February 26, 2023

Sunday, February 26th
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
6:00 p.m. Youth Group

Tuesday, February 28th
11:00 a.m. Bible Study
3:00 p.m. NOGS

Wednesday, March 1st
3:30 - 5:00 LIJ Kids

Thursday, March 2nd
11:00 a.m. Joy Circle
4:00 p.m. Zumba

Saturday, March 4th
8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:00 a.m. Rise Against Hunger
Packing - Civic Center

Sunday, March 5th
8:45 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Youth Group



Firestarters' Prayer for the Week

From "The Wake-Up Call"

Our Father, we keep praying that the eyes of our hearts may be enlightened in order that we may know you better, that I might become truly humble; which is to awaken to the person you imagined when you fashioned my inmost being and that I might rise up into the real life for which you created me. Forgetting what is past, I press on toward this high calling. But for today, let me find myself next to Peter as he watches the fish come in and the nets tear and the boats start to sink. Let me find myself on my knees next to him, marveling at you and responding with all I am and have; even my everyday work. Show me the next small thing. Come Holy Spirit, I am ready to move with you. Praying in Jesus's name. 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

Wednesdays 3:30-5:00

Youth Group

Sunday, February 26

6:00 p.m.



Feb: 28: Steve Purvis
Mar: 2: Stan Cowan
Mar: 2: Joe Gaston
Mar: 4: Alan Dorfman

Single Mingle Activities

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

Our Gifts of Time

Church Lock-up

2/20-2/26 John Davis
Hank Chapman
2/27-3/5 James Grice
Barry Petenbrink

Greeters

2/26 8:45 Narthex Allan Tarr
Portico Kathy Stephens
Office Bob Stephens
11:00 Narthex Sandy Williams
Portico Lori McCurdy
Office Rachel Tarr
3/5 8:45 Narthex Donna Carlsen
Portico Gwen Calhoun
Office Dean Carlsen
11:00 Narthex Logan Mashburn
Portico Stacy Davis
Office Jean Smilie

Confirmation Class

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