



Ellijay First United Methodist Church

75 McCutchen Street, P.O. Box 472

Ellijay, GA 30540

Dr. John Brantley

April 16, 2023 Second Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m. Worship - The Color is White

The Worship of God

Welcome and Announcements

The Chiming of the Hour

Focusing Words: Be not dismayed, for Christ is alive, bringing hope and joy
to our lives this day. Alleluia!

Prelude

“Make the Sounds of Praise”

arr. by R. Hughes

***Call to Worship**

“This Is a Day of New Beginnings”

† The Greeting

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice.

Leader: Do not worry or fear, for Christ is alive!

People: In this place, we find hope and joy.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Let us worship the one who brings new life.

† The Invocation

† The Hymn of Praise

“Easter People, Raise Your Voices”

UMH 304

† 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

“We Walk by Faith”

TFWS 2196

† *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	“Where’er You Walk”	<i>by G. F. Handel</i>
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† 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	“The Good News”	<i>by Douglas E. Wagner</i>
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The Scripture	John 20:19-31	NRSV
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The Sermon	“My Lord and My God”	Pastor
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† The Closing Hymn	“To God Be the Glory”	UMH 98
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† The Benediction

*† The Choral Benediction	“Hymn of Promise”	UMH 707 Vs. 3
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The Postlude	“Rejoice, The Lord is King”	<i>tune: “Darwall”</i>
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*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.

John 20: 19-31

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

Jesus and Thomas

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

The Purpose of This Book

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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Joy Circle

Potato Bar

Wednesday, May 3rd

5:00 p.m.

Donations Accepted

Reservations Requested

Sign up on attendance sheet



There are not enough words to express my Sincere appreciation to my church family for their many prayers, cards, calls, love and remembrances during my recent bout with a blood clot – and for chauffeuring Bill to not only visit me, but back/forth and to/from Chattanooga. I truly know we could not have made it these past two months without you!! Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Barbara Johnson

Thank you for your prayers and sympathy following the loss of my mother.

Donna Carlsen



Stephen Ministry Support

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

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Single Mingle Activities

Apr. 16: Community Chorus
Ellijay Elementary School 4:00
Apr. 20: Out to Dinner 4:30
Apr. 23: Game Day
EFUMC 2:00-4:00
Apr. 30: Game Day
EFUMC 2:00-4:00

STRINGS IN THE SPRING - April 30th

Bring your acoustic string instruments to worship and join in this special day of praise.



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

Prayers For The Week

Megan Atkinson
Phil Bennett
Diana Butram
Raven Calhoun
Rose Chastain
Mary Thelma Cole
Pat Daniels
Jo Jo Davis
Todd De La Rosa
Cindy Dotson
Emma Ford
Shelby Graham
Caleb Grizzle
Ron Hall
Rosie Haney
Gwendolynn Hanish
John & Beverly Hiscox
Marie Holt
Hudson David Irvin - infant
Barbara Johnson
Shannon Leeper
Jackie Leva
Ethelyne Lingle
Sandy Locklear
Tom & Mary Jo Lowery
Brittany Martin & Kids
Renda Mashburn
Lynn McKibbin
Jeanne Munson
Andrea O'Connor
Patrick O'Donnell
Bill Patton
George Paxson
Phil Perry
Josh Powell
Ansleigh Richardson
Pat Roller
Scott
Kevin Seligmann
Connie Simon
Bob Steif
Bryan Urquhart

Calendar for the Week April 16, 2023

Sunday, April 16th

8:45 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
2:00 - 4:00 Single Mingle
Game Day

Monday, April 17th

9:00 a.m. Team Tabitha

Tuesday, April 18th

11:00 a.m. Bible Study
12:00 p.m. Noon Circle
3:00 p.m. NOGS

Wednesday, April 19th

3:30 p.m. LLJ Kids

Thursday, April 20th

4:00 p.m. Zumba

Saturday, April 22nd

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
9:00 a.m. YOGA
11:00 a.m. Kenya High Tea

Sunday, April 23th

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

EFUMC Firestarters' Prayer for the Week



Prayer of St. Francis

"Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

CLC Run for the Son

Our Church has a team for the 'CLC Run For the Son 5k' on May 6, 2023. The Entry Fee is \$25 until 4/28, after 4/28 the entry fee is \$30. To join the church team all forms and money need to be turned in by Sunday April 30.

You can register online at www.gilmerclc.org/5k.

You can pick up a paper registration form in the church office. For more information or questions please contact Logan Mashburn at 706-273-9664 or loganmashburn712@gmail.com.

IF YOU REGISTER ONLINE MAKE SURE YOU PUT ELLIJAY FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN THE TEAM BOX

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

Graduating Seniors

If your family has a graduating senior, please contact the church office with their name and graduation information.



Apr: 18: Tommy Calhoun
Apr: 20: Linda Burnette
Apr: 20: Barbara Chapman
Apr. 20: Janet Haver

Save the Date!

Returning May 10



Our Gifts of Time

Church Lock-up

4/10-4/16 Lloyd Vautrot
Bill Munson
4/17-4/23 John Davis
Hank Chapman

Greeters

4/16	8:45	Narthex	Bill Johnson
		Portico	Stacy Graham
		Office	Mike Graham
	11:00	Narthex	Sandy Williams
		Portico	Nathan Grice
		Office	Logan Mashburn
4/23	8:45	Narthex	Judy Leonard
		Portico	Harry Archer
		Office	Betty Ann Archer
	11:00	Narthex	Logan Mashburn
		Portico	Nathan Grice
		Office	Linda Werner

Our Presence

April 2 - Total - 151
April 9 - Total - 260
7:00 - 15
8:45 - 66
11:00 - 179

Save The Date

April 22: High Tea
June 19 - 23: Vacation Bible School