



# Ellijay First

United Methodist Church

75 McCutchen Street, P.O. Box 472

Ellijay, GA 30540

**Dr. John Brantley**

**July 23, 2023**

*8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship - The Color is Green*

## **The Worship of God**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **The Chiming of the Hour**

**Focusing Words:** In this house of God, angels traverse ladders of holy love. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

\* **Prelude**      “My Heart Ever Faithful”

*by J. S. Bach*

*Gabrielle Cornett & Susan Gooch, Piano Duet*

### † **The Greeting**

Leader: This is none other than the house of God. This is nothing less than the gate of heaven.

**People: Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

Leader: God hems us in, behind and before, and lays hands of blessing upon us.

**People: Such knowledge is too wonderful for us. It is so high we cannot attain it.**

Leader: Rest in the majesty of our God. Give thanks and sing of God's glory.

**People: Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

### † **The Invocation**

### † **The Hymn of Praise**

☆ “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”    UMH 139

Vs. 1,2,3,5

## † 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

☆ "Nearer, My God, to Thee"      UMH 528  
Vs. 1,2,3

## ***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. here.

## **The Worship with Tithes and Offerings**

**The Offertory Music**      “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*arr. by Joel Raney*

† **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**      “How Majestic Is Your Name”

*Men’s Ensemble*

*arr. by Ed Lojeski*

**The Scripture**      Romans 8:12-25

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**The Sermon**      "Wait for It"

Pastor

**The Closing Hymn**

☆ “The Church’s One Foundation”      UMH 545

Vs. 1,2,4,5

† **The Benediction**

† **The Choral Benediction**

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”      UMH 671

Vs. 1

**The Postlude**      “Guide Me O, Thou Great Jehovah”

*arr. by Charles Callahan*

### ***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.

## Romans 8:12-25

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup> for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!”<sup>16</sup> it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,<sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

### Future Glory

<sup>18</sup> I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God;<sup>20</sup> for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope<sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now;<sup>23</sup> and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen?<sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

## ***Our Gifts of Time***

**July 23**

**Lock up**

John Davis & Hank Chapman

**Greeters**

8:45	Narthex	Bill Johnson
	Office	Betty Ann Archer
	Portico	Harry Archer
11:00	Narthex	Jean Smilie
	Office	Linda Werner
	Portico	Nathan Grice

**July 30**

**Lock up**

Steve Hanline

**Greeters**

8:45	Narthex	Judy Leonard
	Office	Rachel Tarr
	Portico	Allan Tarr
11:00	Narthex	Lynn McKibbin
	Office	Sandy Williams
	Portico	Logan Mashburn



July 25: Barbara Johnson

July 28: Anita Summers

July 30: Joanne Bennett

July 30: Tracy VanNamen

## **Grief Support Group**

Are you experiencing the pain of loss? Loss of a loved one, friend, a spouse?

There is a healing place for you!

The grief support group will meet at FUMC, Tuesdays from 11:30 - 1:00 beginning August 1st for 8 weeks. There is no charge for the support group, but there is limited availability.

Please call Paula Acree at 770-570-9958 to sign up and/or for more information.

## **Our Presence**

June 25 - Total 155

8:45 - 43

11:00 - 112

July 2 - Total 161

8:45 - 61

11:00 - 100

July 9 - Total - 182

July 16 - Total - 154

8:45 - 44

11:00 - 110

## **June Financial Recap**

Check the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for complete financial information.

June - Year to Date Contributions \$251,019

June - Year to Date Expenses \$226,307

## **LIJ Kids / Youth Impact News**

**I hope you are enjoying your last weeks of summer! I am on vacation so we will take a break for the last two weeks of July.**

### **Next Activities**

**Wednesday, August 2nd 6:00 p.m.- Back to School Bash!**

**Come prepared to get wet!**

**August 6 - 11:00 Blessing of the Back Packs**

**We will go the Davis' House (Stacey & Jemma) for Pool Fun.**

**Bring your sack lunch, towel, bathing suit and sunscreen!**

**Parents are welcome. Keep on shining Jesus' Light!**

## **FUMC Firestarter's Prayer for the Week**



**Great Father, how often have you looked at the fields of our lives and found no harvest. Forgive us for the fruit we have failed to bear and the weeds we have sown. We thank you that you look to us not as a judge, but as a guide. Thank you for your wisdom, for showing us the better way. Thank you for the home you have prepared, even for sinners such as us.**



**Seamless  
Summer**

**Thank you for serving  
last week**

**Tom & Penny Strickland  
Ronnie & Liam Dunnigan**

## **Vespers Service**

**Unique**

**Contemplative**

**Worshipful**

**The Sun is always  
Shining 2!!**

**Friday, August 4, 6:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall**

**Questions:  
Call Warren Acree  
706-273-1134**

## **Prayers For The Week**

**Fred Allen**

**Max Andersen**

Megan Atkinson

**Jennifer & Kyla Beale**

**Broxson**

Diana Butram

Ernette Calhoun

Mary Thelma Cole

Joan & Paul Compton

Pat Daniels

Todd De La Rosa

Allen Fanelli

Emma Ford

April Gibson

Shelby Graham

Caleb Grizzle

Chris Hall

Ron Hall

Rosie Haney

Mack Hipp

Marie Holt

Sheila Langham

Rylan Leeper

Shannon Leeper

**Judy Leonard**

Jackie Leva

Ethelyne Lingle

Sandy Locklear

Buddy Terry & Linda Lowe

Tom & Mary Jo Lowery

Renda Mashburn

Katherine Meyer

Jeanne Munson

Lyda Neisler

Julie Nicholson

Andrea O'Connor

Patrick O'Donnell

Our World

Bill Patton

George Paxson

Josh Powell

Caroline and Katie Seligmann

Connie Simon

Kassy Simpson

**David Smallwood**

Bob Steif

Linda Tierney

Bryan Urquhart

Valerie Weiss

## **Calendar for the Week**

**July 23, 2023**

### ***Sunday, July 23rd***

*8:45 a.m. Worship*

*9:45 a.m. Sunday School*

*11:00 a.m. Worship*

*2:00 - 4:00 Single Mingle*

*At the Movies - EFUMC*

### ***Monday, July 24th***

*11:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl*

*Workshop*

*6:00 p.m. Administrative*

*Council*

### ***Tuesday, July 25th***

*11:00 Bible Study*

### ***Wednesday, July 26th***

*12:00 noon Lunch & Learn*

*Genesis 25*

### ***Thursday, July 27th***

*4:00 p.m. Zumba*

### ***Saturday, July 29th***

*8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study*

*9:00 a.m. YOGA*

### ***Sunday, July 30th***

***Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52***

***"The Power of Yeast"***

*8:45 a.m. Worship*

*9:45 a.m. Sunday School*

*11:00 a.m. Worship*

*2:00 - 4:00 Single Mingle*

*Game Day - EFUMC*