

† **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**

☆ “Amazing Grace”

UMH 378

Vs. 1,2,3,4,6

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

UMH-United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS-The Faith We Sing

☆ *Denotes an EFUMC favorite hymn*

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 “Revive Us Again”

arr. by Larry Shackley

† **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 “Lamb of Glory”

arr. by Stan Pethel

The Scripture John 20:19-31

NRSA

The Sermon "When Jesus is in the House"

Rev. Dr. Ken Ray

The Closing Hymn ☆ “How Great Thou Art”

UMH 77

† **The Benediction**

† **The Choral Benediction** ☆ “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

UMH 557
Vs. 1

The Postlude “Simple Gifts”

arr. by John Carter

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

Prayers For The Week

Megan Atkinson
Phil Bennett
Diana Butram
Ernette Calhoun
Mary Thelma Cole
Pat Daniels
Todd De La Rosa
Allen Faneli
Emma Ford
April Gibson
Shelby Graham
Caleb Grizzle
Chris Hall
Ron Hall
Rosie Haney
Mack Hipp
Marie Holt
Sheila Langham
Shannon Leeper
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
Bob Steif
Bryan Urquhart
Valerie Weiss
Margaret Werner

Calendar for the Week July 9, 2023

Sunday, July 9th

Homecoming Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Picnic on the Grounds

Tuesday, July 11th

9:00 UMM

11:00 Bible Study

Wednesday, July 12th

12:00 noon Lunch & Learn

Genesis 22

Thursday, July 13th

4:00 p.m. Zumba

Saturday, July 15th

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

9:00 a.m. YOGA

Sunday, July 16th

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Seasons of Sowing Seed

8:45 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. Youth Group

EFUMC Firestarter's Prayer for the Week



“Teacher, your laws are easy to understand, but seem not so easy for us to live up to - to treat others better than we treat ourselves, and to love you most of all. We are trying, with your Holy Spirit help. Amen. “



Thank You Servers this week:

Sharon Cleary
Betty Ann Archer
Rebecca Holmes
Lynn McKibbin



Lunch and Learn
Wednesday,
July 12
12:00
Genesis 22



July 10: Tracy Easley
July 10: Katherine Meyer
July 10: Beth Pigott
July 10: Terry Roylance
July 12: Logan Mashburn
July 14: Sharon Cleary
July 14: Audrey Frick
July 14: Molly Kelly
July 15: Jim Hagopian

LIJ Kids News

IMPACT Youth are welcome to join us!!

Next Summer Fun Dates

6:00 p.m. July 12th - Game Night (inside and outside)
6:00 p.m. August 2nd - Back to School Bash!

Singles/Mingles Activity List

Sunday, July, 9 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Gilmer Arts Playhouse
Moonlight and Magnolias
Sunday, July 16 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Game Day - Birthdays
EFUMC
Saturday, July 22 8:30 - 3:30 AARP Defensive Driving
Sunday, July 23 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. At the Movies - EFUMC
Sunday, July 30 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Game Day - EFUMC

Our Presence

June 11 - Total - 149
8:45 - 45
11:00 - 104
June 18 - Total - 180
8:45 - 55
11:00 - 125
June 25 - Total 155
8:45 - 43
11:00 - 112
July 2 - Total 161
8:45 - 61
11:00 - 100

Our Gifts of Time

Church Lock-up

7/9 Katherin Meyer
Miriam Niemira
7/16 Lloyd Vautrot
Bill Muncon

Greeters

7/9 8:45 Narthex Gwen Calhoun
Portico Kathy Stephens
Office Bob Stephens
11:00 Narthex Wanda Sandels
Portico Logan Mashburn
Office Karen Woodlief
7/16 8:45 Narthex Dean Carlsen
Portico Donna Carlsen
Office Allan Tarr
11:00 Narthex Lynn McKibbin
Portico Stacey Davis
Office Gene Evans

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