#### Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child It's time to gather your items and pack your shoeboxes for Operation

items and pack your shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Boxes should be returned to the church by November 12. Shipping and Handling Fee is \$10.00 Info: Pam Chapman Phone: 214-908-4258

> Our Presence October 22 - 100

# **Vespers Service**

Unique Contemplative Worshipful

The Eye with which I see

God

Friday, November 10, 2023 5:00 p.m. (note new time)

Fellowship Hall

Questions: Call the church or Warren Acree 706-273-1134



Oct: 30: Elizabeth Dorfman Nov. 1: Bill Johnson Nov. 1: Jeane Snoke Nov. 3: Dianne Lassiter Nov: 3: DeWayne Lineback Nov: 3: Joel Taylor



A great big thank you to everyone who helped make our "Trunk or Treat" such a huge success. A fun filled time was enjoyed by all!! LIJ Kids LIJ Kids / Youth Impact News LIJ Kids

Wednesday, October 31 at 3:15 p.m.

# FUMC Firestarter's Prayer for the Week

Drawing strength from one another, we wait for you, Lord. Let your powerful Spirit move among us. Make us bold, not only to tell your story with words, but also to live your story by feeding the hungry, healing the sick, caring for the land, and

Greeters

Narthex - Gwen Calhoun

Portico - Amy Keener

Narthex - Jean Smilie

Volunteers are needed

Friday, November 10th

to greet (7:00 a.m.) and help

serve (8:00) at the

Veterans Breakfast.

Call Barbara Barrett at

770-402-0536

8:45 Office - Betty Ann Archer

11:00 Office - Gene Evans

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Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Given by Faith, Hope and Charity Recycle Store and Ellijay 1st Baptist Church will be held November 11.

Our church has been asked to donate 20 turkeys (cooked, deboned and delivered) and 20 desserts. They need a commitment by Oct 10. If you are able to make either of these please contact Kathy Stephens by text at 706-502-5563. Thank you.

Important meeting for Volunteers 7:00 p.m. Friday, November 10 First Baptist Church



Ellijay First United Methodist Church 75 McCutchen Street, P.O. Box 472 Ellijay, GA 30540 Dr. John Brantley October 29, 2023

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

Welcome and Announcements

The Chiming of the Hour

\* **Prelude** "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" *arr. by Mark Hayes* 

\* Call To Worship "Seek Ye First"

**† Focusing Words:** "Love isn't a state of perfect caring. It is an active noun like struggle. To love someone is to strive to accept that person exactly the way he or she is, right here and now." Rev. Fred Rogers

## **†** The Greeting

Leader: God has been our swelling place in all generations. **People: Before the mountains were brought forth,** Leader: before the earth and sky were formed, **People: that God may gather us in.** 

Leader: We will be close to God's heart, **People: and we will dwell in God's grace.** Leader: We will love God fully,

People: and we will love one another well.

**†** The Invocation

**†** The Hymn of Praise

**†** 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.

#### **Prayers of the People**

#### **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

"Pass It On"

UMH 572

#### 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** 

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

arr. by John Innes

**†** 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 Gift of Love" American Folk Tune arr. by Hal Hopson	
The Scripture	Matthew 22:34-46	NRSV
A Message	"Our Neighborhood"	Jan W. Day
The Closing Hymn	Cad Our Halp in A and Darf?	

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" UMH 117

## **†** The Benediction

### **†** The Choral Benediction

"Go Now in Peace" UMH 665 "Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go"

The Postlude "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Reprise

arr. by John Innes

Matthew 22:34-46

## The Greatest Commandment

<sup>34</sup> When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup> and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup> "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" <sup>37</sup> He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." <sup>38</sup> This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

## The Question about David's Son

<sup>41</sup> Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: <sup>42</sup> "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David."
<sup>43</sup> He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

<sup>44</sup> 'The Lord said to my Lord,"Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

<sup>45</sup> If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" <sup>46</sup> No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

UMH-United Methodist Hymnal TFWS-The Faith We Sing