#### Our Gifts of Time

October 8 Lock up Katherine Meyer Miriam Niemira Bill Munson

#### **Our Presence**

September 17 - 116 September 24 - 142 8:45 - 60 11:00 - 82 October 1 - 162 8:45 - 53 11:00 - 109



Sunday, October 15 and October 22 There will be one Worship Service at 10:00 There will be no Sunday School

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Oct: 11: Bill Munson Oct: 12: Marianne Evans Oct. 12: Richard Rueckert Oct. 13: Anna Westmoreland Oct. 14: Debbie Westmoreland

## LIJ Kids / Youth Impact News LIJ Kids

Special October Dates: October 25th - 6:00 - 7:00 Trunk or Treat See Bulletin Insert to sign up for hosting a Trunk Thank you for your participation.

# FUMC Firestarter's Prayer for the Week

Loving God, we seek your heart. Be a lamp unto



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.



Ellijay First United Methodist Church 75 McCutchen Street, P.O. Box 472 Ellijay, GA 30540 Dr. John Brantley October 8, 2023

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

Welcome and Announcements

The Chiming of the Hour

**Focusing Words:** In the scriptures found in the Bible, you will find commandment of old and lessons from enigmatic parables. But there is an older scripture - a scripture beyond words, a scripture as deep and mysterious as the night sky. For the heavens proclaim God's glory with every colorful sunrise and budding flower.

\* Prelude

"How Firm a Foundation"

arr. by John Purifoy

\* Call To Worship "Seek Ye First"

TTO worship Seek

**†** The Greeting

Leader: Christ the cornerstone welcomes us to this house of God.

People: May our minds perceive God's word, even as our hearts receive God's love.

Leader: May God's Spirit bless us with wisdom and faith.

**†** The Invocation

**† The Hymn of Praise** 

"Jesus Shall Reign"

UMH 157 Vs. 1,2,5 **†** 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 Praver**

#### **The Lord's Praver**

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

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" UMH 175

#### 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** 

"Canon In D"

by Pachelbel

**†** 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 "	Want Jesus to Walk with Me" Judith Rathbone, Soprano Soloist Spiritual, arr. by Hal H. Hopson	
The Scripture	Philippians 3:4b-14	NRSA
The Sermon	"Pressing On"	Pastor
The Closing Hym	n "How Great Thou Art"	UMH 77

## "How Great Thou Art"

#### **†** The Benediction

## **†** The Choral Benediction

"My Tribute" **UMH 99** "To God be the glory, to God be the gory, to God be the glory for the things he has done. With his blood he has saved me; with his power he has raised me; to God be the glory for the things he has done. "

"Alleluia"

The Postlude

by W. A. Mozart

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

UMH-United Methodist Hymnal TFWS-The Faith We Sing

## Philippians 3:4b-14

<sup>4</sup> even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.<sup>8</sup> More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

## Pressing toward the Goal

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

## 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.