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FEB 25, 2018

REV. KEVIN JOHNSON

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

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WORDS

with

OPEN HEARTS.

OPEN MINDS.

OPEN DOORS.

We welcome those of every age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, socio-economic condition, family structure, and physical or mental ability into all aspects of the life of this congregation.

WORSHIP

Today's altar flowers are given by JoAnne and Tom Young in memory of their parents Christine and Joe Horeczy and Maurine and Pete Young.

The nursery, in Epworth Hall, is available for children, birth to 4 years old, beginning at 9:45 a.m. Out of respect for our worship, please silence all electronic devices prior to the service. Sound system hearing aids are available from the ushers upon request.

✦ Please stand as you are able.

WELCOME Rev. Kevin Johnson
(Please complete Connection Card and place in offering plate.)

PRELUDE "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Beth Farabee
God's forgiveness is as everlasting as the ages.
His mercy is as wide as the seas.
Surely God will forgive all our iniquities.
God will restore a right spirit within us. Praise be to God!

✦ **HYMN No. 101** (red hymnal) "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 882** (red hymnal)
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe 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, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living 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.

✦ **GLORIA PATRI No. 70** (red hymnal)

RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "In the Shadow of Your Wings" Chancel Choir;
Paul Leavitt Anne Rottman, Oboe

✦ **DOXOLOGY No. 2223 vs. 4** (black hymnal)
All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS No. 33 (red hymnal)

✦ **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER No. 895** (red hymnal)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00 a.m.) Annette Johnson
(As the children come forward, the congregation is invited to sing No.2233 black hymnal.) **ALL: This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song: This is where children belong.**

✦ **HYMN No. 369** (red hymnal) "Blessed Assurance"

SERMON "Famous Last Words" Rev. Kevin Johnson
Luke 23:39-43 (pg. 1641 NIV)
Reader: *This is the Word of God for the people of God.*
People: Thanks be to God!

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (8:30 a.m.)
Please come as the ushers direct to receive the bread from the pastors and then dip the bread in the cup before partaking. After receiving communion you are welcome to spend time in personal prayer at the prayer rail. A gluten-free station is located in the center aisle between the pastors.

✦ **HYMN No. 701** (red hymnal) "When We All Get to Heaven"

✦ **BENEDICTION**

✦ **POSTLUDE** "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" Art Swett, Organ
Michael Burkhardt

PRAYERS

NEW: For my visit with my sister, Cathy (requested by Beth Swabik); Lylah Gorman, Joan Tompkins, Patti Punda, Farlene Mock, Wine-nett Wilson (requested by Ann Burch); Prayers to all family members who have lost a loved one (requested by Leslie, Patricia, Kora, Lena, Liam, Emily, Tori, Maggie and Quin); Prayers for everyone that is suffering to find relief and hope (requested by Robert and Barbara Cooper); Continued healthy pregnancy and baby for Tatiana Bruce (requested by Michael and Erin Bruce).

ONGOING: Tyler Shortley, who is stationed overseas with the Air Force; Evan Jones, serving in the US Navy overseas, Nancy DeLacure; and Any "Unspoken Requests."

OUR FAITHFUL FRIENDS - SHOW THEM YOU CARE

This is a ministry that reaches those who are unable to attend worship and other weekly activities. Please send a note or card of encouragement to these members of our Faith Family!

Beth Griffis, 1415 Fort Clarke Blvd, #26, Gainesville, FL 32606
Rosemary Harrell, 3928 NW 20th Terr, Gainesville, FL 32605

EVENTS

Detailed calendars are located at the Connection Center in the Narthex.



Women's Connection is having their next meeting on Monday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. at FUMC Gainesville for a crafting night! This is an opportunity for women ages 20's-40's to relax and renew monthly through sharing snacks, stories, laughs and life! Join their Facebook group to learn more!
facebook.com/groups/fumcwc/

Many thanks to our volunteers who helped our Family Promise guests feel at home during our host week and helped with the clean up and laundry afterwards! We cannot continue this ministry without our volunteers. You all are fabulous! Hope to see you again, and many others, during our next host week!

Please pray for our students who begin their journey toward Confirmation next weekend by attending a retreat with Pastor Kevin at Warren Willis Camp. What a privilege it is for us to support these young people as they grow in faith!

Children's Home Day on Campus!

On Saturday, March 17th, the Florida United Methodist Children's Home will host its annual Day on Campus at Enterprise. This is a day-long event in which all of the organization's ministries will be on display in one place. At 9:00 a.m., campus tours begin with trams running continuously. At 11:00 a.m., the morning program will begin in the gym, including presentations and awards, testimonials, and music and dance by the youth living in the Home. At noon there will be a complimentary lunch under the tent. After lunch you will be able to visit cottages where the children live, and chat with some of them and the house parents. Questions? Contact Jim Nation at JLN@ufl.edu or phone 386-418-3775 if you wish to go.



OUR MISSION

FUMPers

First United Methodist's Preschool (FUMPers) is thriving! During the past 2 ½ years, FUMPers has:

- Successfully moved from a traditional half-day preschool to a full-day, year-round program
- Enrolled more children than ever before
- Increased our staff size to meet the needs of larger classes

The Preschool Board has long maintained a Scholarship Fund to help families who might not be able to otherwise afford FUMPers. However, with our transition to a full-time program, monthly demands on the Scholarship Fund have also increased. Five children in various classes are currently receiving scholarships funded in large part by the generosity of church members. We couldn't do all we do without your help! Thank you for your support of FUMPers Scholarship Fund today!



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