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MARCH 11, 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 Karen Sellick in memory of her parents Miriam and Stan Mathis.

*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 "Amazing Grace" Art Swett, Organ
Robert Hobby

+ CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Beth Farabee

Lift up your voice and call out to God.

We cry out, believing that God hears us.

Come together and wait for God.

We come together, trusting that God is still speaking.

Surely God's presence is here with us now.

We wait in hope, for God's steadfast love lifts our hearts.

Come, worship the Lord.

We celebrate the power of God that restores us.

+ HYMN No. 140 (red hymnal) "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

+ 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)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 a.m.) Giovanna Frances Bruce

RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Amazing Grace" Chancel Choir
arr. Jack Schrader

+ 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.**

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 worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song: This is where children belong.**

+ HYMN No. 2196 (black hymnal) "We Walk By Faith"

SERMON "Famous Last Words" Rev. Kevin Johnson

Matthew 27:45-46 (pg. 1548 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. 378 (red hymnal) "Amazing Grace" vs. 1-4

+ BENEDICTION

+ POSTLUDE "Amazing Grace" Art Swett, Organ
John Behnke

PRAYERS

NEW: Hayes Lentz, NICU at NFRMC, 29-week preemie (requested by Lynda Knight); For upcoming and exciting life changes, all of those needing a little extra prayer in life. Our niece's recovery, mind and body, after a car accident (requested by The Bergman Family); Health and strength for our troops overseas and our President (requested by Elgin Davis); For my husband, Scott, who will be having a total hip replacement surgery on March 16 (requested by Beverly Griseck).

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!

Fleming Montgomery, 101 Tiger Blvd, #229, Lewisburg, TN 37091
Cec Morse, 3453 NW 10th Ave. Gainesville, FL 32605

EVENTS

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

CHURCH WIDE



Come enjoy a fun night with our whole church family at this intergenerational Bingo Night! Please bring a snack to share. We'll provide pizza, drinks and fun

in the Bethany room on Sunday, March 18 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.!

Serve with FUMC

Join us on Sunday, March 18th after 11:00 a.m. worship for usher training! Ushering is an easy, and much needed way to offer your time and talent to serve in our faith family. There is no commitment for attending; just come and learn if it's a fit for you! Questions? Contact Kevin Johnson at kevin@fumcgnv.org.

Young at Heart

Enjoy food, fun and fellowship on with Young at Heart this Sunday, March 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bethany Room! Ole Nelson will be sharing about this year's upcoming Adult Retreat! Questions? Contact Diane at 352-377-0302.

Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday (March 25), 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. A celebration of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and preparation for the events of Holy Week with special music provided by the Children's Chimes and Choir at 11:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday (March 29), 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday is one of the oldest observances of Holy Week. This worship service will focus on the life of Peter, the disciple whom Jesus called "the rock on which he would build his church" and the one who denied Jesus three times when Jesus needed him the most. We are all Peter. Holy Communion will be served.

Good Friday (March 30), 7:00 p.m. A somber service from Light to Darkness featuring the Chancel Choir and orchestra performing, "The Seven Last Words of Christ."

Easter Sunday (April 1), 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. A joyous service of Resurrection with the Chancel Choir, handbells and brass ensemble adding to the celebration!

OUR MISSION

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When disaster strikes around the globe—Haiti's 2010 earthquake or Typhoon Haiyan in 2013—so many of us watching the drama unfold on our televisions feel entirely helpless. How could any one person make a difference in the wake of such widespread devastation? As responders around the globe scramble to help survivors, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, is prepared to act.

Your generous giving to UMCOR Sunday is what allows UMCOR to provide aid quickly as the arms and legs of Christ's church, moving toward the most vulnerable in their darkest days. Convinced that all people have God-given worth and dignity—without regard to race, religion or gender—together we are assisting those impacted by crisis or chronic need.

When hurricanes devastated parts of Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico, we are still responding. When children in Zimbabwe lost parents to AIDS, we responded. When a massive tsunami devastated lives in Japan, we responded. And when the next mass crisis occurs, we will be prepared to respond. Because you give to UMCOR, the United Methodist Church's compassionate response to human suffering continues today. Thank you!

Santa Fe Spring Arts Festival is less than one month away! This event, scheduled for Saturday, April 7 and Sunday, April 8, serves as a fundraiser for several ministries. However, more importantly, it's an opportunity for us to share the love of Jesus and FUMC with our community. Over 100,000 people attend the festival each year that happens right outside our front door on 1st Street! Sign up to volunteer at the table in the courtyard after worship today!



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