

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 24, 2016

10:15 a.m. — Worship

Liturgical Color — Green

GATHERING

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Michael Borchert

Leader: Traveling to the hill country, Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth.

People: Journeys can change our lives.

Leader: Traveling to meet Mary, Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

People: Journeys can change our lives.

Leader: Traveling together, they discovered they were pregnant, not just with two boys, but with expectation and hope.

People: Journeys can change our lives.

Leader: Bring us the same hopeful expectation as we journey with God this day. *(The Abingdon Worship Annual 2015. Copyright © 2014 by Abingdon Press. Mary J. Scifres)*

* **HYMN OF PRAISE** *The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy* #2098

***OPENING PRAYER**

Gracious God, your servant Mary discovered new life growing within her and knew it to be your promised presence. In tender reverence for the holy mystery of your Incarnation, may we be as a womb for your blessed presence, ready to receive and nourish your Word in our lives, open to the stirrings of your Spirit within us. May we faithfully bear your love in the world, that by your grace Christ may be born in us. Amen.

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MARRIAGE BLESSING

Katie Coker and Tyler Henderson

We praise you, Lord, for your gentle plan that draws together your children, Katie & Tyler, in their love for each other. Strengthen their hearts, so that they will keep faith with each other; please you in all things, and so come to the happiness of celebrating their marriage. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

HYMN *Christ, We Come with Joy and Gladness* *(see screen for text)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

#895

HYMN

Jesus Loves Me (vs. 1)

#191

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Judy Baser

HYMN

Jesus Loves Me (vs. 2)

#191

OFFERING

Offertory Sentence and Prayer

Offertory

Mary Did You Know

arr. Mark Hayes

***Doxology**

Sung to the tune of "What Child Is This"

#95

CHRISTMAS HYMN REQUEST

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:31-37

SERMON

The Virgin Mary

Dr. David W. Bush

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed, Trad. Version

#881

HYMN OF INVITATION

What Child Is This

#219

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Shalom to You

#666

Ministers of Celebration

- Pre-Service Music Pat Peacock, Shorty Brown, Tom Hasty.
- Ushers for July Todd Barnes, Brandon Bauman, James Bethea, George Dunklin,
..... Allen Homra, Danny Kennedy, David Leech, Mike Mulloy, Burt Ragland.
- Acolytes Conley Coker.
- Acolyte Parent Allyson Coker.
- Crucifer Voluntary.
- Liturgist Michael Borchert.
- Children’s Time Leader Judy Baser.

Our Church at Worship and Work

Ritual of Friendship: We are glad you are here this morning! Please take the time to sign the Attendance Registration sheet. If you are visiting with us today, we extend a special welcome! We hope that you will feel at home at First Church.

Kids Packs: A special packet just for the kids is available in the Narthex. Your kids will love it, and they’ll be learning about the Bible at the same time, please only one pack per child.

Prayer Requests: A prayer form is located in the pew racks this morning. If you have a special prayer request please feel free to fill one out and place in the collection plate. Intercessors of the church will pray for you and your need during the week.

Fellowship Calendar

<p>SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2016 9:00 a.m.Sunday School 10:15 a.m.Worship Service 4:00 p.m.Intercessory Prayer Group 7:00 p.m. ...Jr. High Youth till 8 p.m.</p> <p>MONDAY, JULY 25, 2016 6:45 a.m. ...WDCM/Jacob’s Ladder 5:30 p.m. .Finance Committee Meets 8:00 p.m. ...JR. HI Hangout till 10:00 In the C.L.C. Building</p> <p>TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2016 6:45 a.m.WDCM/Jacob’s Ladder</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2016 6:45 a.m. WDCM/Jacob’s Ladder</p> <p>THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2016 6:45 a.m. WDCM/Jacob’s Ladder</p> <p>FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2016 6:45 a.m. WDCM/Jacob’s Ladder 6:00 p.m. ... Wedding Rehearsal Coker- Henderson</p> <p>SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2016 6:30 P.M. Wedding Coker- Henderson</p>
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