

11:00 am Worship
February 26, 2023 - First Sunday in Lent

The altar is open for personal prayer time prior to the beginning of our service.

Welcome & Announcements Jeannine Parker

Prelude Kelley Hill

Invocation Morris Hall

***Hymn of Praise** *O Worship the King* UMH #73

***Responsive Reading** *adapted from Matthew 6*

Leader: Jesus said, "But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen.

People: **Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.**

Leader: And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans,

People: **for they think they will be heard because of their many words.**

Leader: Do not be like them,

People: **for your Father knows what you need before you ask him."**

Affirmation of Faith: *The Apostle's 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.*

**means universal*

***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 Prayer

Jeannine Parker

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.

Hymn *Sweet Hour of Prayer* UMH #496

Children's Moment Hillary Eckstein

Offertory Prayer Don Bryant

Offertory Music Kelley Hill

***Prayer of Praise**

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

Message "Learning to Pray"
(Matthew 6:6-13) Rev. George Mathison

***Hymn of Invitation** *Take Time to be Holy* UMH #395(1,4)

***Benediction** Jeannine Parker

***Postlude** Chandler Ogles

*please stand as you are able

*The altar flowers this morning are given by Don & Anne Bryant,
to the glory of God,
and in loving memory of Helen & Travis Fincher and Alma & Cullen Bryant.*

Welcome!
We're glad you're here!

Name(s):

Email (optional):

Prayer Requests

Sign-Ups

LAST SUNDAY TO ORDER EASTER LILIES

• Easter lilies: _____ \$17.25 each
Single Stalk
dedication:

• Easter lilies: _____ \$24.00 each
Double Stalk
dedication:

Mission House
Check if interested in volunteering
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Announcements

This Afternoon

3:00-5:00 pm – ACT Prep class for our youth (Juniors), *Allen Cowan SS*
4:00 pm - Handbell Rehearsal, *bell room*
5:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal, *choir room*
5:00-6:00 pm - Youth & Kids - dinner provided, *fellowship hall*

Wednesday, March 1

6:00 pm - Food & Fellowship - meal provided by *Youth*
6:30 pm - Small Groups, Youth & Kids Classes

Welcome Dr. George Matheson!

Dr. Mathison served as Senior Minister of the Auburn United Methodist Church for 26 years. He is the author of seven books. In 2005, he was selected by the Auburn Civitan Club in 2005 as Auburn's Citizen of the Year. Dr. Mathison served as Team Chaplain for the Auburn University Football Team for six years. Dr. Mathison and his wife Montaigne have been married since 1970. They have one daughter, Mallory, a graduate of The University of Alabama. Don't ask him to play tennis unless you are prepared to get beat.

YOUNG ADULT STUDY AND WORSHIP

Starting March 1st Cory will lead a time of worship and study on Wednesday nights from 6:30 PM to 7:15 PM in the Sanctuary. The study will explore the book of Matthew.

HOLY LAND VIDEO UPDATES AND BLOG

Pastor Clint will be in the Holy Land from February 22 until March 2. He will be posting video updates and reflections each day. Check the church Facebook page and Instagram page each day of his trip!

Join us for fasting and prayer beginning NOW

Everyone at First Methodist is invited into a season of prayer and fasting for our church and mission. Go to [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d4da4ab2ea2fb6-prayer#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d4da4ab2ea2fb6-prayer#/) If you don't have internet or if the link doesn't work call the church office to sign up.

Why are we calling folks to fast and pray? Because we want to see God do a new thing among us! We are fasting for our leaders and for our future. We are fasting and praying for a God to bring awakening and spiritual renewal in our beloved church family.

As Jesus said, some things only happen when we fast and pray, so we encourage you to step into this spiritual discipline and let's watch together for what God will do.



Matthew 6:6-13