

JONESBORO FIRST United Methodist Church

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June 11, 2017

10:30am

Trinity Sunday

The Rev. Dr. George Freeman

Senior Pastor

The Rev. Howard Johnson

Assistant Pastor, Worship & Programing

The Rev. Marti Slife

Assistant Pastor, Visitation & Older Adults

Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller

Chancel Choir Director

Jim Bagley

Orchestra Director

Sandee Edmondson

Organist/Pianist

Jan Ingram

Children's Ministry Director

Bailey Harvil

Children's Choirs Director

Doug Thomson

Youth Ministry Director
(Interim)

AN ORDER OF FAREWELL TO A PASTOR

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Dr. Bob McCullough, Lay Leader

The time has come to say farewell to Pastor George, who will be retiring later this week at Annual Conference in Athens. Following today's Worship, we will honor George and Peggy during a lunch held in their honor.

PASTOR AND CONGREGATION RELEASE ONE ANOTHER

Pastor:

I thank you, the members and friends of Jonesboro First United Methodist Church, for the love and support you have shown me while I have shared in ministry among you for the past eight years.

I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been graciously accepted. I ask for forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

Congregation:

We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now Retire and leave to minister part-time at Mt. Zion, Ellenwood.

We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us with your departure.

Pastor:

I accept your gratitude and forgiveness, and I forgive you, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God. I release you from turning to me and depending on me. I encourage your continuing ministry here and will pray for you and for your new pastor, Rev. Valerie Loner.

UNISON PRAYER FOR GOD'S BLESSING

Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us is from everlasting to everlasting, we give you thanks for cherished memories and commend one another into your care as we move in new directions. Keep us one in your love forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD



June 11, 2017

10:30am

We Gather

WELCOMING/ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Dr. George Freeman
{If you would like for special prayers to be offered for a particular person or need, you are asked to complete the **Prayer Request Card** and hand it to an Usher, Pastor or the Liturgist before the Service begins or during the Congregational Welcome time.}

PRELUDE "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!" Sandee Edmondson
- arr. Jan Mulder

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT (11:00) Andrea Ingram, Kendall Ingram

CALL TO WORSHIP The Rev. Howard Johnson
No one has ever seen God;
**If we love one another,
God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.**

OPENING PRAYER

Everlasting God: You have revealed yourself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and ever live and reign in the perfect unity of love. Grant that we may always hold firmly and joyfully to this faith, and, living in praise of your divine majesty, may finally be one in you; who are three persons in one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*HYMN UMH#584 (vv1,2,4,5) "*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*" ABBOT'S LEIGH
Words: Jeffery Rowthorn; Music: Cyril V. Taylor

*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.**

*GLORIA PATRI *Glory Be to the Father* GREATOR EX
**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.**

*CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME [Greet one another in Christian love.]

We Grow

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor George

**Jesus loves the little children. All the children of the world.
Red, brown, yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.**

HURTS, HOPES, & HAPPINESS

The Rev. Howard Johnson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 28:16-20* CEB

Dr. Freeman

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus told them to go. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸Jesus came near and spoke to them, "I've received all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age."

ANTHEM

"Where the Cross Still Casts the Shadow"

Words: Thomas H. Troeger, Music: Glenn Rudolph

MESSAGE: ***"HEAR HIS LAST COMMAND...
MAKE IT OUR FIRST CONCERN"***

1. THE H_____
2. THE W_____
3. THE D_____
4. THE L_____

ORDER OF FAREWELL TO A PASTOR (Page 2) Dr. Bob McCullough

We Give

*DOXOLOGY

OLD 100^h

**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.**

PRAYER

OFFERTORY

"Adagio"

Ms. Edmondson

We Go

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP & MEMBERSHIP

*†HYMN TFWS#2149

“Living for Jesus”

LIVING FOR JESUS

Words: T. O Chisolm; Music: C. Harold Lowden

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD (11:00)

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Dr. Freeman

*POSTLUDE

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

Ms. Edmondson

- arr. Jason Payne

† Anyone desiring to become a member of Jonesboro FUMC is invited to come to the front during this Closing Hymn. You may want to talk with the pastor first. Feel free to come to the Pastor’s Study for *The Inquirer’s Class* any Sunday from 10:00 - 10:40am and spend time talking about what it means to be a Christian, a United Methodist, and/or a member of Jonesboro First.



Commissioned watercolor painting by Margaret V. Holcombe, May 2017

Following our worship service, we invite you to join us in the Christian Activities Building (CAB) to have an opportunity to shake Pastor George’s hand and to hug Peggy! Lunch will be provided and ALL are invited.

Flowers

The flowers on the credence shelf today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of **Sharlee and Charles Cobb’s** 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Condolences

Please be in prayer for the family of Ms. Dot Townsend, longtime member of Jonesboro First UMC, who passed away on Monday, June 5th.



Please be in prayer for the family of Benneth Nwabia, brother of Cynthia Nwabia, who passed away on May 8th, 2017. Cynthia would like to extend an invitation to her church family to attend the Celebration of Life for Mr. Nwabia on Saturday, June 24th at 3:00pm in the CAB.

Announcements



VBS DONATIONS

Immediately outside of the Sanctuary, there is a bulletin board with requests for donations for VBS. Please take a sprocket from the board and return the requested items to Ms. Jan as soon as you can!

ALSO NEEDED: VBS would like to borrow the following items and return them to you after VBS is complete:

Stress balls (15), Puzzle for ages 3 & under (5), Turkey Baster (1), Rope Lights (10), Small Baskets(15), Red Rope (2), Plastic Megaphones (2), Shallow Plastic bins (10), String Lights (10), Bean Bags (10), Medium sized Rubber Balls (10), Handheld collapsible fan (10), 100% Wool Cloth or Scarf (2), Ping Pong Balls (2)

SAMARITANS TOGETHER

Thank you for your continued support of Samaritans Together. The greatest need at this time is for **BEANS AND RICE** and **peanut butter and jelly**.

(No diapers at this time.)

SUNDAY YOUTH ACTIVITIES

This afternoon, there will be no onsite Youth activities. The Youth will have a pool party at Major Doug's house from 4:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. Transportation is on your own (9126 Thornton Blvd., Jonesboro). If you have any questions, please contact Major Doug at 678-479-0388.

THE REV. VALERIE LONER'S FIRST SUNDAY IS JUNE 25

As Pastor George retires at this week's session of the North Georgia Conference being held in Athens and leaves Jonesboro First, **Pastor Valerie will be appointed here as the new Senior Pastor**. Her first Sunday will be in 2 weeks. Please make every effort to attend the combined Worship at 10:30a.m.

Prayer List

[Please help us keep this current.]

MEMBERS Tom Allison, Terri Adams-Hyde, Martha Bray, Claudia Bullington, Bertha Dickenson, Keisha Dixon, Frank Dunn, Our College Students, Johnnie Fowler, Sam Giles, Phyllis Hampton, Polly Herbst, Calvin Johnson, Linda Kirchner, Bob Lundquist, Lois Lundquist, Ann Manuel, Wilton Marchman, Peggy McGuire, Steven Morris, Travis Meng, Sr., Rome Nesbitt, Martin Nicholson, Misty Knight, Cynthia Nwabia, Carolyn Rauch, Allen Roark, Evelyn Roberts, Betty Scruggs, Etmonia Smith, Kenn Smith, Virginia Stephens, Jack and Rhonda Strantz, Ayla Thomson, Barbara Thompson, Dennis Thornton, Dot Townsend, Bill Wade, Jean Waddy, Alice Wenz, and Mary Ann Winkler

RELATIVES OF MEMBERS Trisha Babb, Arlies Blackman, Helen Bullington, Glenda Schutz Blount, Nancy Camp, Christine Davis, Anneliese Ding, Louise Ellis, Stacy Fowler, Steve Fowler, Susan Fowler, Jamie Gamble, Mike Garrett, Robert Geraci, Kaleigh Graham, Altagracia Guerrero, Dorothy Guy, Alice Harris, Craig Ingram, Kevin Jewell family, Nicole Johnson, Stella Jones, Donna King, Michael Knight, Blake Maddox, Frances McCormick, Al Mulling, Stan Napier, Willie Patterson, Laney Rauch, Cavin Reddick, Cheryl & Chuck Roddy, Mandy Shakleford, Shikner family, Anne Smith, Rebecca Taylor, Becky Thompson, Doug Townsend, Caleb Walker, Emory Williams, Jay Yoder, and Marilyn Zeigler

FRIENDS OF MEMBERS Mi'ya'e Baxter, Melinda Brendenberg, Colton Briggs, Christine McCrary Bufkin, Margie Burge, Bill Calhoun, Joyce Calhoun, Rex Close, Ann and Ken Coker, Brian Cooper, Zachary Dukes, Michelle Evarts, Ben Foster, Aaliyah Goodson & family, Hannelore Greene, Haywood Family, Janna Hammett, Mallory Hammett, Randy Holmes, Patrick Hunter, William Owen Kelley, William Kennebrew, Marlyn (Trinidad), Linda McFadden, Josephine & Paul McLaughlin, Ray Miller, Carl Newton, Willie Oswalt, Mary Ann Perry, DJ Ratcliff, Martha Ratcliff, Sandy Roberts, Lynette Robertson & family, Don Sander, Dorothy Sander, Raheem Sanford, Diane Soroko, Judy Swan, Stuart Updike, Ginger Waldrop, Kate Ward, Phil Wolfson, and Chris Wyman

MILITARY & PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL

David Anderson, Jordan Brinkman, Patrick Conroy, Brian Cunningham, Aaron Faulkner, Brandon Faulkner, Jeremy Hazard, Chase Hightower, Tim Ingram, Sean Mack, Zachary McIntyre, Christopher McLean, Michael Mitchell, Joseph Peters, Patrick Saxby, Joe and Josh Sheets

Prayer Warriors during Worship

These persons are in the Parlor/Prayer Room each Sunday during Worship to pray for the worship leaders and congregation. They attend "the other Service" themselves and spend this additional hour in prayer.

10:30 Service: **Karen Geraci**

THIS WEEK AT JFUMC

June 11th thru June 18th

Sunday, Jun 11 **Trinity Sunday**

Peace with Justice Special Offering

10:30a.m. Combined Worship

11:45a.m. Reception & luncheon for Pastor George and Peggy. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

4:00p.m. Youth: Pool Party at Major Doug's

Monday, Jun 12 6:00p.m. Cub Scout Committee Meeting

Tuesday, Jun 13 North Georgia Annual Conference in Athens Georgia

9:00a.m. Food Co-op

Wednesday, Jun 14 North Georgia Annual Conference in Athens Georgia

7:30p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Jun 15 North Georgia Annual Conference in Athens Georgia

Sunday, Jun 18 **Father's Day**

8:30a.m. Worship - Pastor Howard preaching

9:30a.m. Sunday School (Various)

11:00a.m. Worship - Pastor Howard preaching

No Youth activities tonight, enjoy the time with your father!

Sunday, Jun 25 10:30a.m. Combined Worship

Pastor Valerie Loner's first Sunday!

Location Legend:

ADF: Adult Fellowship Class (ADM 15)

ADM: Administrative Building

ASB: Asbury Class (Adm. Room 212)

CAB: Christian Activities Building

CCR: Children's Choir (EDC Room 210)

EDC: Education Building

JOY: Joy Class (ADM 12)

MST: Main Street (EDC Room 102)

P&S: Pairs & Spares (ADM Room 113)

NBG: New Beginnings (EDC Room 104)

PO: Pastor's Office

URWW: Upper Room/Wesley Workers (EDC 101)

YA: Young Adult Class (ADM Room 213)

SAN: Sanctuary

SH: Scout Hut

YH: Youth House