



BIRMINGHAM FIRST
A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
...gathered here for good!™

PRELUDE *Kyrie and Song of Peace* Jean Langlais
 Matthew Samelak, organist

*HYMN #519 *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue, Jr.

Leader: We come carrying what others have given us;

People: John pointed. Andrew followed. Peter came.

Leader: And then they went and told someone else.

People: This is how the light travels;

Leader: One voice, one invitation, one "come and see" at a time.

People: Today we add our voices to theirs. Come, let us worship together.

*RESPONSE #593 *Here I am, Lord* -- refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 AM)

Congregational Response:

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this child and his family with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them, that together they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

The Response (All Singing):

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

ANTHEM *Jesus, Good Shepherd* Bradley Ellingboe
 Chancel Choir

Jesus, Good Shepherd, come, lead me to rest.

Beside the still water, I wait as your guest.

O Savior, come, restore my soul; give me life and make me whole.

O Jesus, come to me now, make me whole.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of death,

I know you go with me, my rod and my staff;

So I will fear no evil thing. In the darkness I will sing,

Oh, as I walk through the valleys, I'll sing!

Surely your goodness and mercy toward me

Shall follow me all the days of my life, every day.

Soon I will dwell with you, O Lord, as you promised in your word,

And I will dwell with you always, O Lord.



*The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and
in celebration of Shirley Klipfel Kristen's 91st birthday.*

*The Mission Candle is given to the glory of God
and as a reminder that we are called to care for one another,
seek understanding, and live out Christ's love in our daily lives.*



FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Calling All College Students and Parents!

As we start a new term, we're getting ready to send out College Care Packets. If you or your college student would like to receive one, email your current mailing address to cschulte@fumcbirmingham.org - even if it hasn't changed since last year. Addresses are needed by Sunday, January 25, with packets being assembled on Sunday, February 1. If you'd like to donate an item or help assemble packets, please contact Sue Smith at sue.smith@beachcom.net.

Parents Night Out

Enjoy a night out while your kids enjoy a fun and safe evening at Birmingham First on Friday, January 30, from 5:30–8:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. Church youth will lead games and activities, and pizza dinner is included. The cost is \$15 per child (families of three or more receive a 25% discount). This event is open to children through 5th grade. All proceeds support Birmingham First Youth Choir touring England this summer. Space is limited, and advanced registration and payment are required. To sign up go to www.gatheredhereforgood.org/birminghamfirstevents.

Take a Peek at Your CLC

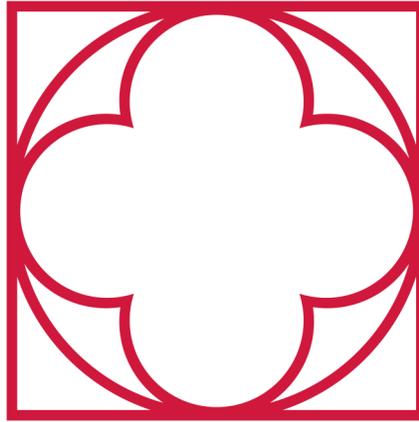
After each worship service on Sunday, February 1, join us for a tour of the Christian Life Center (CLC). This will be a great time to learn about the many opportunities (walking track, balance classes, knitting, puzzles, and much more) that are available for all of us. Meet Judy Turner and Margaret Maddox at the center kiosk in Fellowship Hall to arrange a tour of your CLC.

Ash Wednesday Brunch

All women of Birmingham & Berkley First are invited to a special Ash Wednesday Brunch hosted by United Women in Faith on Wednesday, February 18, in Fellowship Hall, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Join us for fellowship and reflection as we begin this holy season together. RSVP at the Welcome Desk, through Fellowship Circles, or after worship in Fellowship Hall.

As If the Heart Mattered

Featured in the Circuit Rider Bookstore, *As If the Heart Mattered* by Gregory Clapper, expounds on John Wesley's image of religion as a house by exploring three main parts: the porch of repentance, the door of faith, and holiness - the house itself. Stop by the bookstore in Fellowship Hall today after worship to pick up your copy.



Rev. Dr. Charles S. G. Boayue, Jr., Senior Pastor

Rev. Sarah Alexander, Associate Pastor

Rev. Rachael M. Dunlap, Associate Pastor

Rev. Zack L. Dunlap, Associate Pastor

Casey Proch, Executive Director

Worship, Music & Operations

Doris Hall, Organist

Rev. Gary Haller, Bishop Laurie Haller,

Rev. Dr. John E. Harnish & Rev. Dr. William A. Ritter,

Pastors Emeriti



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BULLETIN COVER

THE LEFT LANCET PICTURES CHRIST AS HE CALLS THE FISHERMEN JAMES AND JOHN TO FOLLOW HIM (MATTHEW 4:21). JAMES AND JOHN ARE SHOWN WALKING AWAY FROM THEIR NETS AND FISH TO FOLLOW CHRIST. (WINDOW LANCET LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST WALL OF THE SANCTUARY)