

CONFIRMATION & GRADUATION SUNDAY

10:00a.m. - Sanctuary

GATHERING

PRELUDE "Thanks Be to God!" Shirley Rossano & (arranged by Marilyn Thompson) Jane Doss

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 148:1-6 Dr. Amy Holder

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host! Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed. Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together! Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

ENTERING INTO GOD’S PRESENCE

†HYMN OF PRAISE “Here I Am, Lord ” No. 593 Altar Acolytes: Emma & Olivia Burns

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Dr. Amy Holder “Apostle’s Creed” No. 888

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 Lesser Doxology No.70 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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

RECOGNITION OF “GRADUATES”

- Scottsboro High School
- Holder Benson
 - Gracey Coley

- Troy University
- Breanna McAbee

PRAYER FOR THE GRADUATES

INTRODUCTION TO CONFIRMATION

2025 Candidates for Confirmation

Lane Scott Benson Norman Victor Haley IV
Killette Joan Brickley Hunter Drake Hilliard
Bailey Elizabeth Burns Bailey Jade Hixon
Weston Antonio Colus Audrey Lael Stokes
Ashlee Bay Dunsmore

Pastor: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ’s holy church. We are incorporated into God’s mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God’s gift, offered to us without price. Through confirmation, and through the reaffirmation of our faith, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ’s holy church.

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Loving God, help us to remember what we have learned through the confirmation process. Help us to live our lives according to the beliefs we proclaim and the vows that we affirm today. Strengthen our faith and help it to grow and mature. Inspire us to cherish the relationships we have built with You, our fellow confirmands, and all in the church. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

THE RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: On behalf of the whole church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

Confirmands: I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

Confirmands: I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

Confirmands: I do.

According to the grace given to you, will you remain a faithful member of Christ’s holy church and serve as Christ’s representative in the world?

Confirmands: I will.

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND CONFIRMATION

(Each family is asked to come forward)

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

Confirmands and Congregation: Amen.

May the Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

Confirmands and Congregation: Amen.

CHARGE TO THE CONFIRMANDS

Pastor: As a member of Christ’s universal church, will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

Confirmands: I will.

Pastor: Do you promise with God’s help to live by the three simple rules of Methodism: To do no harm, to do good, and to stay in love with God?

Confirmands: I do.

And to the Confirmands and all members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in the ministry of Scottsboro First United Methodist Church and uphold it with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness?

Confirmands and congregation: We will.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Pastor: Members of the household of God, I commend to your love and care these persons whom we this day receive into the membership of this congregation. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

Congregational Response: We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ’s holy church and bid you welcome to this congregation of The United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness. With God’s help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal. Amen.

Pastor: The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY MINUTE Dr. Amy Holder

CELEBRATING GOD’S GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC “Simple Gifts” Chancel Choir

†DOXOLOGY Old 100th No.95 Praise God from whom all blessing flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†Please stand for the Gospel.

HEARING GOD’S WORD

†EPISTLE READING Revelation 21:1-6 Rev. Corey Burns

This is the word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Free to Be God’s People” Rev. Corey Burns (Sermon Series: Free Indeed)

PRAYER OF COLLECT

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

†CLOSING HYMN “You Are My All in All” Praise Team (see insert)

†BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Christ Ascends!” Shirley Rossano & Jane Doss

Welcome to First United Methodist Church!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today. Please feel free to participate as you are comfortable. If you have any questions or needs, the greeters, ushers, or church family or ministry team will be glad to assist you. We invite you to participate in a Sunday School class or Bible study. There are small life groups for spiritual growth and ministry opportunities for all ages!

Email: church@fumcscottsboro.org

Web site: www.fumcscottsboro.org

Phone: **256-574-2545** Fax: **256-259-5715**

†Please stand as able

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The 10:00 a.m. Worship Service is broadcast over radio station at 11:00a.m., WWIC AM 1050
Nursery Available

Offering received as Ushers will pass the plate.

Please honor our Sanctuary-no food or drinks;
cell phones & devices on mute. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER CONCERNS

- See Insert

THOSE SERVING

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Corey Burns, Senior Pastor
Dr. Hardin Coleman, Youth
Lora Hass, Youth
Allison Haley, Music Director
Dr. Amy Holder, Children
Billie Jo Burns, Nursery & Lambs
Joy Overby, Church Administrator
Susan Kane, Communications Director
Jane Doss, Piano
Shirley Rossano, Organist

FINANCIAL

May

Bill Layton
Jack Livingston
Carolyn Rodgers

SOUND SYSTEM/AUDIO VISUAL

Byron Burton/Kameron Brown

THIS WEEK

5th Sunday of Easter, May 18

CONFIRMATION & GRADUATION SUNDAY

8:45am Sunday School

10:00am **Worship** Sanctuary

5:30-7pm 1st Kids/Youth **End of School Party!**

Monday, May 19

Tuesday, May 20

5:00pm Patio Picnic at the Carlton's Home (NOC)

-1030 Peninsula Drive

6-8:00pm Community Band @ Fellowship Campus

Wednesday, May 21

4:45pm Choir Practice @ Choir Room

5:30-7pm **Youth** small group @ FH

6-7pm Voice of the Heart small group

Thursday, May 22

9:30am Caring Card Ministry

6-8:00pm Music Valley Playhouse @ Fellowship

Friday, May 23

Saturday, May 24

3:00pm Pick up *pre-ordered* (\$40) UMM smoked

Boston Butt roasts at Fellowship Hall

6th Sunday of Easter, May 25

8:45am Sunday School

10:00am **Worship** Sanctuary—Rev. Sherill Clontz

11:00am **Special Called Charge Conference-**

Church Council in Sanctuary

12pm **Trustee Meeting** in Fellowship Hall

5:30-7pm Youth (No 1st Kids Activities)

Monday, May 26 –Memorial Day Holiday

Church Office Closed in Observance



MISSION

Make Disciples of Jesus Christ

Vision

We are seeking to reach beyond ourselves by
Inviting others to a Life in Jesus
Growing as Disciples and
Caring for People



**FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

Scottsboro, Alabama

May 18, 2025

Praise & Prayer – Sunday, May 18, 2025

Our Children & Youth, UMC Conference, Nation/World,
Community, U.S. Troops & Veterans, First Responders,
Our Pastors and their families & Schools.

Our Church Family

Mary Ruth Bennett
Linda Bray
Amanda P. Bryars
Nancy Campbell
Mary K. Carlton
Maria Copeland
Johnny Crabtree
Ralph & Libby Franklin

Annie Ruth Fossett
Nancy Graham
Alex Holder
Shannon Hurt
Jerry Kirkland
Barbara Partin
Kay & Skip Rogers
Ann R. Sanders

Pat Smith
Gary Stewart
Tal Thomas
Tony Wallingsford
Tracy Wallingsford
Lynette & Keith Webb

Our Church Friends

Margaret Bailey
April Ballard
Jordan Beebe & Brycen
Angie Bledsoe
Jocelyn Boles
Brother-Anita Tolliver
Bob Brune
Billy & Brenda Burns
Ron Clements
Tjuana Coley
Mildred L. Cook family
Charles Dawson
Judy Dawson
Allan & Sarita Dozier
Wendall Dudley
Vera Dunson

Ann Edwards
Dan Farrington
Barbara Partin's
father's family
Anne Flournoy
Kristen & Colby Gann
Rev. Dr. Roy Hall family
Beth Hargrove
Shirl Haswell
Randy Hillhouse
Judy Hughes
Foster Hunt
Glen Jacobs
Bill Latham
Joan Lee
Levi Lima

Brenda Little family
Susan Livingston
Macey McCauley
Denise Monza
Rev. Joy Morgan
Jordon Otinger
Leigha Phillips
Holly Sanders & baby
Gail Sherwood
Janet Sprouse
Ellen Thomas
Donna Vincent
Lee Ann Walker
Kaetlyn Weaver
Maurita Wiggins
Steve Wilburn

Our members who are homebound, at assisted living facilities, & nursing homes.

HIGHLAND HEALTH

& REHAB
Bob Hodges

HUNTSVILLE, AL

Faye Berry
Joanne Stewart

MARYVILLE, TN

Dorothy Hopps

ROCKLEDGE, FL

Mary Abernathy

ROSEWOOD

MANOR

Kaye Johnson
Virginia Wallingsford

SO. ESTATES

Shirley Haislip
Jo Smith
Don Wright

HOME

Revia Melton
Marilyn Reed
Mildred Shelton
Martha Lou Wright

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to our Confirmands

Lane Scott Benson, Killette Joan Brickley, Bailey Elizabeth Burns,
Weston Antonio Colus, Ashlee Bay Dunsmore, Norman Victor Haley IV,
Hunter Drake Hilliard, Bailey Jade Hixon, Audrey Lael Stokes

High School Graduates - Gracey Coley & Holder Benson

Graduate Student - Breanna McAbee

Special called **Charge Conference** next Sunday, May 25th will meet immediately after worship service to install **Rev. Dr. Steve Screws as Pastor Emeritus**. This will be the only item on the agenda.

The information on proposed constitutional amendments pertains to **Annual Conference** scheduled May 29th-31st. Copies are available in the Narthex and Lobby.

Monday, May 26th the Church Office will be closed
in observance of Memorial Day.

United Methodist Men's Fundraiser

- Pre order your Smoked Boston Butt today!

The UMM are smoking **35 Boston Butts** for *Memorial Weekend*.

\$40 each - call the church 256-574-2545,

email susan@fumscottsboro.org or come by the office.

Last day to order while supplies last: Friday, May 23th

Pick up date: Saturday, May 24th @ 3pm

Nourish One Child

Tuesday, May 20th- Patio Picnic at the Carlton's Home
@ 5pm—1030 Peninsula Drive

Summer: Beginning **June 4-25**—Trinity Baptist Church packing
Beginning **July 2nd** - Calvary Baptist Church packing

Our **Children's Ministry** Leaders are on the move prepping & planning for **Vacation Bible School** in a big way. If you have any old (or new) **U.S. Highway road Atlas or folding Road Maps** of any U.S. state in any year that you would like to donate, please bring your donations by the Church office any time. Thank you! Robin Kirkland



You Are My All In All

You are my strength
When I am weak
You are the treasure
That I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious jew'l
Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name

Taking my sin
My cross my shame
Rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all

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Scottsboro
First United Methodist Church

Pastor's
BOOK CLUB

Take our Summer Interest Survey:
www.fumcscottsboro.org/ministries



August 9, 2025
Goose Pond Colony and Resort

Presented by:
Highlands Medical Center
P.O. Box 1050
Scottsboro, Ala. 35768

Nourish One Child
P.O. Box 925
Scottsboro, Ala. 35768

PASTOR COREY'S ADULT BOOK STUDY GROUP

Summer Interest Survey

Choose one option from each category below. (Note, if the answer to Question #1 is "No," then no further questions are necessary.)

#1 Are you interested in participating in the Pastor's Book Study this Summer?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

#2 What type of book study do you prefer?

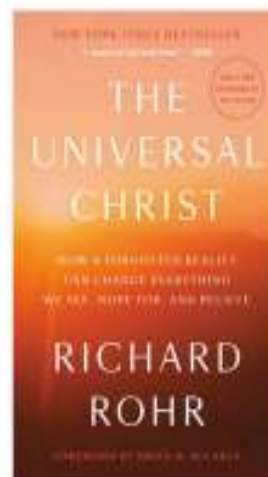
- ☐ Book of the Bible
☐ Devotional Study
☐ UMC Study
☐ Other

#3 What topic is of most interest to you?

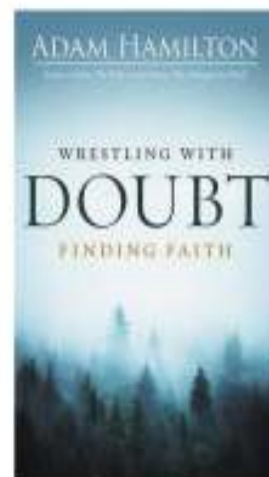
- ☐ Evangelism/Discipleship
☐ Biblical Interpretation
☐ Social Issues
☐ History/Memiors
☐ Faith & Practice
☐ Theology

Do you have any thoughts or suggestions about future adult studies?

On the back of this form are three (3) book suggestions to select from



Drawing on scripture, history, and spiritual practice, Rohr articulates a transformative view of Jesus Christ as a portrait of God's constant, unfolding work in the world. "God loves things by becoming them," he writes, and Jesus's life was meant to declare that humanity has never been separate from God—except by its own negative choice. When we recover this fundamental truth, faith becomes less about proving Jesus was God, and more about learning to recognize the Creator's presence all around us, and in everyone we meet.

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In Wrestling with Doubt, join best-selling author and pastor Adam Hamilton as he discusses some of our most significant sources of doubt and shows how a steady trust in God can emerge from them.

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What's next for Methodist church folk?

What do you think God is up to in the present moment? What should we stop doing and begin doing, responding to God's call now? What are the biblical texts, stories from our past, and core Wesleyan convictions that might guide us from this point?

☐

If you prefer a study on a book of the Bible, what book? _____

If you prefer a study on a particular topic, what topic(s)? _____