

The Order for Worship
Third Sunday after Pentecost
July 3, 2011

Chiming of the Hour

<i>Prelude</i>	Nicky Wilson, Organist
<i>Bringing in the Light</i>	Acolytes
<i>*Welcome, Announcements, & Greeting Time</i>	Marcie Purser, Liturgist
<i>*Hymn of Praise</i>	“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” No. 400
<i>*Affirmation of Faith</i>	Marcie Purser, Liturgist

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.* 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.

Prayer Time/Prayer Concerns/Pastoral Prayer Rev. Jim Stringfellow

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.

**Offertory* “O Come and Dwell in Me” No. 388

Giving of God's Tithes & Offerings

**Doxology* No. 95

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.

Children's Minute Renee' Rowse

(After Children's Minute, children ages 3 1/2-5th grade are dismissed for Children's church)

Anthem “America the Beautiful” arranged by Buryl Red Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson Romans 7:15-25a Marcie Purser, Liturgist

Sermon “Why Do I Do What I Don't Want to Do?” Reverend Jim Stringfellow

**Hymn* “This Is a Day of New Beginnings” (Vs 1-3) No. 383

Sacrament of Holy Communion

(offering made at the Altar will be given for Social Concerns)

**Hymn of Dedication* “This Is a Day of New Beginnings” (Vs 4-5) No. 383

**Benediction*

*Congregation, please stand as you are able.

The Story

Youth Announcements

- No youth activities this week.
- Next Sunday, for those that are able, we will all meet up at Tenders for lunch following worship (families welcome).
- Outdoor Adventure Trip (\$100) and Mission Week (\$50) money is due next Sunday, July 10th.

To Our Church Family: Thank you for all your prayers, cards, visits, snacks and food brought to the hospital, and mowing of our lawn during Max's hospital stay and afterwards here at home. A special thank you to Brother Jim for all his visits to the hospital and his prayers with us. Keep praying for us as we have a long way to go. Max and Carolyn Shotts

THURSDAY, JULY 7 Trustee's Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the Thirteen Colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a Committee of Five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the Declaration, finally approving it July 4. A day earlier, John Adams had written to his wife Abigail:

The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more. Adams's prediction was off by two days. From the outset, Americans celebrated independence on July 4, the date shown on the much-publicized Declaration of Independence, rather than on July 2, the date the resolution of independence was approved in a closed session of Congress.

Historians have long disputed whether Congress actually signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, even though Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin all later wrote that they had signed it on that day. Most historians have concluded that the Declaration was signed nearly a month after its adoption, on August 2, 1776, and not on July 4 as is commonly believed.

In a remarkable coincidence, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, the only signers of the Declarations of Independence later to serve as Presidents of the US, died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the 50th anniversary of the Declaration. Although not a signer of the Declaration of Independence, James Monroe, the Fifth President of the US, died on July 4, 1831, Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President, was born on July 4, 1872, and was the only President to be born on Independence Day.



The flowers on the Altar are given in honor of

Judee Houston's Birthday

Love, Nell Rose & David

Welcome to Our Guests

We are honored that you have chosen Epworth United Methodist Church as your place of worship this morning. If you are not active in a church or if you are looking for a new place in a caring, serving church, we invite you to become part of this church family. Children's Bulletins are available in the narthex.

Sunday School classes are 9:00-10:00

Thank you for worshiping with us today.



NEW DIRECTORY PLANS are underway. Kari Hawkins and Judy Panucci are once again willing to undertake this task. We will use the binders from 2008 directory. If you do not have a binder, your directory will have one. Pictures will be taken during the Sunday School hour on a sign-up basis. Meet outside the gym for your pictures. We will have two photographers every Sunday in July. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the lower Narthex. Please also fill out the card indicating if any of your information in the directory has changed and if we may add your e-mail address to the information in the directory. You do not have to have a new picture taken, but please verify your information.

Dear Congregation,

We are so thrilled that Epworth's MDO/PK/K program is growing and thriving and bringing so many new members to our church family. Because we are adding new classrooms to our program this coming school year, we have many needs for supplying these classrooms. We are also in need of replacing some items that have been in these rooms for many years that are looking more than a little bit worn out. We need your help! Many of you might have items in your home that your own children have outgrown. Some of you might wish to make a contribution to our program in the form of new or gently used toys, etc. Below is a list of the types of things need.

Classroom furniture: Bookshelves, small room dividers, filing cabinets, play kitchens, tubs and bins, small tables for two and chairs, CD and DVD players, bulletin boards

Classroom toys and teaching tools: Dress up clothes, wooden blocks, logos, kitchen dishes and pans, play food, play housekeeping items, simple science gadgets, manipulatives of all kinds, cars, soldiers, baby dolls and clothes and bathtubs and cribs, activity tables/toys for babies

Classroom supplies: copy paper, colored paper, construction paper, art supplies, markers, crayons, glue, folders, etc., art easels

Gym and playground supplies: balls, games for inside, scooters, push toys, soft climbing things

We would gladly accept your contributions as soon as possible as we are going to be starting to get these rooms ready soon. Aug. 15th will be here before we know it!! Items can be placed downstairs under the stairs temporarily. Call Judy or Valerie at 256-534-6100 if you have any questions about a donation. Thank you so very much.

Sincerely,
Valerie Jones and Judy Panucci, Directors

AUGUST 11-12 Cove Church is an official satellite location for The Global Leadership Summit 2011. the Willow Creek Association's annual world-class leadership event broadcast from the Willow campus near Chicago. Bring a team of staff and new leaders as big as 10% of your church size. Bring both veteran leaders and new leaders, during which they can build relationships while sharpening their skills and abilities together. Visit willowcreek.com/summit for speaker bios, videos, & to register 800-570-9812. Cove Church - 366 Old Hwy. 431 Hampton Cove, AL

FIRST STOP NEEDS: Sugar, deodorant, razors, women socks, women undies, large size women's clothes, Men's belts, Lysol spray, cleaning supplies (pine-sol, Clorox, etc.), mayo, ketchup Thank you Epworth for all your help. Tobey Avery



<i>Attendance</i> June 26, 2011	
Worship:	140
Sunday School:	106
Children:	12
Youth:	10
Adults:	84

<i>Stewardship</i> June 26, 2011	
General	\$4,468.00
Building Fund	1,525.00
Flowers	57.00
Total	\$6,050.00

THOSE WHO SERVE

Month of July

Trustee Richard Wilson
Ushers Chris & Beth Marshall, Tim & Sarah Edwards
Altar Guild Heidi Wheeler
Counters Jimmy Gattis, Charles Avery
Communion Servers Charles & Tobey Avery, Jack & Ina Hucks
Communion Steward Joyce Smith

July 3

Liturgist Marcie Purser
Greeters Kathy Cornutt, Becky Kanaday, Randall & Leslie Shepard
Acolytes
Children's Church Volunteers Leone Purser, Monica Yearick, KC Coulter
Nursery Volunteers Ina Hucks, Valerie Jones, Teresa Parker
Visitation John Cole
Sound Scott Jones/Richard Wilson
Prayer Chapel Jimmy & Pinna Gattis

July 10

Liturgist Pete Shepard
Greeters Dave & Carolyn Brown, Mike & Christie Malires
Acolytes
Children's Church Volunteers Leone Purser, Monica Yearick, KC Coulter
Nursery Volunteers Ina Hucks, Valerie Jones, Teresa Parker
Visitation Marge Masterson, Diane Hayes
Sound Scott Jones/Richard Wilson
Prayer Chapel Bill Smith



Prayer concerns and praises for the week of June 26, 2011

Danny Moffat

Angie Adams
 James Avery
 Mildred Barnes
 Chino Boyington
 Buck Bannister
 Lindsey Benefield
 Larry Bracken
 Helen Branum
 Ann Burleson
Lois Clark
 Ken Fair
 Fannie Mae Falkenberry
 Chris Franklin
 AIC Trey Franklin
 Elizabeth Harvey
 Jennifer Harvey
 Lue Harvell
 Mildred Hopper
 Bernie Huie
 Ed Hunt
 Mildred Hopper
 PVT Chris Howser

Audrey Johnson
 Darby Jones
 John Kirkeby
 Mary Ann Kirkland
 Carolyn Knight
 Donna Kuiper
Terry Lewis
 Marie Luzinger
 Amy Moon
 Dee McPeters
 Dan Mills
Vickie Manhart
 Kim McMillion
 Fred & Mary Moffitt
 Jean Olivier & Family
 Pam Patet
Katie Patch
Maymie Pickett
 Donna Pritchard
 Walton Powers
 Pat Reid
 Carla Saint
 Max & Carolyn Shotts
 Frances Slayton
 Earl Stringfellow
 Bill Schrimsher

Jimmy Sexton
 Ann Smith
Jack Smith
 Nell Stone
 Emily Mathis Thornton
 Rhonda Tucker
 US Military Families
 Angie Watwood
 Angie Watson
 Freda Wells
 Holly Wells
 Sherrie Hill West
 Renee' White
 Jack Wilson
 Stuart Wilson
 Richard Yearick

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9 NIV

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Reverend Jim Stringfellow, Senior Pastor
 Renee' Rowse, Children Ministries Director Erin Hicks, Youth Director
 Judy Panucci/Valerie Jones, MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten Directors
 Eric Wilson, Music Ministry Director Nicky Wilson, Organist/Pianist
 Jimmy Gattis, Treasurer Larry Mathis, Assistant Treasurer
 Leone Purser, Secretary

Ongoing Weekly Events and Meetings Listed Below

Sunday School	9:00 am - 10:00 am	
Sunday Worship	10:15 am	
	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Youth
Monday	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts/Pack 96
Tuesday	10:00 am	Lydia Circle-Parlor (every 3rd Tuesday)
	6:30 pm	Stitchers, Etc. - Parlor (2nd & last Tuesday of each month)
Wednesday	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Girl Scouts - Art Room
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Adult Choir
Thursday	9:30 am	Adult Bible Study—Parlor
	6:00 pm	Rebecca Circle - Parlor - 3rd of each month
	6:30 pm	Trustees Meeting-Conference Room (1st Thursday of each month)

Wish to Join? Questions about Membership?
 You may join Epworth United Methodist Church by

- Confession of Faith** - the initial entrance into membership in the church when you confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.
- Reaffirmation of Faith** - renewing your initial confession of faith after a period of inactivity or not being on a church membership roll.
- Transfer of Membership** - from another United Methodist congregation or from a Christian church of another denomination. We recognize baptism from all other Christian churches.

If you have questions about baptism or church membership, please contact the office at 256-536-1559 or eumc@hiwaay.net, and our pastor will be pleased to meet with you.

Prayer Needs:

I am requesting prayer for _____

Situation/relationship: _____

____ Please contact me. _____ Please list this prayer request in the bulletin.

____ I would like to talk with a staff member about joining Epworth UMC.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____