

Welcome to  
**Tifton First**  
United Methodist Church  
Contemporary Worship Service • 11:00am  
October 1, 2023

### Opening Worship

*Take You at Your Word*

*The Jesus Way*

*Holy Forever*

### Greeting & Announcements

### Prayer Concerns & Offering

#### Message

#### Communion

#### Closing Song

*Sons and Daughters*

#### Closing Blessing



#### Christian Love and Sympathy is extended to:

Anne Hobby & family in the death of her son,  
John Maddox.

Kirk Hagan (Former FUMC Youth Director)  
in the death of his wife, Robin Hagan.

#### Join the Church

At Tifton First United Methodist Church, we invite you to join our church at any of our services. You may do so by one of three ways:

- (1) Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ
- (2) Transfer from another United Methodist congregation
- (3) Transfer from another denomination

If you are interested in more information about becoming a member, contact Rev. Chip Grantham (706) 570-3330 or [seniorpastor@tiftonfumc.org](mailto:seniorpastor@tiftonfumc.org). | Rev. Trevor Ward (478) 607-9003 or [associatepastor@tiftonfumc.org](mailto:associatepastor@tiftonfumc.org). We gladly welcome you to our church family!

#### Prayer Requests

**Members:** Glenn Coburn, Michelle Hunt, Diane Patrick, Dale & Sunny Pflug & family, Jackie Martin, Judy Cole, William Byrd, Ron Evans, Sheila Carson, Martha Barrineau, Janet Conner.

**Long-Term Prayer:** Charlie Griffin, Roger Hobgood (Lavonia's son), Hoyt & Becky Vance, Christine Kennedy.

**Shut-In:** Mary Nola McCrea

**Maple Court:** Eleanor Giles, Jack & Ann Stone, David Sone, Christine Hannon.

**Legacy Village:** Roy Walker, Harry Barrineau.

**THE OAKS AT SUWANEE CREEK:** Jane Blasingame.

**FRIENDS & FAMILY:** Martha Fleming Holloway (Christie Vance's cousin), Wendy Collins (Ann Taylor's neice), Gloria Manning (Marie Gann's friend), John Sapp (Tracy Malone's friend), Gene Botsford (Dale Pflug's friend), Martha Fleming (Tom Shoup's aunt), Lisa Ashcraft (Jill Roberts' sister), Drama Norton (Jo Windom's mother), Ginny Flowers (Jackie Martin's daughter), Cade Johnson (Gibbs & Diane Patrick's nephew), Joel Ethridge (J. Michael & Teresa Moore's son-in-law & Virginia Hatcher's nephew), Reece Watson (Jerri Davis' grandson), Nicholas Horne, Tommy Smallwood (Dale and Sunny Pflug's friend), Amy Meeks (Carolyn Kightlinger's friend), Elena Kang (Carolyn Kightlinger's great niece), **PLEASE REMEMBER** to call the church office with an update on those you've placed on the prayer list **OR** if you are admitted to the hospital so we are aware of your hospitalization and to keep our prayer list accurate.

#### Our Church Staff

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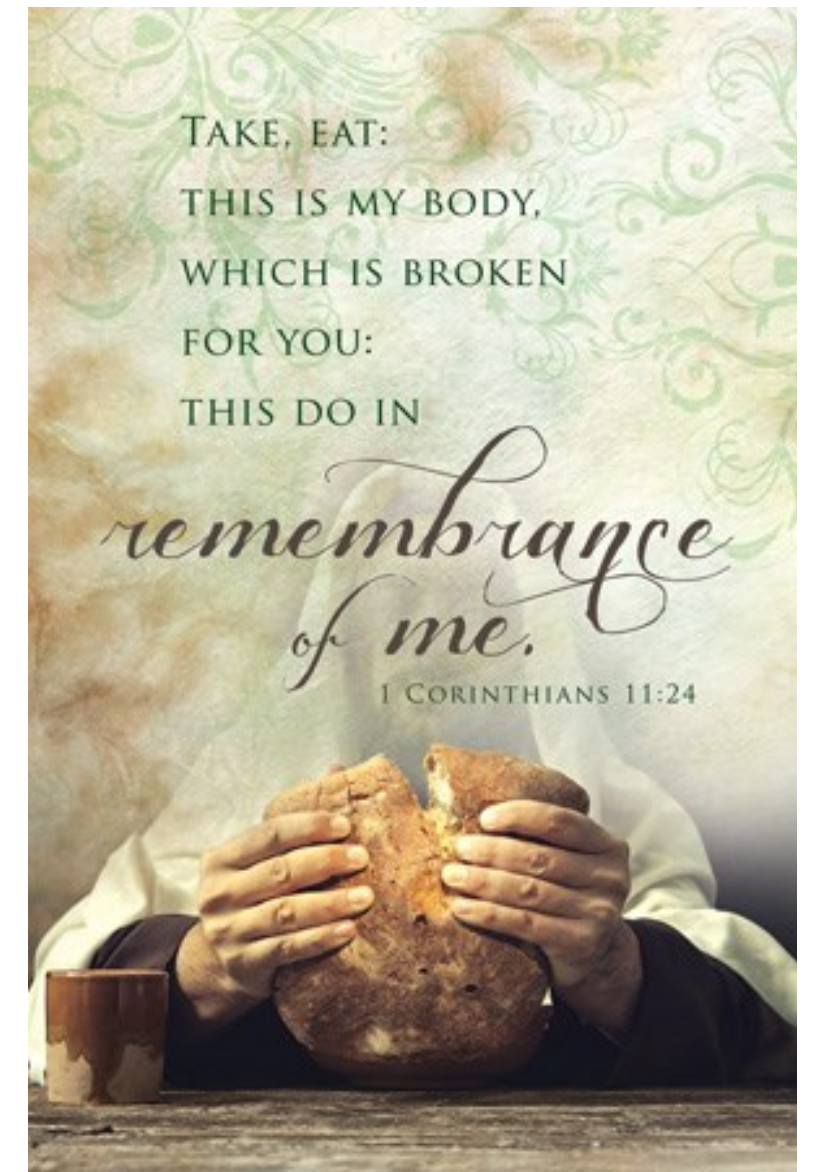
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**Sissy Martin, Church Hostess**

**Becky Rogers, Church Organist**

**Kendra Gannaway, Church Pianist**

# TIFTON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



*Faithful* to SCRIPTURE  
*Creative* in MINISTRY  
*Passionate* for OUTREACH  
*Offering* CHRIST to ALL

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*This is a Stephen Ministry Church*

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 1, 2023

Sanctuary • 9:00am & 11:00am

**Prelude** Becky Rogers

**Chiming of the Hour** (11:00) Becky Rogers

### Welcome & Announcements

(Please fill out attendance Pew Pads)

**\*Hymn** MH #400 *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**\*Gloria Patri** (#70)

**\*Greeting Time** *“The Family of God”*

### Morning Prayer / 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** (11:00) MH #399 *“Take My Life and Let It Be”*

**Offertory** (9:00) Kendra Gannaway  
(11:00) *“Mercy Tree”* Chancel Choir  
solo, Mona Mathews

### Doxology #95

*“Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.”*

**Scripture** Matthew 20:1-16

**Sermon** *“Parables of Jesus”* Rev. Chip Grantham  
*“Workers in the Vineyard”*

**The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper** #12

**\*Hymn** MH #402 *“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude** Kendra Gannaway

**\*Please stand as able**



The flowers are placed on the altar to the Glory of God and to honor Donna on our 14th wedding anniversary (October 3, 2009) by Corley Holbrook.

On the Sunday you place flowers in the church, you can take them after the worship service or let Debbie know if you would like to donate them to our shut-ins.

## Ways to Give

### Text to Give

TFUMC Give \$(any dollar amount) to 73256  
Messages and Data rates may apply.

For example, a \$50 gift would look like this:

TFUMC Give \$50

### Give Online at:

[www.tiftonfirst.org/give](http://www.tiftonfirst.org/give)

### Mail a check to:

Tifton First United Methodist Church

107 12th Street W

Tifton, GA 31794

### Sunday, October 1

9:00am Traditional Worship / Sanctuary

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Contemporary Worship / SH

11:00am Traditional Worship / Sanctuary

5:00pm Youth Worship / AC

Sunday-Tuesday Camp Meeting / Camp Tygart

### Monday, October 2

5:45pm Wesley Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Room

### Tuesday, October 3

8:30am Fitness Class / AC

11:30am Club 55 Luncheon / SH

### Wednesday, October 4

12:15pm Midweek Communion Service / Chapel

3:15pm Children’s Activities (Pre-K-5th Grade) / AC

4:45pm Children’s Choirs (Pre-K-5th Grade) / CB

5:15pm Wednesday Night Supper / SH

6:00pm Youth Activities & Bible Study / AC

6:15pm Bible Study with Chip / Parlor

6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room

### Thursday, October 5

7:15am Youth Prayer Breakfast & Jesus / AC

8:30am Fitness Class / AC

7:00pm Orchestra Rehearsal / CR

Sanctuary Servant for October: Anne Hobby

## Monthly Activities

**Club 55** - 1st Tues. at 11:30am in the SH.

**Senior Adult Movie** - 2nd Thurs. at 2:00pm in the SH.

**Circle 7** - 2nd Tues. at 10:00am in the Parlor.

**Senior Adult Lunch & BINGO** - 3rd Thurs. at 11:30am in the SH.

**Circle 2** - 3rd Tues. at 10:00am in the Parlor.

**Red Cross Bloodmobile** - 3rd Tues. from 12:30pm-5:30pm in the SH.

**Stephen Ministry** - 3rd Tues. at 6:00pm in the Searchers Classroom.

**Caregiver Support Group** - 4th Mon. at 2:00pm in the Parlor.

## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Today we celebrate a time in the life of the Church that I never knew existed, until I was in seminary and on staff at Northside UMC in Atlanta. It’s World Communion Sunday. It’s a special Sunday in the United Methodist Church, where we pause to acknowledge the Church around the world.

We can all get pretty limited in our vision. Church becomes my local church. We may notice the district, if we’re involved with a District Camp, or even the Annual Conference. It seems most United Methodists are aware of the General Church, because of all of the publicity around United Methodist issues. But this is bigger than that.

We’re talking about Christ’s Church – across denominations, and around the world! What we refer to each Sunday as the holy catholic church. That isn’t referring to the Roman Catholic Church. The word catholic means “Universal,” and it is said in that context in the Apostle’s Creed – “I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints...” We are acknowledging that the Church of Jesus, is a whole lot bigger than just our local church, our denomination. It is His Church around the world.

Next month we’ll celebrate All Saints day and remember those we’ve lost to death. And in that, we’ll lift up the next line of the Creed – “the communion of saints.” Christ’s Church is all the believers, around the world, and across time! Praise God!

In Christ,  
Chip



### Wednesday Night Supper

5:15pm in the Social Hall

Menu for October 4th:

Grilled Pork Loin, Macaroni & Cheese, Black-Eye Peas,  
Turnip Greens, Congealed Salad, Cornbread & Desserts

**Note:** Please call church office for TO GO plates

Now hiring a nursery attendant for Sunday mornings from  
8:45am-12:15pm, must be 18+ years old.

Please send resumes to [childrendirector@tiftonfumc.org](mailto:childrendirector@tiftonfumc.org)