



first united methodist church of longview
"A beacon of hope for all"



October 27, 2019 | Consecration Sunday

Welcome to our guests: We hope you find this service meaningful and that you will come again. Nursery care is available for infants and small children during worship and Sunday School Youngsters through age five (kindergarten) can also go to the nursery following the Children's Moment.

**People standing, as able*

Ringling of the Tower Bells

Prelude Dawn Cyril Jenkins

The Life of the Church Jay Jackson
Please register your attendance at this time and check in on Facebook!

***Passing the Peace**
As God has given us peace through Christ, so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.

***Greeting** Nathan Firmin

Pastor: The grace of our Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

***Call to Worship** based on Psalm 65

Pastor: God visits the earth with abundance!
People: Praise be to God for the blessings which enrich our lives.
 Pastor: Make us stewards of your creation, sharing the abundance!
People: Teach us to share and help others.
All: Enter our hearts and fill us with the joy of sharing for we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** I Sing the Almighty Power of God UMH 152

Offertory Prayer Ronnie Scott
*You can text your offering to FUMC at our secure financial system—903.417.0707
 (Initial set up takes 5 minutes)*

Offertory "Eternal God" John Rutter
 (8:30) Cornerstone Ensemble
 (10:45) Chancel Choir

Eternal God, we give you thanks for music, Blest gift from heaven to all your servants here on earth: In time of joy a crown, in sorrow consolation; Companion through our days of tears and mirth.

We give you thanks for every sound of beauty: For sweetest harmony that echoes in our hearts, For melodies that soar on high like birds at morning, For voice and instrument in all their parts.

As we are blest, so may our gift bless others: May hearts be touched and spirits lifted up anew. Let music draw together those who live as strangers, Bring joy to those we love, in thankfulness true.

And when at last we come into your kingdom, All discord over and all earthly labour done, Then sound and silence yield before one equal music, And with the Giver shall our souls be one.

***Doxology**
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.

***Hymn of Meditation** Spirit Song UMH 347

Children's Moment Loren Buchanan
Children, please bring your commitment cards and meet Loren in the Chancel area.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer Jay Jackson

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.

***A Reading from the Gospels** Matthew 6:19-23 Page 6 N.T

Lay Reader: (8:30) Terry Winn (10:45) Patty McLeroy

Lay Reader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Focused Eyes and Heavenly Treasure" Jay Jackson
 Based on "Upon Our Lord's Sermon on the Mount, VIII"

Consecration of Commitments
Please bring your gifts to the altar at this time

***Response to Our Commitment of Gift**
To God be the glory, to God be the glory, to God be the glory for the things he has done. With his blood he has saved me, with his power he has raised me; to God be the glory for the things he has done.

***Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

***Hymn of Invitation** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling UMH 384
Stanzas 1 & 3

***Sending Forth** Jay Jackson

***Postlude** Siyahamba African Folk Hymn arr. John Benke



Poinsettias for Christmas!

Poinsettias can be ordered in honor or memory of a loved one, or for home and business.

Cost: \$15 each

Please fill in an order form at the Welcome Center and return it, **with payment**, to the main church office.

This is a fund-raiser for the Music Ministry