

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Johnston Preaching Mission
Order of Worship**

October 8, 2017

10:55 AM

ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

Greetings and Announcements

(A nursery for young children is located in the Preschool area downstairs. The congregation is invited to sign the attendance registration pads. We especially appreciate our visitors including an address and phone number.)

Opening Voluntary *Prelude on "Ein' feste Burg"* John Innes

*Chimes of the Trinity

*Call to Worship

Each one of us here is different.

We are unique individuals.

We come from various backgrounds.

We come with differing needs and dreams.

Yet the Lord calls us to worship in unity.

Praise be to God who blesses our diversity and our unity.

*Processional Hymn *In Unity We Lift Our Song* (see insert)

*Affirmation of Faith The World Methodist Social Affirmation UMH 886

We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people; and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us, who died and rose again; and in the Holy Spirit, present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.

We believe; God, help our unbelief.

We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom: in the upholding of human dignity and community; in every expression of love, justice, and reconciliation; in each act of self-giving on behalf of others; in the abundance of God's gifts entrusted to us that all may have enough; in all responsible use of the earth's resources.

Glory be to God on high; and on earth, peace.

We confess our sin, individual and collective, by silence or action: through the violation of human dignity based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith; through the exploitation of people because of greed and indifference; through the misuse of power in personal, communal, national, and international life; through the search for security by those military and economic forces that threaten human existence; through the abuse of technology which endangers the earth and all life upon it.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

We commit ourselves individually and as a community to the way of Christ: to take up the cross; to seek abundant life for all humanity; to struggle for

peace with justice and freedom; to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love, praying that God's kingdom may come.

Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

*Gloria, Gloria:

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS

Concerns

Call to Prayer:

Make us one, Lord, Make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one.

Let your love flow so the world will know we are one in you.

Time of Invitation and Prayer

Everyone is welcome to come and pray at the altar as the SPIRIT leads.

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The 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, for ever. Amen.

Choral Response

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

I Believe

Mark Miller

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of our Lord be with you.

And also with you.

(Members of the congregation are invited to extend the reconciling peace of God to those sitting nearby.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Time:

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song: This is where children belong.

New Testament Lesson Romans 12:1-8 (Pew Bible, NT 161-162)
 For the Word of God in scripture.
 For the Word of God among us,
 For the Word of God within us.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Practice Makes Perfect* Dr. Clarence Brown

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn *Take My Life, and Let It Be* UMH 399

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Chimes of the Trinity

*Closing Voluntary *Festive Trumpet Tune* Gilbert Martin

*Congregation standing as able

Dr. Clarence Brown has been Senior Pastor at Annandale United Methodist Church for the past 9 years. Before this latest assignment he served as the District Superintendent of the Norfolk, Virginia District and as District Superintendent of the Charlottesville District, as Senior Pastor of St. Paul's UMC in Chesapeake, VA, and as Director of the Wesley Westminster Foundation at Norfolk State University. He holds a B.A. degree from Georgia State University, a M. Div. degree from Gammon Theological Seminary (Atlanta, GA) and a D. Min. degree from Wesley Theological Seminary. The Rev. Brown is known across the conference for his strong preaching, his expertise in church revitalization, community engagement, and his mentoring of young pastors. Dr. Brown's wife Jaie, a former marketing executive at McDonald's, has a Master's degree in Social Work from Norfolk State University. The Browns have two adult sons, Jordan and Collin, and three wonderful grandchildren, Elijah, Zoe and Israel.



The Andrew Blaine "Dick" Johnston Memorial Preaching Mission was established by Mrs. Ruby P. Johnston as a memorial to her beloved husband to inspire through great preaching the religious renewal and rededication of the members of First United Methodist Church and the wider community.

- 2017 Bishop Will Willimon, Professor at Duke Divinity School
- 2014 Dr. Michael Brown, Marble Collegiate Church, NYC
- 2011 Dr. Michael Brown, Marble Collegiate Church, NYC
- 2007 The Reverend Susan Pendleton Jones
- 2003 Dr. David Mosser, First UMC Graham, Texas
- 2002 The Reverend Dr. L. Gregory Jones
- 2001 Dr. William Willimon, Dean of Duke Chapel
- 1999 Bishop Lawrence McCleskey, South Carolina Conference
- 1997 Dr. Darryl Robinson, Pastor, Metropolitan Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan
- 1996 The Reverend Barbara Brokhoff, Florida General Evangelist
- 1995 Dr. John Christy, Grace UMC, Hickory
- The Reverend Bill Clodfelter, Drexel UMC, Drexel
- The Reverend Mike Jordan, Broadstreet UMC, Statesville
- The Reverend Lloyd Hunsucker, Greensboro
- 1994 Bishop Thomas Stockton, Richmond, Virginia
- 1993 Dr. William McTier, South Georgia Conference

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NORTH WILKESBORO



Welcome! Dr. Clarence Brown

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 October 8, 2017**

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 8:45 AM, 10:55 AM &
 7:00 PM**