

Welcome

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
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Prelude

Welcome

*Statement of Mission and Faith

Leader: What is the mission of Pierce Chapel?

People: The mission of Pierce Chapel is to develop mature disciples who know, love, and serve Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Leader: What do you believe?

People: 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living 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. *universal

*Songs of Praise

Grace Alone

No. 2162

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith, every difference we will make is only by his grace. Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine, every blessing left behind is only by his grace.

Refrain: Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide.
Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach, everywhere we share his peace is only by his grace. Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away, every sorrow turned to praise is only by his grace. (Refrain)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

Musical Word

Here I Am, Lord

arr. Schrader

Children's Sermon

(After the children's sermon, children age 3-kindergarten are invited to go to Children's Church across the hall in Room 315, and children in 1st-5th grades are invited to go to Chapel Kids in Room 210.)

The Methodist Home Highlight

Morning 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

No. 365

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain: Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss; grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, points to the refuge, the mighty cross. (Refrain)

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, freely bestowed on all who believe! You that are longing to see his face, will you this moment his grace receive? (Refrain)

*Prayer for the Offering

(8:30) **Mac Wooldridge** (11:00) **Renee Tabor**

Receiving the Offering

*Doxology ("Praise God")

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.

Written Word

Luke 15:1-10

Spoken Word

Rev. Howard White

*Hymn of Commitment

Amazing Grace

No. 2129

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

*Benediction

*Please stand as you are able.

If you prefer a more modern style of worship, we invite you to our 9:00 a.m. Sunday service in our beautiful chapel upstairs.

FIRST TIME HERE?

Thank you for worshiping with us at Pierce Chapel today. We hope you'll be encouraged and inspired by your experience here and feel warmly welcomed. If this is your first time at Pierce Chapel, please take one of the colored bags found at the Welcome Center. It's our little gift to you! Again, thank you for being here today. May God bless you.

CONNECTION CARD

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Names of other family members (include grades for children or youth): _____

Service attending: 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

Check all that apply: 1st time guest Returning guest
 1st time filling out this card Update contact info

How did you hear about Pierce Chapel? _____

Date _____

DECISION CARD

Name _____

Address _____

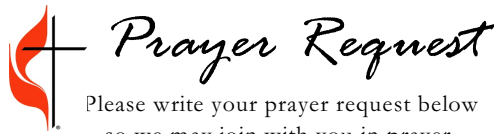
Phone _____

Email _____

I would like to:

- Receive Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.
- Recommit my life to Jesus Christ.
- Talk with the pastor.
- Be baptized.
- Become a member of Pierce Chapel.

Questions and/or comments: _____



Please pray for _____

Requested by _____

Would you like to be informed when prayers are lifted up? Yes / No

Email _____

Phone# _____

Please place completed form in the offering plate today or in the locked box at the Welcome Center. Your request will be communicated promptly to our 15-member Prayer Team.

OUR STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

September 15, 2019

Attendance 8:30 Worship: 185 Sunday Connections: 236
9:00 Worship: 60 Sunday Night Youth: 35 + 9 adult leaders
11:00 Worship: 209 + 7 college leaders
Total in all worship services: 454

Generously Given this Week for Ministry	\$15,654
Budgeted this Week for Ministry	\$14,022
Generously Given to Date for Ministry	\$576,411
Budgeted to Date for Ministry	\$586,447
Building by Faith	
Loan Principal \$708,611	Targeted Monthly Payment \$13,527
Month-to-Date Generously Given	\$1,423
UMCOR (Relief Efforts in the Bahamas)	\$450
UMCOR (Relief Efforts in US)	\$100
Faith Promise (Mission Offering) Generously Given to Date	\$48,341
Open Door Community House (Sunday Connections Offering)	\$33
Ronald McDonald House (Sunday Connections Offering)	\$119

A gift was given in honor of Susan Wooldridge by Lloyd & Alma Artz.

Congratulations to Jessica and David Stanley on the birth of their daughter, Caroline Grace Olivia Stanley, on September 8. Caroline Grace weighed in at 7 lbs. 2 oz. and was 19.75 inches long. Proud big siblings are Chloe, Tristan, Erica, Conner, Hayley, David & Everleigh Rose.

We express our love & sympathy to Laura, Mitch, & Gil Williams at the death of Laura's mother, Gladys Murrah, on September 11.

Hearing assistance devices available from A/V booth at the back of the Worship Center.

A "cry room" with closed-circuit TV capability (Room 305) is available across the hall for parents of infants and toddlers who wish to keep their children with them for the service but feel more comfortable in a more child-friendly environment.

Copies of this week's calendar are available on the credenzas in the hallway.

PIERCE CHAPEL SUNDAY STAFF

Rev. Howard G. White	Pastor
Rev. Lynn Meadows-White	Associate Pastor
Roseanna Harbuck	Children's Ministry Coordinator
Kellyn Ward	Children's Ministry Assistant
Debi Van Noy	Weekday Preschool Director
Donna Pounds	Service Accompanist/Choir Director
Katie Ingram	Nursery Director
Jessica Stanley	The Chapel Worship Coordinator

Church Office 706-327-9807 Fax 706-327-7253 Preschool 706-327-9807, ext. 6
E-Mail Prayer Ministry: Send prayer requests to prayers@piercechapel.com

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United Methodist Church
open hearts • open minds • open doors

 **Developing mature disciples**
who know, love, and serve Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior

Readers Wanted at Fox Elementary!

As a Partner in Education (PIE) with Fox Elementary School, we at Pierce Chapel have the opportunity to make a difference for some very precious children by reading to them and/or listening to them read on a weekly basis. Reading will begin on Monday, September 16. To volunteer, fill out the form below & place it in the offering plate.



Please circle your **day & time** availability to read with a 2nd grader: (each session lasts 30 minutes)

I'm available: Mondays Tuesdays Wednesdays Thursdays

8:10 a.m. 8:40 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:45 p.m.

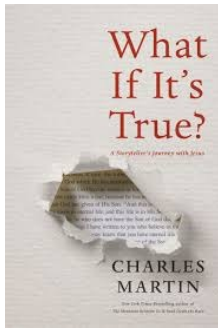
Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Questions? Contact Trannie Smith at sfsmith@wavetel.us.

New Mary/Martha Bible Study

The Mary/Martha Bible study group is studying *What If It's True* by Charles Martin. Martin uses a storyteller's imagination to illuminate key moments from the Scriptures, and from his own journey as a disciple of Christ. "The result is a striking exploration of truth that helps us not just think differently, but live differently." Join us as we engage the fundamental principles of our faith in new and inspiring ways. M/M began September 9 but you can still join us, 7:00-8:15 at the home of Elaine McKenzie (8095 Turtle Creek Drive, Columbus). Contact Barbara Rouse at 706-464-0425 or rousehouse54@yahoo.com for more information.



Serving Lunch at Highland Community Church

We have the privilege of providing and serving lunch to Highland Community Church on Sunday, September 29. We'll be feeding 250 people and are in need of supplies. To donate, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate. Monetary donations are also appreciated.



no-cook lasagna noodles ground beef help serving
 shredded cheese bagged salad
 jars of spaghetti sauce garlic bread

What quantity of the food item(s) can you provide? _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Contact Teresa or Rick Wimberly at 706-563-0469 or rwimb79@bellsouth.net
 Donated food items can be placed on the table inside the Pierce Chapel kitchen and marked "Highland." Items need to be at Pierce Chapel prior to Saturday, September 28, before 10:00 a.m.



Marriage Ministry Bible Study

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Thursdays, 6:00-7:30 p.m., beginning October 3

Communication can either push a marriage apart or bring spouses closer together. Nearly everything we do communicates a message, so what happens if the two of you seem to be speaking different languages? **Join our 7-week**

study beginning October 3 and meeting each Thursday in Room 210, 6:00-7:30 p.m. \$20 per couple for materials. Loving childcare provided by request. Contact Jennifer Putnam to sign up: 719-505-3728, mjputnam1218@gmail.com, or fill out the form below and drop it in the offering plate today!

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Need childcare? If yes, names & ages attending : _____

Supporting The Methodist Home through today's "Work Day Offering"

Along with other United Methodist congregations in South GA today, we have an opportunity to give financially to *The Methodist Home for Children & Youth* in their mission to restore childhoods and strengthen families. Our campuses are known as Carpenter's Way Ranch for Boys (in Cataula) and Arabella Home for Girls (in Waverly Hall). To participate in this annual "Work Day Offering," make checks payable to Pierce Chapel and earmark, "The Methodist Home." Thanks for your faithful participation in transforming the lives of vulnerable children and youth.



Want to Be Equipped to Serve When Disaster Strikes?

UMCOR Early Response Team (ERT) Training Saturday, September 28 in the Worship Center

1. The E.R.T. Certification/Recertification class is 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The cost is \$25 which includes the manual.

2. The South Georgia Conference Chainsaw Certification class is for ERT-trained volunteers with a current badge, 1:00-5:00 p.m. The cost is \$10. It is required to operate a chainsaw on deployment.

To register, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate.

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Training _____

ONLINE REGISTRATION: sgaumc.org/erttrainings
 Questions? Please contact Rick Dorer at 706-662-1430.



Safe Sanctuaries Training

Sunday, September 22

12:15 pm in the Youth Barn

If you work with children and/or youth and missed the August Safe Sanctuaries Training, please plan to join us for this final, mandatory training on September 22 at 12:15 p.m. in the Youth Barn. Nacho snacks will be served! RSVP to roseanna@piercechapel.com.

Children's Choirs

Meet at 4:00 TODAY!

Children 3K-5 grade are invited to join our Children's Choirs in the Worship Center each Sunday, 4:00-5:00 p.m. To register your child, email roseanna@piercechapel.com.



Cluster Charge Conference

Today, September 15, 2:00 p.m. at St. Mark UMC

Church-Wide Family Supper & Youth Fundraiser

Wednesday, September 18

5:30-7:15 p.m. in the Worship Center

Special Guest Speaker:

BIG LEE MCBRIDE of Souled Out fame!



Join us for a night of food, fun, & fellowship to support our youth!

Doors open at 5:30 & food serving line is open until 6:15.

Tip jars will be available on the tables so you can bless your youth servers! (Nursery available for age 3 & under; special activities offered for PreK-5th grade.)

Chef Susan Wooldridge's Menu: baked spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert

Supper costs: Adults & youth, \$6. Ages 5-12, \$3.50. Age 4 & under eat free. Family max of \$21. ("Family" consists of parents with children still living at home.) Make reservations online at piercechapel.com/events or complete the form below and place it in the offering plate.

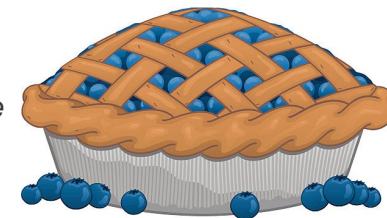
First & last names of all those eating: _____

_____ # adults _____ # ages 5-12 _____ # age 4 & under

Reservation deadline is tomorrow (September 16) at noon!

Have a Knack for Making Delicious Pies or Cakes?

Are you willing to contribute a homemade cake or pie to the Youth Fundraiser Supper **silent cake auction**? You'll bless our youth if you do!



We need lots of delicious cakes and pies to be auctioned off at our youth fundraiser on Wednesday, September 18. Contact Marti Reynolds-Dodds at martirey24@gmail.com or 706-573-7922 with what type of pie or cake you will donate. Receiving tables will be set up beginning Tuesday, September 17 in the Worship Center. Cakes and pies can be dropped off Tuesday evening or anytime before 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

Two New Sunday Connections Groups

Have Launched!

Acts 29: We are the Next Chapter

Are you looking for an opportunity to study God's word and connect with others at Pierce Chapel? Join us in Room 313! Our new Sunday Connections class membership consists mostly of individuals/couples in their 20s-30s, but ALL are welcome. Focus will be on studying books of the Bible and also other contemporary material depending on member's interest. We will also get together outside of church as well for social functions multiple times a year. If you are interested in joining us on this exciting, new journey contact the class leaders Cody Howell (cah0046@gmail.com 706-577-0688) or Amanda Hall (hall_amanda1@columbusstate.edu 762-822-6629).

College Students are Well Known & Well Loved at PCUMC!

If you are an 18-20+ year old, join us every Sunday morning after worship in The Chapel as

we voyage the journey together, applying biblical foundations to life's pressing questions on truth, identity, faith, and the future! We seek to build a community of trust through relationships in an environment where you are free to ask the hard, honest questions we face in everyday life situations. Our group will gather monthly for dinner, games, and discussion, and plan events throughout the year. You do not want to miss out on building friendships and growing in faith together during this important juncture in your life! We have a seat saved for YOU and a friend! Questions? Contact group leaders David Stanley (706-505-6330) or Jessica Stanley (706-617-4519).



For more info about Sunday Connections options, visit piercechapel.com/groups or email lynn@piercechapel.com

Our Calendar for the week

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5:00-7:00 PM Youth Meeting (6th-12th grades), Youth Barn
5:30-7:30 PM W.O.W. Book Study, Hospitality Rm

Monday, September 16

9:15-11:15 AM W.O.W. Book Study, Youth Barn
6:00-6:30 PM YMLT (Youth Leadership Ministry Team), Rm #215 or 216
6:30-8:00 PM GGG (Good Grief Group), Rm #210

Tuesday, September 17

9:00-10:00 AM Senior Exercise, Youth Barn
6:30-8:00 PM CUB Scout Meeting, Worship Ctr./Classrooms
6:30-8:00 PM Boy Scouts, Youth Barn
7:00-7:30 PM Tabitha's Heart
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Thursday, September 19

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12:30-5:00 PM Happy Achers Sack Lunch/Games, Rm # 210
6:00-8:00 PM Band Practice, Chapel
6:30-8:00 PM N.A.M.I. (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Rm #216
6:30-7:45 PM Trustees Meeting, Conference Room
7:00-8:00 PM Boy Scout Troop Committee Meeting

Friday, September 20

6:00-9:00 PM KILT, Youth Barn

Saturday, September 21

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