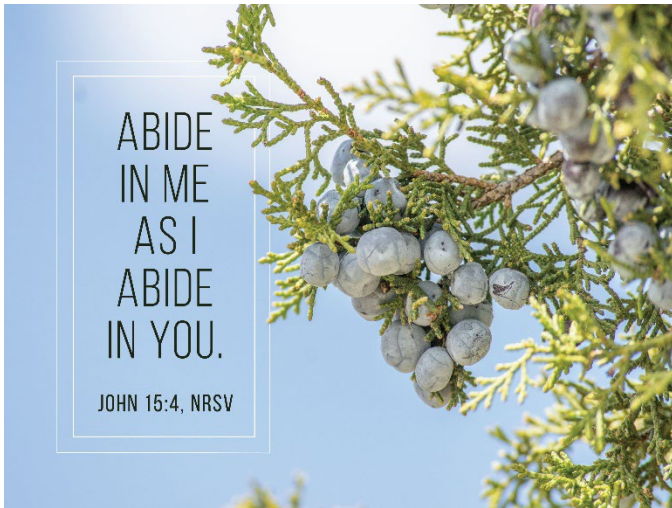


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PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from 1 John 4:7-9

Leader: Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

People: **Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.**

Leader: God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent the only Son into the world so that we might live through Christ.

People: **By this we know that we abide in God and God in us, because God has given us the Spirit.**

Leader: Let us love one another and join in worship of God.

*HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
UMH # 384

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit;
let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Text: Charles Wesley (1747)
Music: John Zundel (1870)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

The Apostle's Creed
#881 UMH

**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.**

*universal

SCRIPTURE

1 John 4:13-16 (NRSV)

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶ So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

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God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God,
and God abides in them.

The Word of God for the People of God.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

TIME SINGING OUR FAVORITE HYMNS—8:20am

TIME WITH CHILDREN—9:40am Dianna Sheely

HYMN *My Jesus, I Love Thee*
UMH #172 vs 1

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign.

My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Words: William R. Featherstone (1864)
Music: Adoniram J. Gordon (1876)

PASTORAL PRAYER

Adapted from Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell

Mystery of Mysteries, help us to seek Your wisdom by
living into Your truth, and Your truth is found in the
love we have for one another and for you, O God.

May our love be fearless. May our love be without
judgment. May our love call us into Your ways of
justice, Your ways of practicing kindness, and Your
ways of building peace.

Mystery of Mysteries, we only know You in a glimpse;
but we know You most fully in the abiding love we
have from you in the gift of Christ, who gave His life
for us.

Holy God, thank you for the love you have for each
one of us, for all people, and for all your creation!
Teach us once more how to follow in the footsteps of
Jesus, who shows us the Way of love through his life,
his death and his resurrection to abundant life.

And now let us pray together as Jesus taught us
saying:

**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.**

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GIVING

***RESPONSE** #95, UMH

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.

SCRIPTURE

John 15:1-5 (NRSV)

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower.
² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit.
Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it
bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by
the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I
abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by
itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you
unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the
branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear
much fruit, because apart from me you can do
nothing.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks Be to God.

MESSAGE

Remain in Christ
Rev. David W. Brown

*HYMN

Abide with Me
UMH #700

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

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I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Liturgist at 8:20 – Greg Bailie
Liturgist at 9:40 – Shelley Bamberger

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks,
and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte (1847)
Music: W. H. Monk (1861)



Gather for coffee and treats in the Atrium following the 9:40 service!

BENEDICTION

1 John 3:23

Now go forth in Jesus' name, remembering his commandment to love one another, just as he has loved us.

In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer we pray. Amen.

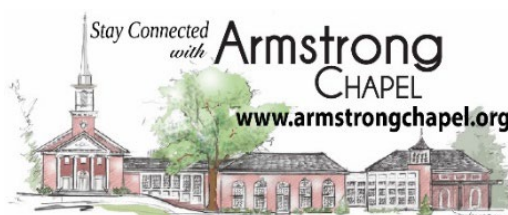
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Thursday, May 2 at 7:30am
Veterans Memorial

Corner of Shawnee Run and Drake Roads

Pastor Brown will be participating.
Gather to pray for our nation and its leaders.



Armstrong Chapel wants to celebrate the hard work and amazing accomplishments of the graduating class of 2024.
DEADLINE = MONDAY, MAY 13!

We will recognize graduates during Worship services on May 19. If you're graduating from high school, college, or beyond, fill out the form and let us know! <https://bit.ly/4cBXQ2W>

Young Couples' Dinner Nights!

Friday Nights – 5/10, 6/14, 7/12, 8/9
Gather for dinner, fellowship, and discipleship on Friday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm in the Atrium! All young(ish) couples are welcome. Come and enjoy summer cookouts — hotdogs, hamburgers, or chicken will be provided — *bring a side dish or dessert to share*. RSVP to Sara O'Connor at soconnor@armstrongchapel.org. Childcare is available by RSVP.



Service of Praise & Patriotism

Sunday, May 26

during 9:40am Worship

No Sunday School. There will be childcare for nursery through age 3.



146th Memorial Day

Observance

Monday, May 27

10:30am

Old Armstrong Chapel (outside)



Shotgun start at 9:00 am
HAMILTON ELKS GOLF CLUB
Lunch Provided
Share in a day of friends, fun and friendly competition on the green!
MALE, FEMALE, AND COED TEAMS ARE WELCOME
For complete details, registration, and sponsorship, visit: armstrongchapel.org/men/