



AVONDALÉ

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

where all are welcome ... to *connect* with God and others.
... to *grow* together in faith and love.
... to *serve* the world for Jesus Christ.

Restrooms

If you need a restroom, exit the sanctuary through the door at the front to the right of the pulpit. The women's restroom is just off the foyer. The men's restroom is down the hallway from the foyer on the right.

Nursery

We welcome children of all ages in worship; however, a nursery is available for infants and toddlers under four years old who may need it. Please see an usher for assistance.

Hearing Support

We have hearing assistive technology that connects via bluetooth available. Check with an usher for an instruction card to help you connect.

Visual Support – Large Print Hymnals & Bulletins

Large print hymnals and bulletins are available. The hymnals are located on the side table to the right of the pulpit at the front of the sanctuary. Ushers can help you locate both the hymnals and the bulletins as needed.

Connect + Grow + Serve



Use this QR code (or www.AvonUMC.net/HereIAm) to go online to let us know you're here, enter a prayer request, and/or make a contribution. You can also access volunteer opportunities, wish lists to support our local outreach, and/or sign up to provide flowers in honor/memory of someone one Sunday on the altar in worship.

Floral Tribute

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Judy Sharp in loving memory of her mother and father, Ethel & Marvin Nabors, on the anniversary of Ethel's birthday and their wedding anniversary.



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost | June 21, 2026

Prelude

Processional

Martin Shaw

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Call to Worship

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

E. Markham Lee

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Rev. Malinda Weaver

*** Hymn of Praise No. 384**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*** Affirmation of Faith**

Ginger Branson

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.

* Please stand as you are able in body and in spirit.

[†] universal

*** Gloria Patri**

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.**

*** Ritual of Friendship**

Children’s Moment

Neal Flum

Following the Children's Moment, children will return to sit with their parents for the remainder of worship.

Act of Centering

Change My Heart, O God

Eddie Espinosa

Change my heart, O God, make it ev-er true. You are the

Pot - ter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me,

this is what I pray. Change my heart, O God, make it ev-er true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

Ministry Moment – Use Your Noodle

Henry Levens

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Psalm 51:1-12

This is the word of God, for us, the people of God ... **thanks be to God!**

Anthem

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

Sermon

It's Not Too Late for a Change of Heart

Pastoral Prayer with 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, forever. Amen.

Offering

Prayer

Martin Shaw

*** Doxology**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, 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!

*** Hymn of Praise No. 382**

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

*** Benediction**

*** Choral Benediction**

A Blessing

Martin Shaw

*** Postlude**

Festal Postlude

E. Markham Lee



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BREAKFAST CHURCH

Sunday, July 5 | 10:00am

Our worship will look a little different on July 5th as we instead gather in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast, hymns, and meaningful conversation led by our new Creation Care Team. Together, we'll explore what it means to care for God's creation and begin imagining ways our church can make a difference. Come enjoy this relaxed time of fellowship, learning, and connection as we share a meal and grow together in faith. Please bring a breakfast dish (casserole, fruit, yogurt, etc.) to share.

HAND TO HEART

Wednesday, June 24 | 10:00am-12:00pm

Through stitches and prayer, Hand to Heart shares comfort with those in need. This prayer shawl ministry meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month in the archive room (first floor) and welcomes both experienced needleworkers and those who want to learn. If you know someone who would be blessed by a prayer shawl, contact Barb Walker (205.672.9687).

MONTHLY BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, July 14 | 6:30pm

Join us each month on the second Tuesday at 6:30pm at the church to dive into thought-provoking reads that center around faith, spirituality, religion, and more. For July we're reading *Jayber Crow* by Wendell Berry. And for August we'll be reading *The Dance of the Dissident Daughter* by Sue Monk Kidd. Come with an open mind, a curious spirit, and a friend or two.

WOMEN'S COFFEE

Wednesday, July 15 | 9:30am

Ladies—come as you are, bring a friend, and let's enjoy some great company together! Our coffee gatherings happen each month on the third Wednesday at General (3813 Clairmont Avenue, Birmingham 35222).

MINISTRY NEEDS FOR OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS

Our Unhoused Neighbors often need items to take with them (*body wipes, toothbrushes/paste, underwear, etc.*). Drop off donations weekdays from 8–11am at Avondale Samaritan Place, bring them to worship on Sundays, or send them directly to us through our Amazon wishlist—just scan the QR code in your bulletin.

USE YOUR NOODLE – SUMMER LEARNING CAMP

Planning is well underway for our annual summer learning camp. Use Your Noodle provides literacy and math enrichment to help prevent learning loss over the summer. It does so in a way that sparks children's curiosity and helps them develop critical thinking skills. This camp is open to school children who are Kindergarten through 3rd Grade. The dates are July 6-24. To register your child(ren), use the QR Code in the bulletin to find the link.

And ... we want you to be a part of it!! While professors, teachers, student teachers, and volunteers are rocking and rolling ... can you provide some support items?

Use Your Noodle – Prayer Cards

Let's show some love to the students and families participating in Use Your Noodle! One way to encourage them is by sending cards before camp begins to let them know we're praying for them. If you'd like to help, email Susan Harvill (susan.harvill1252@gmail.com) to receive 5–10 names, addresses, and cards.

Use Your Noodle – Snacks

All that fun, hands-on learning makes the kids hungry! You can access our snack wishlist using the QR Code in your bulletin. Or you can purchase items to bring to the church. The wishlist includes things like: squeeze applesauce, fruit cups, individual packs of pretzels or popcorn, and rice crispy treats.

Use Your Noodle – Teacher Happies

Help shower our teachers with encouraging treats for all the work they're putting in to teach our kiddos this summer. Grab some friends to help and be creative in what you come up with to show appreciation ... cute bags of candy, a coffee bar, sweet/salty treats, etc. Use the QR Code to find the link to sign up, or email Pastor Malinda (malinda@avonumc.net).



MUSIC NOTES

This morning we hear music by two English composers, Sir Martin Shaw (1875-1958), and his contemporary, E. Markham Lee (1874-1956). Shaw was, by far, the more prominent of the two, and his over 300 published works include hymns, carols, oratorios, and several operas. He made significant contributions to church music as an organist and hymnodist. *With a Voice of Singing* is, likely, his most-heard composition. Written in 1923, this rousing anthem entreats God's people to joyfully proclaim His praises to the ends of the earth. The theme of praise and rejoicing is also present in the organ prelude, *Processional*, which is based upon the 16th century hymn, *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*. Both Shaw and Lee understood the importance of providing music for amateurs – anthems and service music for small volunteer church choirs rather than for professional ensembles; music for parish organists rather than for virtuoso recitalists; songs for average singers instead of complex arias for rarefied operatic voices. As a result, their music never achieved the widespread acclaim garnered by the works of their fellow composers such as Elgar and Holst, but it should not be afforded any less attention or recognition.



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