

# We Gather to Worship God

The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. I was blind, but now I see, declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved sons and daughters. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism, God anoints our head and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

Linda McKechnie

*Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us*  
Carillon Choir

### \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### \* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 57

Azmon

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Holy God,*  
**we confess that we have turned away from you and from our neighbors, and in toward ourselves. We have sought security in possessions and the place of power in relationships. We have trusted ourselves most of all. Turn us back to you, O God. In your mercy, forgive our sinfulness and cleanse us from guilt and shame. Guide us on the path of freedom that is your gift to us in Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!*

### \* RESPONSE No. 482

*Lord, Have Mercy*

*Kriewald Kyrie*

*Repeated phrases are sung first by the leader and then by all.*

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*  
*Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.*  
*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

### \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

*The peace of the Lord be with you all.*  
**And also with you.**

\* All may exchange signs of peace.

The passing of the peace is an invitation for the worshiping assembly to share the gift of Christ's peace with one another. Exchanging the peace after confession and pardon is a gesture of love and blessing. We invite you to turn to your neighbor and offer blessing by saying, "Peace be with you."

## ~ WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON      I Samuel 16:1-13      OT Pg. 259-260

This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER      Psalm 23      *Land of Rest*

*The Lord's my shepherd, all my need  
Through him will be supplied;  
By quiet streams and through green fields  
The Lord will be my guide.*

*The Lord revives me, guides my feet  
On pathways that are right,  
And I shall fear no evil though  
I walk through darkest hour.*

*Your rod and staff, they comfort me;  
In presence of my foes  
You feed me; you anoint my head  
And my cup overflows.*

*Your goodness and your mercy, Lord,  
Shall surely follow me,  
And I will dwell in God's own house  
For all eternity.*

THE SECOND LESSON      Ephesians 5:8-14      NT Pg. 194

This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM      David Willcox

*Love Devine All Loves Excelling*

THE GOSPEL LESSON      John 9:1-41      NT Pgs. 102-103

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**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS      Rev. Kyle

*Being a Shepherd*

Children ages three through first-grade may go to Children's Church in room 123.  
Nurseries provided for infants through 3 years in rooms 118 & 120.

THE SERMON      Rev. Kyle Randle

*In God's House*

## ~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

\* THE HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 451      *Slane*

*Be Thou My Vision*

## \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Modern Affirmation

*We believe in God the Father,  
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,  
whose mercy is over all his works,  
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.*  
*We believe in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Son of man  
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,  
the ground of our hope,  
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.*  
*We believe in the Holy Spirit  
as the divine presence in our lives,  
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance  
of the truth of Christ,  
and find strength and help in time of need.*  
*We believe that this faith should manifest itself  
in the service of love  
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,  
to the end  
that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.*

CALL TO PRAYER      Herbert Colvin

*Surely the Lord Is in This Place*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

After each petition, please respond

*Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.***

OFFERTORY      Gerald Near

*From Depths I Cry*

\* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS      Doxology No. 95

## ~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

\* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 128      *He Leadeth Me*

*He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought*

\* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY      Johann Pachelbel

*Toccata in E minor*

\* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of Heather's father  
Fritz Smith  
by Bert, Heather, Evan and Alex Von Herrmann

The rosebud on the altar is to celebrate the birth of  
Woodrow "Rowe" Walter Smith, III  
son of Woody and Katherine Smith.  
Rowe was born Thursday, March 20.



### NOTES FOR WORSHIP

Numbers by the hymns, Affirmation of Faith, Doxology, are from the United Methodist Hymnal found in the pew racks. Old Testament and New Testament scripture readings are from the New Revised Standard Version, located in the pew. Page numbers for the readings are listed in the order of worship.

### THINGS TO KNOW WHILE WORSHIPING AT FIRST UMC

We are grateful that you have chosen to worship with us today. We hope that you will receive a blessing from the service. If you don't already have a church home, it is our hope that you will consider letting First Church fill that need.

All worshipers are asked to sign the Attendance Pad at the end of each pew and pass it along to your neighbors.

The Nursery is located on the first floor of the Education Wing in Rm. 118. Our nursery is staffed with paid professionals and loving volunteers. Parents are asked to sign in their children and check out a pager, so that we may contact you should the need arise during worship.

A restroom is located in the Narthex, the Parlor, and the first floor of the Education Wing. Baby Changing Stations are located in the Nursery, Rm. 118.

In the hustle and bustle of getting ourselves ready for church, it is easy to forget to turn off our cell phones. We offer this gentle reminder to please turn cell phones off so that the worship service is not disrupted by them.

We wish to invite you to contact one of our staff members if you would like more information about FUMC:

- Kyle.Randle@fumconway.org (Pastor)
- Billy.Fallaw@fumconway.org (Dir. of Music)
- Tim.Whitten@fumconway.org (Dir. of Christian Ed.)
- Danny.Clonts@fumconway.org (Accountant)
- Office@fumconway.org (Ministry Asst.)

A full listing of the staff may be found in the Announcements inserted in the bulletin or online.

#### Stewardship and Attendance

<b>Operating</b>	<b>4,777.00</b>	Sunday School	160
Good Samaritan	15.00	Worship	202
Help4Kids	35.00	Mid-Day Prayer	8
Summer Youth Ministry	235.00	Children's Pottery	7
Building Fund	477.00	Organ Meditation & Lunch	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,639.00</b>	Wonderful Wednesday	88
		CAP Items	19
		Help4Kids	
		Vienna Sausages	30
		Juice Boxes	30

### Serving This Sunday, March 30

**Altar Guild:** Wilmarie Boatwright, Callie Timbes, Peggy Turnes  
**Acolytes and Crucifer:** Laurel and Jade Edwards, Savannah Seremet  
**Counting Committee:** (Sunday) Blake Martin, Delan Stevens  
 (Monday) Maxine Dunn and Margaret Thompson  
**Children's Church:** Libby Saville  
**Trustee Duty :** Jim Edwards  
**Sound Technician:** Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks / Thomas Hickman  
**Ushers:** Mark Brooks (Chairman), Brad Todd (Co-Chairman)  
 Jim Edwards, William Goldfinch, Chad Hardwick, Tommy Harper, Billy Jones, Britt Stiltner, Bill Taylor, Alex Todd, Johnny Vaught.

### This Week at FUMC

#### Sunday, March 30

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 9:30 a.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Sanctuary  
 10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM  
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary  
 6:00 p.m. UMYF / Taizé Service / The Hut

#### Monday, March 31

10:30 a.m. Bible Study & Discussion / FLC Senior Room  
 12:00 p.m. Midday Prayer Service / The Hut  
 3:15 p.m. Children's Pottery Class / FLC  
 4:15 p.m. Children's Pottery Class / FLC

#### Wednesday, April 2

12:00 p.m. Lenten Organ Meditation / Sanctuary  
 12:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Luncheon / FLC  
 3:00 p.m. Children's Snack Time / FLC  
 3:15 p.m. Cherub and Wesley Treble Choirs Rehearsal / Rm. 105  
 4:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Activities / FLC  
 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall  
 6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 211  
 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study: Rm. 122  
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 105

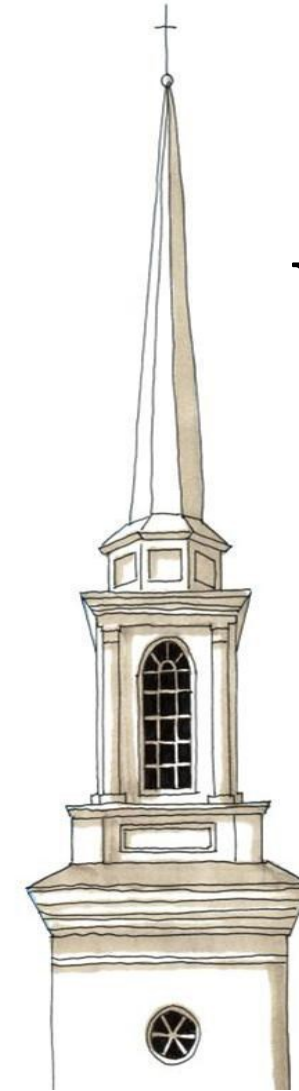
#### Thursday, April 3

10:00 a.m. "The Inheritance" Ladies Bible Study / FLC  
 12:00 p.m. Lenten Luncheon / St. Paul's Church  
 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 804 Meeting / FLC

#### A Prayer for Our Church

The Capital Campaign Prayer Team asks you to pray this prayer in your daily prayers

Almighty God, perfect and holy in every way, as you led the Israelites out of Egypt lead us from our own bondage. Teach us not to grumble, but to be thankful, never wanting to retreat, but always moving forward to what you have in store for your people. All things work in your time. Let us continue to have faith in all that you do through your Church. We pray God that you will lead the people of First UMC to your promised land. We love you God and we need your perfect love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2014  
11:00 a.m.



### Welcome to First United Methodist Church

Out of a broken and sinful world, all people are welcomed into the body of Jesus Christ at First Church. As children of God, together we join in worship to experience the transforming love of our Savior.

We are here this morning to worship God. Through our songs, words of praise, prayers and scripture reading, we give honor and glory to God. Wondrous things happen as we worship. Lives are changed. The presence of God brings hope, comfort, healing, and joy. Let us worship in gladness. Jesus, the Lord of Life is with us.