

First Church at Worship

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and mercy.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Johann Pachelbel
By Waterside in Babylon

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* GREETING

In the beginning was the word, and the Spirit moving over the face of the waters.

We rejoice in your new creation, O God, by your Spirit coursing through baptismal waters.

And God spoke—and God saw that it was good.

We gather to hear and follow your living Word, as your beloved children.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 152 Forest Green
I Sing the Almighty Power of God

THE PEACE

~ PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE ~

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON OT Pg. 1
 Genesis 1:1-5

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER Psalm 29 Diademata

*Ascribe to God, you gods, ascribe glory and might;
 Ascribe the glory due his Name, worship in holy light.
 God's voice is on the deep, His thunder rolls on high;
 The Lord is on the water-flood, God's voice a mighty cry.*

*God's voice breaks mighty trees, tall cedars of great worth,
 they writhe and leap like mountain sheep, God's voice shakes all the earth.
 God's voice splits flames of fire, God's voice shakes desert sands;
 God's voice makes the oak trees shake and strips the leaves from forest stands.*

*Within God's temple all Cry "Glory!" and adore;
 the Lord sits throned above the flood as King for evermore.
 The Lord will give his strength to all his own, nor cease
 To give his people evermore the blessing of his peace.*

THE EPISTLE LESSON Acts 19:1-7 NT Pg. 139

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* THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:4-11 NT Pg. 34-35

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS *Just a Splash!* Rev. Kyle

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.

SERMON *Watered People* Rev. Kyle Randle

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Sisters and brothers in Christ: through the sacrament of baptism God's Spirit has been poured out upon water, water poured over and immersing us, water that flows freely for all who will receive it, water from the streams of God's saving power and justice, water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness, water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth. Today we come to the waters, to renew our commitments in each other's presence to Christ who has raised us, the Spirit who has birthed us, and the Creator who is making all things new.

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin!

Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

We accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves!

Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?

We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races!

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

Will you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church as we put our trust in God, the Father Almighty. In Jesus Christ, his only Son. And in the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Spirit of the Lord is with us.

Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Let us pray. Almighty God, the life you birthed in us by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die. Your justice never fails. Your mercy is everlasting.

Your healing river flows. Your Spirit blows where you will.

We cannot stop you, God!

But sometimes we try. We try to block the flow, we redirect the winds of the Spirit, or we walk so far away from the life-giving Stream that we do not hear its sound, and we forget its power. We parch ourselves.

We are dry and thirsty, O God. Come, refresh us!

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Come upon these waters.

Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.

Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.

Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.

Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.

Most Holy God, Abba, Father!

Glory to you!

Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord!

Glory to you!

Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness!

Glory to you!

Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!

All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!

All who are baptized and have renewed their vows are invited to come to the font to touch the water as a sign of refreshing.

HYMN OF THE DAY No. 605 Beach Spring
Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Mark Wilberg

Shall We Gather at the River
 Molly Fay, soprano

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

* HYMN OF SENDING No. 89 Hymn to Joy
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Dietrich Buxtehude
Chaconne

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
in memory of Jimmy Thompkins
by the Hut Bible Class



NOTES FOR WORSHIP

Numbers by the hymns, Doxology, and Psalter 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.

Serving This Sunday, January 11

Altar Guild: Charlotte Ives, Janet Roche, Janet Von Deck
Acolytes and Crucifer: Alex and Evan Von Herrmann, Samuel Hickman
Counting Committee: (Sunday) Jack McCutcheon, Ike Locklair
(Monday) Maxine Dunn, Margaret Thompson, Nancy Stilner
Trustee Duty: George Martin
Sound Technician: Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks / Thomas Hickman
Ushers: Richard Jordan (Chairman), Phil Thompson (Co-Chairman)
Danny Clonts, Lee Hickman, Bo Ives, Sammy Johnson, Ken Senn,
Frank Watts, Chris Wright

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, January 11

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM
10:00 a.m. The Swiss Melody Bells Ensemble Rehearsal / Rm. 119
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary
4:45 p.m. King's Singers Rehearsal / Choir Room
5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC

Monday, January 12

9:00 a.m. Philip Sandi / FLC
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting / Commons
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting / FLC

Tuesday, January 13

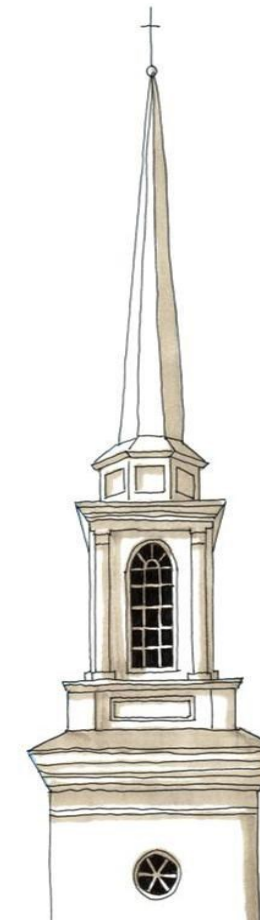
7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC
7:00 p.m. UMW Executive Meeting / FLC

Wednesday, January 14

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. 205
6:30 p.m. Animate Adult Bible Study / Rm. 216
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 105

Thursday, January 15

6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop Meeting / FLC



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Baptism of the Lord
January 11, 2015
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.