

# First Church at Worship

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Andante* (from **Organ Concerto 2**) G.F. Handel

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* THE GREETING

The grace of the God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name be with you.  
**And also with you.**

\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 57 *Azmon*  
*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of thy name.

He speaks, and listening to his voice,  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.

In Christ, your head, you then shall know,  
shall feel your sins forgiven;  
anticipate your heaven below,  
and own that love is heaven.

\* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

<sup>1</sup>All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup>Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup>Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. <sup>8</sup>So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."  
The word of God for the people of God  
**Thanks be to God.**

THE ACT OF PRAISE

Psalms 19

*St. Anne*

**The heavens above declare God's praise,  
The work his hands have made;  
Day after day his power is shown,  
And night by night displayed.**

**There is no utterance or speech,  
No voice is ever heard,  
Yet to all nations comes the sound,  
To every place their word.**

**Forth like a bridegroom comes the sun  
From its appointed place,  
And like a hero on his course  
Rejoices in the race.**

**It runs from East to farthest West  
To make its course complete,  
And nothing in the world beneath  
Escapes its scorching heat.**

THE SECOND LESSON

I Corinthians 12:12-31a

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. <sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup>But strive for the greater gifts.

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

\* SEQUENCE HYMN No. 2236 (TFWS)

*Gather Us In*

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Here in this place new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away,  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery,  
we are the old who yearn for your face,  
we have been sung throughout all of history,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:14-21

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,

<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."  
The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

\* SEQUENCE HYMN No. 2236

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Here we will take the wine and the water,  
here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven light years away,  
but here in this place the new light is shining,  
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever,  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bones.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Mr. Josh

SERMON

Rev. Kyle Randle

~ WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL ~

ANTHEM

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Tom Mitchell

~ WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL ~

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

Rejoice in this good news:

In Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God. Amen.

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostle's Creed* No. 881

**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.**

\* THE GLORIA PATRI No. 70 *Meineke*

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of grace,  
hear our prayer.

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

\* HYMN OF SENDING No. 548 *McKee*

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north;  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere  
their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord  
close binding humankind.

In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek,  
and neither slave nor free;  
both male and female heirs are made,  
and all are kin to me.

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Psalm XX* Benedetto Marcelo

\* Congregation Standing

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and to commemorate the 54<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Ernie and Peggy Turnes, given by their children and grandchildren.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, January 23

9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School / Education Building  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary  
3:00 p.m. Acolyte Training / Sanctuary  
4:30 p.m. Voices in Bronze Rehearsal / Second Floor Commons  
5:30 p.m. Asbury Ringers Rehearsal / Second Floor Commons  
5:30 p.m. UMYF and Bridge / Family Life Center (FLC)

Monday, January 24

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
10:00 a.m. UMW Executive Board Meeting / FLC Room 101  
5:00 p.m. Conway Cotillion / Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. Quintet Rehearsal / Choir Room 105  
6:30 p.m. NA Meeting / Family Life Center (FLC) Room 102

Tuesday, January 25

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC Room 102  
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC Room 104  
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting / FLC Room 102  
8:00 p.m. Al Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101

Wednesday, January 26

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
3:00 p.m. WW Snack and Fellowship / Room 121  
3:30 p.m. WW Activities / Room 121  
3:45 p.m. Youth Hangout / FLC Room 103  
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / FLC Room 104  
4:45 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Commons  
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Second Floor Commons  
6:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study / Room 216  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Room 105

Thursday, January 27

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
4:30 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Room 105  
5:00 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Room 105  
6:30 p.m. NA Meeting / FLC Room 102

Friday, January 21

7:00 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast / FLC  
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
11:00 a.m. Annual Hut BBQ Fundraiser / Fellowship  
12:15 p.m. NA Meeting / FLC Room 102  
6:30 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC Room 102

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January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

10:30 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.



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