

We Gather to Worship God

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Jesus, they are the poor, mourners, the meek, those who hunger for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in the countercultural way of living and serving.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Louis Clerambault
Trumpet in Dialogue

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 708 Hanover
Rejoice in God's Saints

* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Blessed are the poor in spirit,
the downtrodden and despairing,*

They will rejoice in God's reign forever.

*Blessed are those who mourn,
who are grieving*

They will be comforted in God's reign forever.

*Blessed are the ones who seek
justice and righteousness*

They will find it in God's reign forever.

*Blessed are we when we love our neighbors
and seek their needs*

We will live in God's reign forever.

*Blessed are we all when we seek to serve others
in God's name.*

***Let us worship together, serving one another
and serving our Mighty God.***

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881
The Apostles' Creed

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.

* GLORIA PATRI No. 70

Meineke

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Loving God, we confess that we have turned from your way
to follow our own ways.*

Forgive us for the times

we have spoken or acted too quickly;

we have not spoken or acted at all;

we have hurt those closest to us;

we have hurt those we have yet to know;

we have thought more about ourselves than others;

we have thought less of ourselves that we ought.

Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,

so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven. Amen.

Your sins are forgiven. Amen.

* 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 Micah 6:1-8 OT. Pg. 866

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

Thanks be to God.

ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 15 St. Peter

*Lord, who may dwell within your house
Or on your holy hill?*

*Those who do good and speak the truth,
Whose lives are blameless still;*

Who have no guile upon their tongues

Nor harm their neighbor's life,

But honor those who fear the Lord

And turn away in strife;

Who do no wrong, but keep their word

And seek no bribe or gain;

All those who do such things shall live

And safe from harm remain.

THE SECOND LESSON I Corinthians 3:1-9 NT Pg. 167

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ANTHEM John Ness Beck

Offertory

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 5:1-12 NT Pg. 4

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Rev. Kyle

Rewards

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. Edward McCutcheon

Sense of Belonging

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 2155 (TFWS) Blest Are They
Blest Are They

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our Prayer.

OFFERTORY Domenico Zipoli

Verso in G

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Jane Parker

Be Thou My Vision

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 163 Hendon
Ask Ye What Great Things I Know

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Benedetto Marcello
Psalm XIX

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of my beloved wife, Bonita and for our 67th Anniversary today and our 86th birthdays tomorrow by Don Smoak.

The rosebud on the altar is to celebrate the birth of Adlee Joseph Case with parents, John and Ashley and big brother Elias. Also, proud grandparents Tim and Janet Lawrence.

THINGS TO KNOW WHILE WORSHIPPING 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.

Welcome Reverend Edward McCutcheon

Join us in welcoming the Rev. Edward McCutcheon to Worship this morning. Edward is the son of Jack and Libby McCutcheon. Immediately following worship, we invite you to a reception in the Commons to "catch up" with Edward and Stephanie.

Edward is the Director/Campus Minister of Wesley Fellowship at Furman University. He grew up here in Conway, and graduated from CHS in 1992. Edward graduated from Wofford College in 1996, and Duke University Divinity School, where he received his Masters of Divinity, in 1999.

He is married to Stephanie McCutcheon. They met while at Wofford and were married in May 1998.

Upon graduation from Duke, Edward was appointed to Cayce United Methodist Church where he served as Associate Minister for five years. After Cayce, Edward and Stephanie moved to New York, and specifically the Buffalo area, where Stephanie received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University at Buffalo. Edward served as the Associate Minister of Trinity UMC on Grand Island, NY.

Edward was appointed in June 2008 to Furman University. The Wesley Fellowship [or Foundation on other campuses] is the campus ministry group for our United Methodist students. In addition to his role at Furman, Edward is also the co-chair of the United Methodist Campus Ministry Association.

The new **2017 Flower Calendar** is posted in the Narthex. Please take a moment to reserve dates that are important to you or your family. Altar Flowers are not a budgeted item. They are gifts to the church by those who graciously sign up. **Flowers for February are especially needed.**



Serving This Sunday, January 29

Altar Guild: Janet Roche, Janet Von Deck

Acolytes and Crucifer: Samuel Hickman, Anna Claire Roof, Jonas Randle

Counting Committee: (Monday) Sallie Goldfinch, Sarah Staub

Trustee Duty: Dawne Clonts, Johnny Vaught

Children's Church: Ben and Amanda Yenicek, Justin and Amanda Roof

Sound Technicians: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks

Ushers: Phil Thompson (Chairman), Will Chappell, Danny Clonts, Travis Dannelly, Bo Ives, Sammy Johnson, Richard Jordan, Ken Senn, Frank Watts, Chris Wright

Sunday, January 29

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Methodist Study / FLC Senior Room
9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class Broadcast / WRNN 99.5 FM
10:30 a.m. Worship / Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. UMYF / Family Life Center
5:30 p.m. The Bridge Program / FLC

Monday, January 30

5:30 p.m. Conway Jr. Cotillion / Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting / FLC
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC

Tuesday, January 31

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Rooms 117 & 120
11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting / Room 215
6:00 p.m. Cocaine Anonymous Meeting (CA) / FLC
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC

Wednesday, February 1

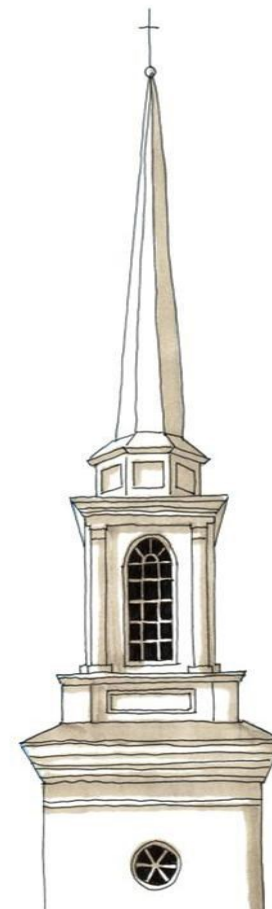
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Rooms 117 & 120
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Programs / FLC
3:45 p.m. Children's Activities / FLC
4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
5:00 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
5:05 p.m. Voices in Bronze / Handbell Room 205
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. 24/6 Adult Bible Study / Room. 216
6:30 p.m. Drawing All Things to Christ Adult Study / Room 224
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Handbell Room 205
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Sonshine "Sunday" School Class / Commons

Thursday, February 2

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Rooms 117 & 120
6:00 p.m. Scouts Round Table Honors Event / Fellowship Hall

Friday, February 3

7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC



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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
January 29, 2017
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.