

We Gather to Worship God

In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's Gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Gerald Near
Ubi Caritas
(Where Love and Charity Abide, God Is There)

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 555 St. Gertrude
Forward Through the Ages

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God has set before us life and death.
We long to choose life.
God has set before us blessings and curses.
We long to choose blessings.
So we gather this morning in the presence of Christ.
Let us worship God with joy!

* 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 than 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 Deuteronomy 30:15-20 OT Pg. 186

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

THE ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 119:1-8 Duke Street

*All those are blest who love God's law,
Whose way is blameless, without sin;
All who observe the Lord's decrees
And truly in their hearts seek him.*

*All those are blest who do no wrong,
But always walk in all God's ways;
All his commandments were laid down
To keep with care through all our days.*

*Assist me, Lord, that I may keep
Your statutes; make my pathways straight;
And I will not be shamed when I
Consider your commandments' weight.*

*An unfeigned heart will thank you, Lord,
When all your judgments have been learned;
Among your people I will keep
Your statutes; let me not be spurned.*

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

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ANTHEM *The Gift of Love* Hal Hopson

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 5:21-37 NT Pgs. 4-5

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS *God Loves Us* 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 *Demands of the Gospel* Rev. Kyle D. Randle

~ **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD** ~

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS No. 38

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 430 *Maryton*
O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER
Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our Prayer.

OFFERTORY *Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word* Near

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

~ **WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD** ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 547 *Ellacombe*
O Church of God, United

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Benedetto Marcello*
The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar arrangements are given to the glory of God.

Rev. Kyle will be on vacation with his family beginning Wednesday, February 15—Monday, February 20. Please contact the church office at 843-488-4251 or Josh Tietje at 828-476-0113 for any pastoral needs.



NOTES FOR WORSHIP

Numbers by the hymns, Affirmation of Faith, and Doxology are from the United Methodist Hymnal and The Faith We Sing Hymnal (TFWS) 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.

WELCOME TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Newcomers and Guests

Welcome! 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 worshippers are asked to sign the Attendance Pad at the end of each pew and pass it along to your neighbors. Rev. Randle will contact you later in the week.

We welcome children into our worship!

Children are part of the family of God. They learn how to worship God by seeing other people worship. Children are welcome in the church to worship with their parents or caregivers. We understand that sometimes it is hard to be present in worship with young children. If you choose, we have a nursery for infants and toddlers.

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. An usher will direct you to the nursery.

Have a hard time hearing?

If you can't hear the service, please let an usher know. We have hearing assist devices which will help even the most hard of hearing to participate in the service!

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.

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Serving This Sunday, February 12

Altar Guild: Churchill Jenkins, Betty Smith, Bobby Stilley, Woodie Woodward
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Bus Duty: Blake Martin
Trustee Duty: Anna Barnhill, Cathy Senn
Children's Church: Sammy and Debbie Johnson, Joy Tietje
Sound Technicians: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks
Ushers: Phillip Thompson (Chairman), Jack Driggers, James Hammond, Jimmy Jones, George Martin, Blake Martin, Dick Sayre, Ernie Turnes, Duc Watts

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, February 12

9:30 a.m. Methodist Study / FLC Senior Room
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary
 3:00 p.m. Grandmother/Mother/Daughter Tea / Fellowship Hall
 5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC

Monday, February 13

5:00 p.m. Scouts Blue and Gold Banquet / Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 14

8:00 a.m. People's Underwriters / FLC
 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Rooms 117 & 120
 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting / Room 215
 6:00 p.m. Cocaine Anonymous (CA) Meeting / FLC
 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC
 7:00 p.m. UMW Executive Meeting / Parlor

Wednesday, February 15

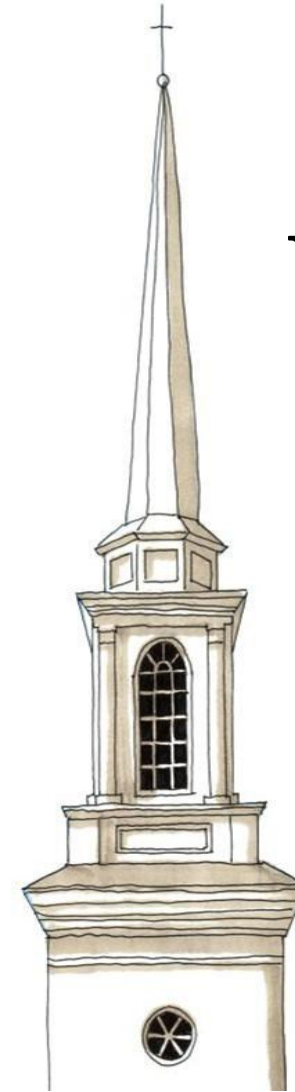
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Rooms 117 & 120
 3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Program / FLC
 4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
 5:00 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
 5:05 p.m. Youth Handbells Rehearsal / Handbell Room 205
 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
 6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Handbell Room 205
 6:15 p.m. Adult Study: Draw All Things to God / Room 224
 7:00 p.m. Sonshine "Sunday" School Class / Parlor
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

Thursday, February 16

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Rooms 117 & 120
 6:00 p.m. Nurture Committee Meeting / Commons

Friday, February 17

7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC



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Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
 February 12, 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.