

We Gather to Worship God

In today's first reading we hear, "You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. Yet we know we cannot achieve perfection. Our attempts to love our neighbors and even our enemies fall short of what God desires for us. Yet in Jesus we see one who loved even those who persecuted and killed him. We are made holy in baptism, and forgiven at the table of God's mercy. As a people made holy by God, we go in peace to love as we have been loved.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Edward Elgar
Nimrod (from **Enigma Variations**)

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 2234 *TFWS* Lancashire
Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

* CALL TO WORSHIP

*O God, you are righteous
Transform us by your Word!
Your judgments are upright
Transform us by your Word!
Your precepts are unforgettable
Transform us by your Word!
Give us understanding and we will live
**Re-form us, reconcile us,
Transform us by your Word!***

* 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 Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 OT Pg. 106
*This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.*

THE ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 119:33-40 *Germany*

*Eternal Lord, teach me your way
And I will follow for my part;
Enable me to know your law
Which I shall keep with all my heart.*

*Engage my feet upon the path
Of your commandments, hear my plea;
Expel all love of unjust gain,
Incline my heart to your decree.*

*Endow me, in your ways, with life,
And turn my eyes from sin and shame;
Establish now the promise, Lord,
You make to those who fear your Name.*

*Expose me not to dread reproach,
For all your judgments, Lord, are right;
Eternal God, preserve my life,
For your commandments are my delight.*

THE SECOND LESSON I Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23 NT Pgs. 167-168

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ANTHEM Paul Koch

How Firm a Foundation

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 5:38-48 NT Pg. 5

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Thanks be to God.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Mr. Josh

Following the Leader

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

SERMON *Can't You Be Perfect...For Goodness Sake!* Josh Tietje

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

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 384 *Beecher*
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

OFFERTORY George Bohm

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

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

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 540 *St. Thomas*
I love Thy Kingdom, Lord

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Jean Josef Mouret
Rondeau (from **Sinfonies De Fanfares**)

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God,
and in celebration of Sallie Goldfinch's birthday,
with love by her family.

Rev. Kyle, Nancy, Jonas and Sara will return from vacation Monday, February 20. He will be back in the office on Tuesday, February 21. 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 19

Altar Guild: Churchill Jenkins, Betty Smith, Bobby Stillely, Woodie Woodward
Acolytes and Crucifer: Colin Hucks, Anna Kate Nelson, Emma Chanaca
Counting Committee: Sallie Goldfinch, Sarah Staub
Bus Duty: Janet Martin
Trustee Duty: Anna Barnhill, Cathy Senn
Children's Church: Amy Hickman, Debby and Julia Brooks
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 19

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
5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC

Monday, February 20

5:30 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting / Commons
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC

Tuesday, February 21

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Rooms 117 & 120
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting / Room 215
5:30 p.m. Discipleship Meeting / Commons
6:00 p.m. Cocaine Anonymous (CA) Meeting / FLC
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC

Wednesday, February 22

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 23

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Rooms 117 & 120

Friday, February 24

7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

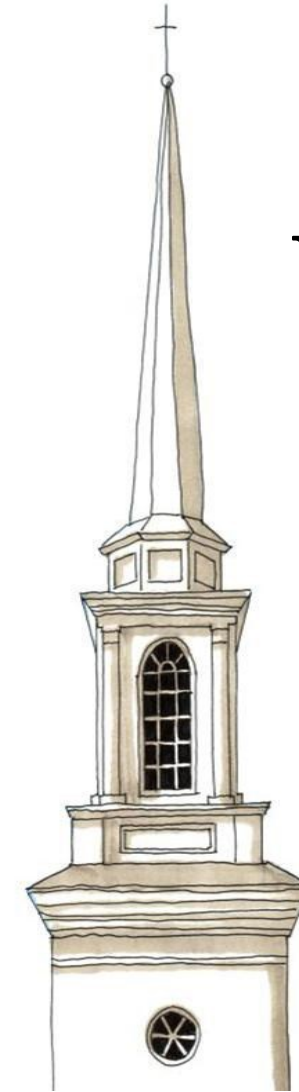
Saturday, February 25

7:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry Training Workshop / Leaving FLC

Prayer Concerns

Grand Strand Medical: Catherine Causey
Assisted Living/Rehab Facilities: Brookdale: Bobbie Davis, Harriett Edwards; **Agape:** Mary Hucks, **Carolina Gardens:** Irby Koon; **Conway Manor:** Edith Lewis, Mary T. Foxworth; **Martinez, GA:** Helen Wakefield; **Mt. Prospect, IL:** Faye Perrault

At Home: Libby Jones, Ben Smith, Betty Jo Huggins, Joann Ray, Carl Harris, Val Dunham, Lois Sechriest, Bob Sherry, Tommy Jordan, Lynn Koon, Myron and Maxine Dunn, Eugenia Benton, Sylvia Avant, Rebecca Howell, Betty Folks, Gwen Mishoe, Billy Joe and Irene Calhoun, Ruth Thomas, Lois Vaught, Ted Boyd.



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Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
February 19, 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.