

We Gather to Worship God

In Isaiah it is the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars--it is that God who strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service. Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up to health and service. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus we, we seek to renew our strength in quiet times of prayer.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY J. S. Bach
O God, Thou Faithful God

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 139 *Lobe den Herren*
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Celebrate God's grace!
How comforting it is to know God always accompanies us.
Approach God in awe!
How amazing it is to consider that God has created each of us and each star in the heavens.
Praise the living God!
How good it is to sing praise together.

* 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 away 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.*

*Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right.
Even when we have messed up, God puts us together.
God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved
children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven in Jesus'
name. 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 Isaiah 40:21-31 OT. Pg. 668

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

ACT OF PRAISE *Psalms 147* *St. Peter*

*Hallelujah! How good it is
To praise our God in songs,
A pleasant thing to honor him
To whom our praise belongs.*

*The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem,
Re-gathers Israel;
He heals the brokenhearted ones
And binds their wounds up well.*

*He counts the number of the stars,
Each one is in his sight;
Great is our Lord and strong in power,
His wisdom infinite.*

*The Lord casts all the wicked down,
Lifts up the lowly poor;
Make music to him on the harp
And praise him evermore.*

THE SECOND LESSON I Corinthians 9:16-23 NT Pgs. 171-172

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

ANTHEM Michael Joncas

On Eagle's Wings

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:29-39 NT Pg. 35

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Thanks be to God.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS *Where's Waldo?* Mr. Josh
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 *Released and Restored* Rev. Kyle Randle

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

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 375 *Balm in Gilead*
There Is a Balm in Gilead

OFFERTORY *Be Thou but Near* J. S. Bach
Kim Carey, flute

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION No. 13

*Taking the Bread and Cup
*The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer
Giving the Bread and Cup

Alleluia Acclamation No. 2043 (TFWS)

All are invited to the Lord's Table at the direction of the ushers. There will be three serving stations. Communion will be received by Intinction. The bread will be placed in your hand for you to dip into the Cup. You are invited to kneel and pray at the Chancel Rail after receiving the elements.

The offering received at the Chancel Rail during Communion will be given to *The Souper Bowl*.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION *Blessed Jesus* Gabriel Faure
Kim Carey, flute

Steal Away
Chancel Choir Antonin Dvorak

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 395 *Holiness*
Take Time to Be Holy

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

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 421 *Diademata*
Make Me a Captive, Lord

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Felix Mendelssohn
Allegro Molto (from Sonata VI)

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
in honor of Catherine Causey for her 101st birthday
by the John McCutcheon Class.



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 worshipers 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.

We wish to invite you to contact one of our staff members if you would like more information about FUMC:

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Serving This Sunday, February 4

Altar Guild: Churchill Jenkins, Betty Smith, Bobby Stilley
Acolytes and Crucifer: Jade Edwards, Anna Claire Roof, Caroline Daly
Counting Committee: Sallie Goldfinch, Lynn Hammond
Trustee Duty: John Sawyer, Cathy Senn
Bus Duty: David Jordan
Children's Church: William and Jill Nelson
Sound Technicians: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks, Dave Carey
Ushers: Phillip Thompson (Chairman), Jack Driggers, James Hammond, Jimmy Jones, Blake Martin, George Martin, Dick Sayre, Ernie Turnes, Duc Watts

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, February 4

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Come to the Water / Family Life Center
9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Souper Bowl Soup Luncheon / Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 5

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
11:00 a.m. Henry/Rogers Circle / FLC
1:00 p.m. Organ Reserved / Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC

Tuesday, February 6

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
10:00 a.m. Burroughs/Collins Circle / FLC
11:30 a.m. Jimmy Hammond / FLC
6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC Senior Room

Wednesday, February 7

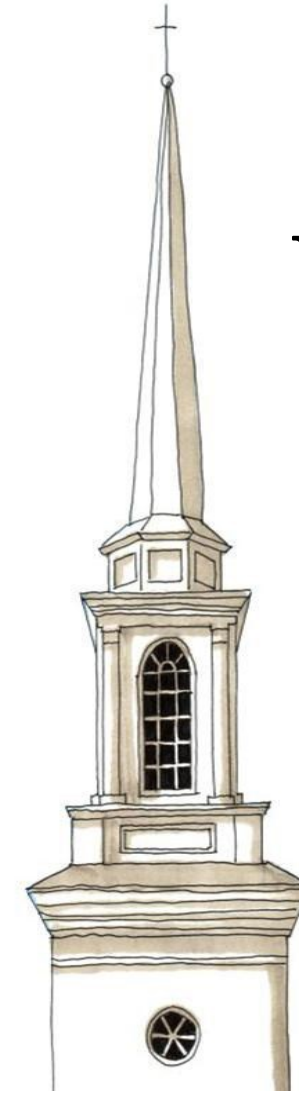
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Programs / FLC
3:45 p.m. Children's Activities / FLC
4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
5:10 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
5:10 p.m. Voices in Bronze Rehearsal / Room 211
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Ladies Study "Voice of God" / Room 216
6:15 p.m. "Being Disciples" Bible Study / Room. 217
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
7:00 p.m. Sonshine "Sunday" School Class / Commons

Thursday, February 8

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
10:00 a.m. Organ Lessons / Sanctuary Reserved
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC

Friday, February 9

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC



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Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 4, 2018
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.