

We Gather to Worship God

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses to understand our own baptismal journeys. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world..

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Scherzo Dmitri Kabalevski
 Ross Fallaw, piano

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 66 Landa Anima
 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who brings us out of captivity into freedom, out of the wilderness into the promised land, out of death into life.

We gather in the presence of God and of one another.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

* 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.*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Merciful Father, we have sinned against heaven and before you. We do not fully live as your sons and daughters. We use your gifts to our own ends. Forgive us and restore us, that we may resist all that draws us away from you, and be at peace with one another. Amen.

We are reconciled to God through Christ; for his sake, God does not count our trespasses against us. God clothes you in the finest robe of all, the righteousness of Jesus Christ, forgiving all your sins and making of you a new creation. Amen.

* RESPONSE No. 482 Lord, Have Mercy Kriewald Kyrie

Repeated phrases are sung first by the leader and then by all.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

* 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."

THE FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 15:7-11 OT Pgs. 171-172

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

Thanks be to God.

THE ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 91:1-4 Germany

*The one who dwells within God's care
 And sheltered by the Lord Most High
 Shall say, "In you I put my trust,
 My refuge, rock, to you I cry."*

*He saves you from the hunter's snare
 And from the deadly pestilence;
 He covers you beneath his wings;
 His faithfulness is your defense.*

THE SECOND LESSON 1 John 4:7-10 NT Pg. 241

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ANTHEM On Eagle's Wings Michael Joncas

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 22:34-40 NT Pg. 25

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* Hymn of the Day No. 141 Ken Ingen Vara

Children of the Heavenly Father

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Laurel Edwards

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 *The Greatest Commandment*
 Jade Edwards, Will Bitting, Ross Fallaw, Emily Thompkins

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 377 *Ville du havre*
 It is Well

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *O How Blessed Are Ye* Johannes Brahms

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Jack Noble White
 The First Song of Isaiah

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 110 *Ein Feste Burg*
 A Mighty Fortress

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Chaconne Louis Couperin

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
 and in loving memory of
 Margaret Thompson
 for her birthday February 15,
 by her family.



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.

THINGS TO KNOW WHILE WORSHIPING 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.

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 14

Altar Guild: Churchill Jenkins, Betty Smith, Bobby Stilley, Woodie Woodward
Counting Committee: (Sunday) Ike Locklair / Blake Martin (Monday) Karlene Rudolph / Nancy Stiltner
Trustee Duty: Janet Martin, Ben Yenicek
Bus Duty: Delan Stevens
Sound Technicians: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks
Ushers: Phil Thompson (Chairman), Duc Watts (Co-Chairman) Jack Driggers, James Hammond, Jimmy Jones, Blake Martin, George Martin, Dick Sayre, Ernie Turnes

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, February 14

9:30 a.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Grandmother/Mother/Daughter Tea / FLC Senior Room

Monday, February 15

7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting / FLC

Tuesday, February 16

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120
11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting / Billy's Office
5:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting / Room 207
6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting / Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 17

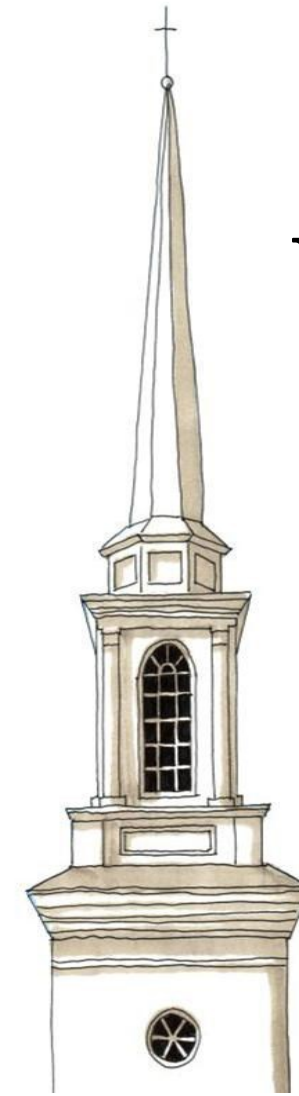
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120
12:00 p.m. Lenten Organ Mediations / Sanctuary
12:30 p.m. Soup and Sandwich Fellowship / FLC
3:00 p.m. Children's Snack Time / FLC
3:15 p.m. Cherub and Wesley Treble Choirs Rehearsal / Rm. 105
4:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Activities / FLC
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 205
6:30 p.m. Lenten Bible Study / Rm. 216
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 105

Thursday, February 18

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120
6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop Meeting / FLC

Friday, February 19

7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC



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First Sunday in Lent
Youth Sunday
February 14, 2016
11:00 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.