

# First Church at Worship

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Winter* (from **The Four Seasons**)

Antonio Vivaldi

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* THE GREETING

The grace of the God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name be with you.  
**And also with you.**

\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 660

*God Is Here*

*Abbot's Leigh*

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us, as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

ANTHEM

*I Believe*  
FUMC Quintet

Mark Miller

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

<sup>3</sup>Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

<sup>4</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. <sup>10</sup>You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'"<sup>15</sup> And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The word of God for the people of God  
**Thanks be to God.**

THE ACT OF PRAISE

Psalms 37:3-10

*Crimond*

**Trust God, do good, dwell in the land,  
And let your wealth increase;  
Take your delight in God and he  
Will give your heart true peace.**

**Commit your journey to the Lord;  
Trust him, it will be done;  
Your righteousness will then shine forth,  
As clear as noonday sun.**

**Be still before the Lord and wait  
Most patiently indeed;  
Fret not for those who increase wealth,  
Whose evil schemes succeed.**

**Let neither rage nor anger gain  
In you the upper hand;  
The Lord shall cut the wicked off  
And give his own the land.**

THE SECOND LESSON

I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

<sup>35</sup>But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?"<sup>36</sup>Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

<sup>42</sup>So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup>It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup>It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup>Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup>But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup>The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup>As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup>Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

<sup>50</sup>What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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

\* SEQUENCE HYMN No.

*Healer of Our Every Ill*

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**Refrain:**

Healer of our every ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness,  
grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. **Refrain**

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 6:27-38

[Jesus said:] <sup>27</sup>"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give

to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you.

<sup>32</sup>"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. <sup>37</sup>"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

\* SEQUENCE HYMN No. 413

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**Refrain:**

Healer of our every ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.

Give us strength to love each other,  
every sister, every brother;  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. **Refrain**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Kyle

SERMON

Rev. Kyle Randle

~ WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL ~

ANTHEM

*Hymn of Promise*

Natalie Sleeth

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you  
and your beloved children.  
We have turned our faces away from your glory  
when it did not appear as we expected.  
We have rejected your word  
when it made us confront ourselves.  
We have failed to show hospitality  
to those you called us to welcome.  
Accept our repentance for the things we have done  
and the things we have left undone.  
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.  
Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe  
in the glory of your Son born among us,  
and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news:

In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.  
You are descendants of the Most High,  
adopted into the household of Christ,  
and inheritors of eternal life.  
Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **Amen.**

**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.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

**Refrain:**  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to every believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. **Refrain**

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. **Refrain**

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
by Rich and Susan May.

**This Week at FUMC**

**Sunday, February 20**

9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School / Education Building  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary  
5:30 p.m. UMYF and Bridge / Family Life Center (FLC)

**Monday, February 21**

Church Office is closed.  
6:30 p.m. Quintet Rehearsal / Choir Room 105  
6:30 p.m. NA Meeting / Family Life Center Room 102

**Tuesday, February 22**

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC Room 102  
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC Room 104  
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting / FLC Room 102  
8:00 p.m. Al Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101

**Wednesday, February 23**

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
3:00 p.m. WW Snack and Fellowship / Room 121  
3:30 p.m. WW Activities / Room 121  
3:45 p.m. Youth Hangout / FLC Room 103  
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / FLC Room 104  
4:45 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / Second Floor Commons  
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Second Floor Commons  
6:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study / Room 216  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Room 105

**Thursday, February 24**

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
4:30 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Room 105  
5:00 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Room 105  
6:30 p.m. NA Meeting / FLC Room 102

**Friday, February 25**

7:00 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast / FLC  
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
10:00 a.m. UMW Executive Meeting / FLC Room 101  
12:15 p.m. NA Meeting / FLC Room 102  
6:30 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC Room 102

**Saturday, February 26**

CCU Gullah-Geechee Community Day / The Hut Chapel

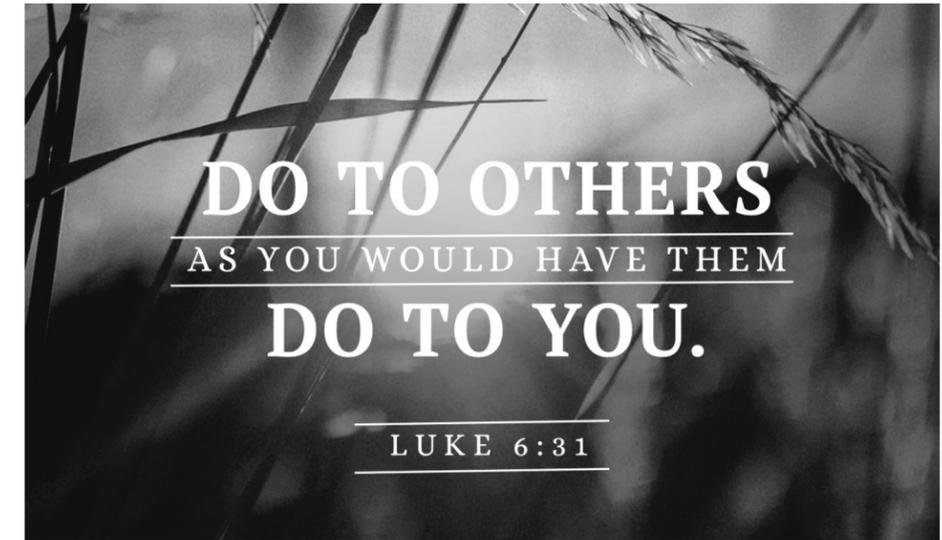
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February 20, 2022

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

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.

