

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 Johannes Brahms
O God, Thou Faithful God

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 269 *Land of Rest*
O Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days

* 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

***Gracious God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us and
give us strength to turn from sin and to serve you in newness of life.***
Amen.

By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us new birth and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives us all our sins. Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life. 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 Genesis 9:8-17 OT Pg. 7

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

THE ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 25:3-9 *Germany*

*Show me your ways, O Lord, my God,
And teach my feet your path, I pray;
For my salvation comes from you,
I trust in you throughout the day.*

*Remember your compassion, Lord,
Your steadfast love of ancient days,
And in that love remember me,
Remember not my youthful ways.*

*Gracious and upright is the Lord;
He teaches sinners his way;
He guides the humble toward the right,
Instructs the lowly day by day.*

*The pathways of the Lord are love
And faithfulness to all his own
Who keep his covenant and all
The testimonies he made known.*

THE SECOND LESSON I Peter 3:18-22 NT Pg. 238

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ANTHEM *The Wonder of It All* Doug Holck
Lib Wellons, soprano; Jimmy Brown, tenor

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:9-15 NT Pgs. 34-35

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*GOSPEL RESPONSE No. 488 *Remember Me*
Jesus, Remember Me

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Rev. Kyle
The Color Purple

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.

THE SERMON Rev. Kyle D. Randle
God's Promise

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 140 *Faithfulness*
Great Is Thy Faithfulness

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *O How Blessed Are Ye* 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. 480 *St. Margaret*
O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

* 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 memory of Mrs. Emma Thompson
whose birthday was February 17th
by the Emma Thompson Class.



NOTES FOR WORSHIP

Numbers by the hymns, Affirmation of Faith, Doxology, are from the United Methodist Hymnal 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 WORSHIPPING 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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A full listing of the staff may be found in the Announcements inserted in the bulletin or online.

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: GSM: George Martin
Assisted Living Facilities: Emeritus: Bobbie Davis; **Conway Manor:** Edith Lewis; **Kingston:** Ruth Coy; **Comelius, NC:** Helen Wakefield; **Mt. Prospect, IL:** Faye Perrault,

At Home: Lillian Sherry, Sylvia Avant, Betty James, Betty Folks, Mary T. Foxworth, Jane Gore, Gwen Mishoe, Diana Rodwell, Tootsie Atkins, Tommy Jordan, Irene Calhoun, Ruth Thomas.

Serving This Sunday, February 22

Altar Guild: Bobby Stilley, Woodie Woodward, Churchill Jenkins, Margaret Thompson

Acolytes and Crucifer: Jacob Johnson, Evan Von Herrmann, Samuel Hickman

Children's Church: Mark and Jenny Chanaca

Counting Committee: (Sunday) Ike Locklair, Blake Martin (Monday) Maxine Dunn, Margaret Thompson, Nancy Stiltner

Trustee Duty: Dawn Clonts

Sound Technician: Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks

Ushers: Phil Thompson (Chairman), Duc Watts (Co-Chairman) Jack Driggers, James Hammond, Jimmy Jones, Blake Martin, Dick Sayre,

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, February 22

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM
10:00 a.m. Swiss Melody Bells Ensemble Rehearsal / Rm. 119
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary
3:00 p.m. Festival Rehearsal / Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Refreshments in the Commons for Festival participants
5:00 p.m. Hymn Festival / Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC

Monday, February 23

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

Tuesday, February 24

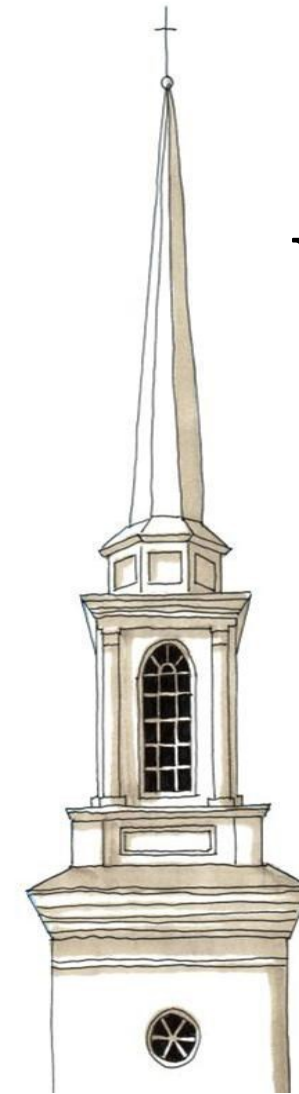
6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC
7:00 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting / FLC

Wednesday, February 25

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. Adult Bible Study / Rm. 216
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 105

Thursday, February 26

6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop Meeting / FLC



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First Sunday in Lent
February 22, 2015
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.