

First Church at Worship

Though we sometimes doubt and resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek the face of the Lord again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY J. S. Bach
"If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 116 Leoni
"The God of Abraham Praise"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God
who brings us safely through the sea,
who gives us water from the rock,
who leads us into the land of milk and honey. *Amen.*

Merciful God,
*we have sinned against heaven and before you.
We do not fully live as you 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.
Once dead in sin, we are alive to God.
Once lost, we are now found.
God clothes you in the finest robe of all,
the righteousness of † Jesus Christ,
forgiving all your sins
and making you a new creation.
Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON *New World*

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison
Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison.
Christe, Christe eleison.
Christe, Christe eleison.
Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie, Kyrie eleison, eleison.

(Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM No. 39

Brothers and sisters in Christ: through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

I present Peyton Alexander Davis for baptism,
son of Phil and Penny Davis.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?
I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?
I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?
I do.

Will you nurture this child in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example he may be guided to accept God's grace for themselves, to profess his faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

The pastor addresses the congregation.

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?
We do.

The pastor addresses the congregation.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Peyton with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his trust of God, and be found faithful in his service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

The pastor addresses all:

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
*I believe 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, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
*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.*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Declare his works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and one who receives it, to wash away his sin and clothe him in righteousness throughout his life, that, dying and being raised with Christ, he may share in his final victory.

All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever. Amen.

ANTHEM Wade in the Water *Spiritual*
*Jade Edwards, Laurel Edwards, Maggie Darden, Ross Fallaw, soloists
John Kelly Thompkins, tambourine*

Peyton, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother in Christ.
Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as members of the family of Christ.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON OT. Pg. 12
Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18

THE PSALTER No. 758 Jane Marshall
Psalm 27 with Response

THE EPISTLE LESSON Philippians 3:17-4:1 NT Pg. 198
This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 13:31-35 NT Pg. 77
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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS "Mother Hen?" Rev. Kyle
Children ages three through third-grade may go to Children's Church in room 123.
Nurseries provided for infants through 3 years in rooms 118 & 120.

SERMON "Our Purpose" Rev. Kyle Randle

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 396 "O Jesus, I Have Promised" *Angel's Story*

You are invited to the altar during the singing of this hymn. Kneel...commune with God...return to your pew when ready.

CALL TO PRAYER "O Lord Hear My Prayer" Jacques Berthier

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE After each petition, please respond

Hear us, O God. *Your mercy is great.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY "Adagio (from Concerto in D)" J. S. Bach

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Seek the Lord" Jack McCutcheon, *tenor*

Seek ye the Lord while He may be found. Call ye upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his ways; and the unrighteous man his thoughts; And return unto the Lord and He will have mercy and abundantly pardon. Amen.

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

* HYMN OF SENDING No. 189 "Fairest Lord Jesus" *St. Elizabeth*

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Johann Pachelbel

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of our anniversary by Jim and Edith Hucks

Evening Service in the Hut 6:00 p.m. Rev. Carl Harris, speaker

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NOTES FOR WORSHIP

Numbers by the hymns, Affirmation of Faith, Doxology, and Psalter 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.

Serving This Sunday, February 24

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

Spirit Kite, Crucifer and Acolyte: Ann Morgan Fallaw, Samuel Hickman, Collin Hucks

Counting Committee: (Sunday) Ike Locklair / Blake Martin (Monday) Maxine Dunn / Margaret Thompson

Trustee Duty: Jack Driggers / George Martin

Sound Technician: Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks / Thomas Hickman

Ushers: Phillip Thompson (Chairman), Duc Watts (Co-Chairman) Billy Joe Calhoun, Jack Driggers, Chris Johnson, James Hammond, Craig Hyman, Jimmy Jones, Blake Martin, George Martin, Dick Sayre, Ernie Turnes.

Nursery Volunteers: Allison Dudley, Julia Brooks, Erin Todd

Children's Church: Jim and Christi Edwards

Stewardship & Attendance

Operating	6,353.01	Sunday School	124
CAP	50.00	Morning Worship	171
Salkehatchie	208.50	Evening Worship	14
Shrove Tuesday	139.00	Wonderful Wednesday	107
Golden Cross	5.00		
Music Discretionary	319.96		
Youth Ministries	100.00		
Red Bird Mission	50.00		
Building Fund	1,387.00		
Total	8,612.47		

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, February 24

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class / Rm. 205
- 10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Council Meeting / FLC
- 5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Service / The Hut

Monday, February 25

- 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting / FLC

Wednesday, February 27

- 3:00-4:00 p.m. Gathering: Snacks, Homework, Playtime / Room 119
- 4:00-5:30 p.m. Learning/Crafts/Activities / Room 119
- 4:30-5:00 p.m. Wesley Chimes / Handbell Room 211
- 5:00-5:45 p.m. Cherub & Wesley Treble Choirs / Choir Room 105
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
- 6:15-7:00 p.m. Carillon Rehearsal / Handbell Room 211
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. Children's Activity Time / Room 119
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study / Second Floor Commons
- 7:00-8:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

Thursday, February 28

- 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study / FLC Senior Room
- 12:00 p.m. Lenten Luncheon / FUMC Hosting / Fellowship Hall



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Second Sunday in Lent
February 24, 2013
11:00 a.m.

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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.