

# We Gather to Worship God

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on this third Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season of repentance. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to repentance: "Incline your ear, come listen to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Gerald Near  
*Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word*

## \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 121 Wellesley  
*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Only the hungry search for bread.  
 Only the thirsty look for water.  
**This is a place for those who are hungry and thirsty in spirit.**  
 Only those who ache for meaning will pursue it.  
 Only those who yearn for a deeper life will seek it.  
**This is a place for those who ache and yearn for something more.**  
 So let us come here today with our hunger and thirst,  
 our unsatisfied longings, our heart-felt yearnings.  
**May the God of life satisfy our souls.***

\* 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."

### ~ WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 55:1-9 OT Pg. 686

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

THE ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 63:1-8 *Festal Song*

*O God, you are my God;  
 I seek you eagerly;  
 My soul and body thirst for you  
 In barren lands and dry.  
  
 Therefore I gazed on you  
 Within your holy place,  
 That I might look upon your power,  
 The glory of your face.  
  
 Your love is more than life;  
 My lips shall give you praise  
 When I remember you at night  
 And ponder all your ways.  
  
 Your wings have sheltered me,  
 My helper in the past;  
 My soul, Lord, clings to you alone,  
 Your right hand holds me fast.*

THE SECOND LESSON I Corinthians 10:1-13 NT Pg. 172

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

ANTHEM *As the Deer* Martin Nystrom

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 13:1-9 NT Pg. 76

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS *Branches and Fruit* Rev. Kyle  
 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.

\* HYMN OF THE DAY No. 143 *On Eagle's Wings*  
*On Eagle's Wings*

SERMON Rev. Kyle D. Randle  
*A Joyful Feast*

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 2196 (TFWS) *Martyrdom*  
*We Walk by Faith*

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

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Elegy* C. H. H. Parry

\* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

### ~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

\* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 127 *CWM Rhondda*  
*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

\* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Rondo* G. F. Handel

## \* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
 and in honor of Libby Saville's birthday today  
 by Mike, Anna, Alice, Jacob, Nathan, Anna Kate and Charley.

**Arthur Pinckney Watson, Sr.**  
 1930-2016

A Service of Death and Resurrection  
 was celebrated on February 25<sup>th</sup>



## 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 28

**Altar Guild:** Churchill Jenkins, Betty Smith, Bobby Stilley, Woodie Woodward  
**Acolytes and Crucifer:** Caroline and Erin Todd, Lila Myers  
**Counting Committee:** (Sunday) Ike Locklair / Blake Martin (Monday) Karlene Rudolph / Nancy Stiltner  
**Trustee Duty:** Janet Martin, Ben Yenicek  
**Bus Duty:** Matt Staub  
**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 28

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  
3:00 p.m. The Gift of Teaching / FLC  
4:00 p.m. Cub Scout Parent Meeting / FLC Senior Room  
5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC

### Monday, February 29

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

### Tuesday, March 1

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120  
10:00 a.m. Burroughs/Collins Circle / FLC  
2:00 p.m. UDC Meeting / FLC  
6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting / Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, March 2

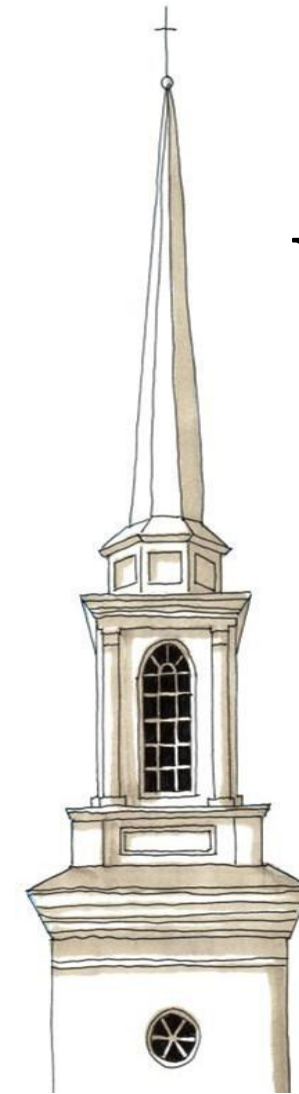
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120  
12:00 p.m. Lenten Organ Mediations / Sanctuary  
12:30 p.m. Soup and Sandwich Fellowship / FLC  
3:00 p.m. Children's Snack Time / FLC  
3:15 p.m. Cherub and Wesley Treble Choirs Rehearsal / Rm. 105  
4:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Activities / FLC  
5:30 p.m. Wednesday 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, March 3

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120  
12:00 p.m. Lenten Luncheon / Kingston Presbyterian

### Friday, March 4

7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC



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Third Sunday in Lent  
February 28, 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.