

First Church at Worship

The 10:30 a.m. service will be broadcast live via Facebook. Links to the broadcast can be found on the church's web page. www.fumcconway.org

OPENING VOLUNTARY *O God, Thou Faithful God* J. S. Bach

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the God of our salvation:
Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 116 *Leoni*
The God of Abraham Praise
vs. 1-3

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of Everlasting Days, and God of Love;
Jehovah, great I AM! by earth and heaven confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.

The great I AM has sworn; I on this oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heaven ascend.
I shall behold God's face; I shall God's power adore,
and sing the wonders of God's grace forevermore.

The heavenly land I see, with peace and plenty blest;
a land of sacred liberty, and endless rest.
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.

* GREETING

God who created all, who bore the cross,
and who dwells in us, be with you all.
And also with you.

* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

* HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 352 *Penitent*
It's Me, It's Me, O Lord
vs. 1

Refrain:

It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.
It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer. **[Refrain]**

~ **WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD** ~

THE FIRST LESSON *Genesis 17:1-5, 15-16*

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless." ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of

nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

THE ACT OF PRAISE *Psalm 22:22-30* *Truro*

**O praise the Lord, you that fear him,
O Israel's offspring, stand in awe;
All you who are of Jacob's line
Give glory always to the Lord.**

**The Lord does not despise the poor,
But when they cry, he hears their plea;
I will praise God and make my vows,
I will perform them publicly.**

**The poor shall eat and have their fill;
Those who seek God shall give him praise;
All nations shall turn to the Lord
And bow before His throne always.**

**Kingship belongs to God the Lord,
He rules the nations from his throne;
All those who sleep within the earth
Bow down to worship him alone.**

**My soul shall live for him, my heirs
Shall serve the Lord at his command,
To people yet unborn make known
The saving deeds of his right hand**

THE SECOND LESSON *Romans 4:13-25*

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

* HYMN BEFORE THE GOSPEL No. 2130 *Kelvingrove*
The Summons
vs 1 & 5

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my Name be known?
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show,
thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me?

* THE GOSPEL LESSON *Mark 8:31-38*

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (10:30 a.m.) *Mr. Josh*

SERMON *Rev. Kyle D. Randle*

ANTHEM (10:30 a.m.) *Lift High the Cross* *Carl Schalk*

~ **WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL** ~

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,
pour out your mercy over us.
Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.
Rebuild what we have ruined
and mend what we have torn.
Wash us in your cleansing flood.
Make us alive in the Spirit
to follow in the way of Jesus,
as healers and restorers of the world you so love.
Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails.
The promise rests on grace:
by the saving love of Jesus Christ,
the wisdom and power of God,
your sins are ✠ forgiven, and God remembers them no more.
Journey in the way of Jesus.
Amen.

* RESPONSE NO. 482 *Lord, Have Mercy* *Kriewald Kyrie*
Repeated phrases are sung first by leader and then by all
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostle's Creed* No. 881

**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.**

* GLORIA PATRI NO. 70 *Meineke*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
 Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

~ THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION ~

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *see insert*

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* HYMN OF SENDING NO. 534 *Finlandia*
Be Still, My Soul
vs 1&2

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
 Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
 leave to your God to order and provide;
 in every change God faithful will remain.
 Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
 through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
 to guide the future, as in ages past.
 Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
 all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
 the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Johann Pachelbel*
Toccata in E Minor

* Congregation Standing

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
 in memory of Mrs. Emma Thompson for her birthday,
 by the Emma Thompson Sunday School Class.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, February 28

8:15 a.m. Early Morning Worship / Sanctuary
 9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class/ Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School / Education Wing
 9:30 a.m. Journey Seekers Sunday School / 5th Ave. Parking Lot
 9:30 a.m. Youth Sunday School / Family Life Center (FLC)
 9:30 a.m. Online Sunday School / Facebook
 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary
 2:00 p.m. Organ Reserved / Recording / Sanctuary
 5:30 p.m. UMYF and Bridge Meetings / FLC

Monday, March 1

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
 10:00 a.m. UMW Meeting / Circles / FLC Room 101
 11:00 p.m. Organ Reserved / Sanctuary
 6:30 p.m. Lenten Bible Study / Commons & Zoom
 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC

Tuesday, March 2

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
 10:00 a.m. Lenten Bible Study / Zoom
 6:00 p.m. CA Group / FLC Room 102
 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC

Wednesday, March 3

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
 3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Children's Activities / FLC
 3:30 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / Upstairs Commons
 4:00 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade Hang-out / FLC Room 103
 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / FLC Room 104
 4:15 p.m. Asbury Ringers Rehearsal / Upstairs Commons
 6:00 p.m. Midweek Holy Communion and Devotion / Sanctuary

Thursday, March 4

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
 5:00 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir / Choir Room
 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / Family Life Center Room 104

Friday, March 5

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
 6:30 p.m. CA Group / Family Life Center

Saturday, March 6

12:00 p.m. Organ Reserved for Recording / Sanctuary

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Second Sunday in Lent
 February 28, 2021
 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Out of a broken and sinful world, all people are welcomed into the body of Jesus Christ at First Church. Our highest priority is the health, safety and well-being of all persons, with a particular concern for the most vulnerable. It is our collective responsibility as Christians to be good neighbors in our community. As we join together in worshipping God to experience the transforming love of our Savior, let us honor God and love one another.

- Masks must be worn inside the buildings
- Family members are invited to sit together on pews
- Sit in every other pew
- No more than four persons per pew except for families with appropriate spacing
- Follow the instructions of the ushers/health team
- Cough & sneeze into your sleeve
- No hugging or handshakes. Find alternative ways of greeting
- Avoid gathering in the Sanctuary, Narthex or near the doors of the church before and following Worship.
- Thank you for joining us in loving one another.