

# We Gather to Worship God

The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was not life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

Gerald Near  
Prelude on Canonbury

### \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### \* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 100

Lauda Anima  
God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*From the four corners of the earth people are running back to God.*

**Long-lost families are falling on their faces before him.**

*The power-mongers are before him—worshipping!*

**The poor and powerless, too—worshipping!**

*Along with those who never got it together—worshipping!*

**As the word is passed from parent to child**

*The unborn will hear the good news that God does what God says!*

**Come, let us worship God!**

### \* 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 17:1-7, 15-16

OT Pg. 13

*This is 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

NT Pg. 155

*This is the word of God for the people of God.*

**Thanks be to God.**

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

NT Pg. 44

*This is the word of God for the people of God.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### \* GOSPEL RESPONSE No. 123

*El Shaddai*

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### CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

*Go!*

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.

### THE SERMON

*The Absurdity of Faith*

Rev. Kyle D. Randle

### \* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 121

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

*Wellesley*

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

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### OFFERTORY

*Toccata in E minor*

J.S. Bach

### \* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology No. 95

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION No. 13

Taking the Bread and Cup

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Giving the Bread and Cup

Holy Communion will be celebrated today by Intinction. Ushers will guide worshippers to the Chancel Rail to kneel and receive the elements of bread and wine. Please take the bread and dip into the Chalice as the server comes. Any offering left on the Chancel Rail today will be used towards Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church.

### ANTHEM

*The Lord's My Shepherd*

Carl Mueller

~ **WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD** ~

### \* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 438

*Forth in Thy Name, O Lord*

*Duke Street*

### \* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

### \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### \* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello

### \* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and  
in honor of George H. Martin, Jr.

by Mom, Maryanne, George Henry, Anne Marie,  
Tammy, Keith, Emily, Scott, and Jessica.



## 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; **Cornelius, 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, March 1

**Altar Guild:** Callie Timbes, Peggy Turnes, Wilmarie Boatwright  
**Acolytes and Crucifer:** Laurel Edwards, Savannah Seremet, Caroline Todd  
**Children's Church:** Charles and Ann Myers  
**Counting Committee:** (Sunday) Blake Martin, Delan Stevens  
(Monday) Maxine Dunn, Margaret Thompson, Nancy Stiltner  
**Trustee Duty:** Johnny Vaught  
**Sound Technician:** Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks  
**Ushers:** Mark Brooks (Chairman), Brad Todd (Co-Chairman)  
Jim Edwards, William Goldfinch, Chad Hardwick, Billy Jones, Britt Stiltner, Bill Taylor, Brad Todd, Alex Todd, Johnny Vaught

## This Week at FUMC

### Sunday, March 1

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  
4:45 p.m. King's Singers Rehearsal / Choir Room 105  
5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC  
5:30 p.m. Salkehatchie Information Session / FLC

### Monday, March 2

3:30 p.m. Children's Pottery Class / FLC  
6:30 p.m. Henry/Rogers Circle / FLC  
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting / FLC

### Tuesday, March 3

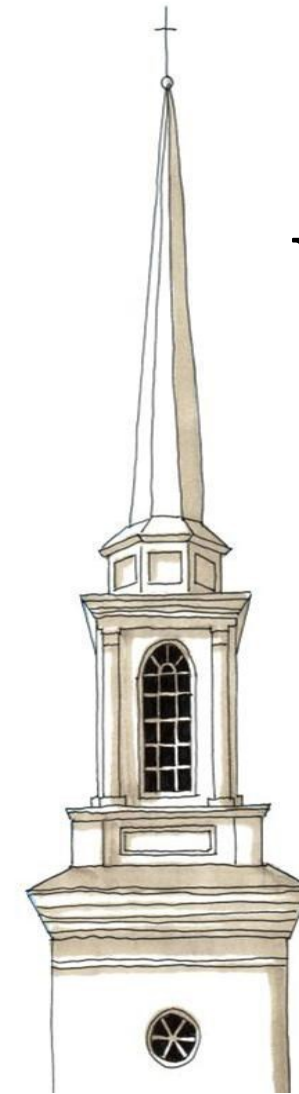
8:00 a.m. Peoples Underwriters Meeting / FLC  
10:00 a.m. Burroughs/Collins Circle / FLC  
2:00 p.m. UDC / FLC  
6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

### Wednesday, March 4

12:00 p.m. Lenten Organ Meditation / Sanctuary  
12:30 p.m. Lenten 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, March 5

6:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting / FLC  
6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop Meeting / FLC



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Second Sunday in Lent  
March 1, 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.